

Policy: Academic Year Honors Criteria

INITIAL EFFECTIVE DATE:	LAST REVISION DATE:	RESPONSIBLE UNIVERSITY DIVISION/DEPARTMENT:
July 2025	July 2025	Curriculum Committee

POLICY STATEMENT

Class of 2026

Students can receive Honors (H) or Nears Honors (NH) designations for exceptional performance in Periods 1 and 2, based on average grades in the Period. Designations of H and NH may be conferred to up to the top 10% (by GPA) and up to the next 15%, respectively, of students in that period.

H and NH designations for a Period are included in the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE).

Class of 2027 and Subsequent Cohorts

Students can receive H or NH designations for exceptional performance in Academic Years 1 and 2, based on average grades in the Academic Year. Designations of H and NH may be conferred to up to up to the top 10% (by GPA) and up to the next 15%, respectively, of students in that academic year. Courses in the determination of Academic Year 1 and 2 Honors calculations include all organ system, clinical skills, and clinical research and evidence-based medicine courses.

H and NH designations for an Academic Year are included in the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE).

SCOPE

This policy applies to all HWCOM medical students.

REASON FOR POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to outline the specific requirements that must be met in order for a student to achieve an Honors or Nears Honors designation in Academic Year 1 or Academic Year 2.

DEFINITIONS

n/a	
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RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

Associate Dean of Curriculum and Medical Education

RELATED RESOURCES

CONTACTS

Questions about this policy should be directed towards the Associate Dean for Curriculum and Medical Education.

HISTORY

List initial effective date, revision dates, and/or review date.

Initial Effective Date: July 2025

Review Dates N/A

Revision Dates July 2025

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PROCEDURE STATEMENT

The HWCOM Registrar compiles the grade point averages for all students in a given cohort at the end of Academic Year 1 and then again at the end of Academic Year 2.

This information is provided to the Medical Student Evaluation and Promotions Committee (MSEPC), which can confer a designation of Honors (H) and Near Honors (NH) to up to the top 10% (by GPA) and up to the next 15%, respectively, of students in the cohort.

Students are notified of their H or NH designation by the administrative coordinator for the MSEPC.