



Academic Progression Policy

I. Policy Statement

California Northstate College of Dental Medicine has a rigorous curriculum and academic progression policy that will ensure students' progress through the program in a timely manner and graduate as safe, competent and independent general dentists.

II. Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that students develop competency by the end of the dental program, and graduate in a timely fashion. Students who are underperforming will be identified early, and provided with resources to become successful. Students who fail courses will be provided the opportunity to remediate. Students who fail a remediation may be considered for a repeat of the class. There is a time limit of 6 years in completing the entire dental program.

III. Scope/Coverage

This academic progression policy applies to all formal courses being taught in the predoctoral dental education program at California Northstate College of Dental Medicine.

IV. Procedure

CNU CDM uses a Pass/Fail system for grading.

Grading Convention

Grade	Definition	Percentage
HH	High Honors	96-100%
H	Pass with Honors	90 - < 96%
P	Pass	75 - < 90%
Y	No Pass, Not Yet Remediated	64 - < 75%
F	Fail	<64%
I	Incomplete Provisional Grade	N/A
W	Official Course Withdrawal	N/A



- The passing grade for all courses is 75%
- Any course failed with a score of <75% must be remediated; until the remediation is successfully assigned, the student is assigned a grade of “Y”.
- If the remediation is passed, with a 75% or greater score, the student is assigned a “P” grade.
- If the remediation is failed, a grade of “F” is assigned and the student progression will need to be evaluated by the Student Performance Committee who will decide if the student should will be permitted to re-take the academic year.
- If the student fails more than one course in an academic year, and fails at least one of the remediation examinations, the Student Performance Committee will decide if the student will be dismissed.
- There is a limit on the length of the program of 6 years.
- Students receiving a professional misconduct report will not receive an honors or high honors grade.
- All students must reach a threshold passing score, “P”, of 75% on all assessments.
- Students scoring below 75% and at or above 64% are assigned a score of “Y” and will engage in remediation activities before re-taking the examination.
- Each course is graded independently, there is no cumulative or compensatory grading.

Approval record:

APPROVED: PEC: date

REVIEW: every three years (or more often if required)