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Pathway Policy

As a part of the MCG 3+ curriculum, students must choose a Pathway which then will dictate some of their curriculum requirements. The default pathway is the four-year Residency Jump Start pathway. The other pathways are the three-year PGY-1 Pathway, the four-year Dual Degree Pathway, and the 4-year Advanced Research Pathway. Students must apply and be accepted into all of the pathways except the Residency Jump-Start Pathway. Because of the increased workload and time demands associated with the application-requiring pathways compared to the Residency Jump Start Pathway, students applying to one of these must be in good academic standing and meet the following criteria in order to be accepted.

- Must have a module average 75 or greater
- Must have no module failures
- Must take Step 1 before clerkship begins*
- Must pass Step 1 on the first attempt
- Must make an A or B in all clerkships

After being accepted into the pathway, if a student earns a final grade of C or lower in a clerkship, they must exit the pathway and enter the Residency Jump Start pathway.*

Note that in accordance with the procedures for the Dual Degree Pathway, if a student in that pathway exits the pathway for any reason, they will be given credit toward MD requirements for all graduate school courses that have been completed and passed prior to exiting the pathway.

*Unless approved by Academic Advising and the Director of the Pathway