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Pathways

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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 Prep 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 Prep Pathway. Because of the increased workload and time demands associated with the application-requiring pathways compared to the Residency Prep Pathway, students applying to one of these must be in good academic standing and meet the following criteria in order to be accepted into or remain in the pathway:

- 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

Students who do not meet these criteria may be accepted into or remain in the pathway if they obtain the approval of the Pathway Director, the Assistant Dean for Academic Advising, *and* the Assistant Dean for Curriculum for the appropriate point in the curriculum.

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.