

Medical College of Georgia

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION, MATRICULATION, CONTINUATION AND GRADUATION

Certain technical standards for physicians and medical students which must be met by all applicants and students consist of the minimum physical, cognitive, emotional, interpersonal, and communication requirements to provide reasonable assurance of completion of the entire course of study and degree requirements. Because the M.D. degree signifies that the holder is a physician prepared for entry into the practice of medicine within postgraduate training programs, it follows that graduates must have the knowledge and skills needed in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of patient care. Applicants are selected for admission based not only on their scholastic ability, but also on their intellectual, physical and emotional capacities to meet the requirements of the curriculum and a successful career in medicine.

Candidates for the M.D. degree must possess aptitude, abilities, and skills in observation; communication; motor function and coordination; intellectual abilities involving conceptualization, integration and quantitation; and behavioral and social skills, abilities and aptitude. Students must personally demonstrate these technical standards in order to fulfill the essential course requirements of a general medical education as well as eventual practice. These technical standards are pre-requisites for entrance, continuation, promotion, retention and graduation from medical school. Reasonable accommodation is available to assist with a variety of disabilities and may be permitted for disabilities in certain areas. Under all circumstances, a candidate should be able to perform in a reasonably independent manner. Therefore, third parties cannot be used to assist students in accomplishing curricular requirements in the five areas specified below.

Graduates of the Medical College of Georgia must function in a broad variety of clinical situations and render a wide spectrum of patient care. The Medical College of Georgia acknowledges Section 504 of the 1973 Vocational and Rehabilitation Act and PL 101-336, the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) but maintains certain minimum technical standards for medical students enrolled in medical school:

I. Observation: Candidates and students must have sufficient visual acuity to make accurate observations, both close at hand and at a distance. Examples are studies of microbiological cultures, identification of normal and abnormal cells, identification of anatomical structures, direct visual observation of patient physical findings and interpretation of radiographic images. Observation necessitates the use of the sense of vision as well as other sensory modalities such as touch, hearing and somatic sensation. It is enhanced by the use of smell. In any case where a candidate's ability to observe or acquire information through these sensory modalities is compromised, the candidate must demonstrate alternative means and/or abilities to acquire and demonstrate essential information conveyed in this fashion.

II. Communication: Candidates and students must be able to communicate with patients and colleagues and to relate effectively and sensitively with patients of all genders; as well as ages, races, life-styles, sexual orientations and cultural backgrounds. Communication includes not only speech but reading and writing. Candidates and students must be able to read and to record observations and plans legibly, efficiently and accurately in documents such as the patient medical electronic record. The candidate and student must be able to communicate effectively with patients and family members and elicit a clinical history thus possessing reading skills at a level sufficient to accomplish curricular requirements and provide clinical care for patients. The candidate must be able to demonstrate proficiency in the English language and communicate effectively and efficiently in oral and written form with all members of the health care team.

III. Motor Function and Coordination: Candidates and students should have sufficient motor function such that they are able to perform a physical examination as well as provide general care and emergency treatment to patients. Performing a given skill requires the use of a variety of senses which must be integrated effectively with sensorimotor function. Examples of emergency treatment reasonably required of physicians are cardiopulmonary resuscitation, administration of intravenous medication, the application of pressure to stop bleeding, the opening of obstructed airways, the closure of simple wounds and the performance of simple obstetrical maneuvers. Such actions require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium and functional use of the senses of touch and vision.

IV. Intellectual Abilities including Conceptualization, Integration and Quantitation: Candidates and students should possess intellectual abilities including measuring, calculating, reasoning, analyzing and synthesizing information. Problem solving, the critical skill demanded of physicians, requires all of these intellectual abilities and often must be performed quickly, especially in emergency situations. In addition, candidates and students should be able to comprehend three dimensional relationships and to understand the spatial relationships of structures. They must be able to analyze clinical data and make logical diagnoses and therapeutic judgments for patients. The candidate and student must be able to perform these problem-solving skills in a timely manner.

V. Behavioral and Social Attributes: Candidates and students must possess the emotional stability required for full utilization of their intellectual abilities including good judgment, prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to the diagnosis and care of patients and development of mature, sensitive, non-judgmental, non-prejudiced and effective relationships with patients. Candidates and students must be able to work within a team, to learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many patients and to function under stress. Candidates and students

must maintain appropriate personal hygiene and appearance. Honesty, compassion, integrity and concern for others are all personal qualities that are necessary in medical students and physicians. Throughout the clinical curriculum, students must be able to consistently complete a history and physical examination in any patient, regardless of the patient's race, religion, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, age or sexual orientation.

The Medical College of Georgia will, if requested, provide reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified enrolled students and applicants with disabilities unless: (a) such accommodations impose an undue hardship to the institution or threaten harm to the health and safety of others due to the disability or (b) such accommodations fundamentally alter the educational program or academic standards of the university. A student whose behavior or performance raises questions concerning his or her ability to fulfill these technical standards may be required to obtain evaluation and/or testing by a health care provider designated by the school, and to provide the results to Student Health Services for the purpose of determining whether the student is fit to pursue the educational program. If the student is deemed fit to pursue the program, the school reserves the right to require actions recommended by the health care provider, including further testing, counseling, monitoring, leave of absence, etc.

The Medical College of Georgia will consider for admission, matriculation, continuation and graduation individuals who demonstrate the knowledge and ability to perform or learn to perform the skills described in this document. Individuals will be assessed not only on their scholastic accomplishments but also on their physical and emotional capacities to meet the requirements of the school's curriculum and to graduate as skilled and effective practitioners of medicine.

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PROCESS FOR APPLICANTS

ALL **APPLICANTS** TO THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA APPLY THROUGH THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS FOR THE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA REQUIRES ALL **APPLICANTS TO MEDICAL SCHOOL** ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR REVIEW OF THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION, MATRICULATION, CONTINUATION AND GRADUATION AT MCG IN THE APPROPRIATE AREA OF THE MCG ADMISSIONS SECONDARY APPLICATION THUS INDICATING THEIR ABILITY TO MEET MCG TECHNICAL STANDARDS WITH OR WITHOUT REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION, MATRICULATION, CONTINUATION AND GRADUATION TO BE REVIEWED BY **ALL APPLICANTS TO MEDICAL SCHOOL**

(Narrative Attached)

Or review at the following web site

<http://www.augusta.edu/mcg/students/>

FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE TO MCG, THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE SENDS THE APPLICANT AN ADMISSIONS ACCEPTANCE CONTRACT AND DOCUMENTS INCLUDING A MCG TECHNICAL STANDARDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM , ALL OF WHICH MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ADMISSIONS WITHIN **TWO WEEKS** OF RECEIPT

RETURN SIGNED MCG TECHNICAL STANDARDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM ALONG WITH ACCEPTANCE LETTER, DEPOSIT AND OTHER ACCEPTANCE DOCUMENTS WITHIN **TWO WEEKS** OF RECEIPT TO:

ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ADMISSIONS
MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY
1120 15TH STREET AA 2040
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA 30912

ADMISSIONS OFFICE SENDS SIGNED TECHNICAL STANDARDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM TO OFFICE OF STUDENT AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS TO BE PLACED IN ACCEPTED STUDENTS FILE

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TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION, MATRICULATION, CONTINUATION AND GRADUATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM FOR ACCEPTED APPLICANTS

The Medical College of Georgia, in keeping with the purposes of a health education institution and the guidelines set forth by the federal government, will make reasonable efforts to accommodate students with disabilities as defined in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. All applicants to medical school must, with reasonable accommodation, be able to meet the technical standards for admission, continuation and graduation for the Medical College of Georgia.

All **applicants accepted** to MCG are required to sign and return this form within two weeks of receipt of their acceptance letter to the Associate Dean of Admissions certifying that you have read and understand the attached Technical Standards for Admission, Matriculation, Continuation and Graduation for medical school. Based upon these technical standards, please check **one** of the boxes below:

I believe that I can meet these technical standards **without** reasonable accommodations.

OR

I believe that I can meet these technical standards **with** reasonable accommodations.

Any request for accommodations should be directed to the Office of Testing and Disability Services, Telephone 706-737-1469 within **two weeks** of receipt of your acceptance letter. Information regarding documentation requirements can be viewed at <http://www.augusta/admin/tds/disabilityservices.php>. Any request for accommodations will be evaluated to determine the adequacy of the supporting documentation and reasonableness of the requested accommodation.

NAME (print)

NAME (signature)

DATE

All **applicants accepted** to MCG must sign and return this form within **two weeks** of receipt to:

ASSOCIATE DEAN OF ADMISSIONS
MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA
OFFICE OF MCG ADMISSIONS
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY
1120 15TH STREET AA2040
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA 30912

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PROCESS FOR ACCEPTED FIRST YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS

OFFICE OF STUDENT AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS REQUIRES ALL NEWLY
ACCEPTED FIRST YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS
TO INDICATE AS PART OF THEIR ENROLLMENT WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL NEED REASONABLE
ACCOMMODATIONS FOLLOWING THEIR REVIEW OF THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS POLICY FOR
MCG WITHIN **TWO WEEKS** OF RECEIPT OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE LETTER

NO, I WILL NOT NEED
REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

PREVIOUSLY SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
FORM REMAINS ON RECORD IN OFFICE OF
STUDENT AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

YES, I WILL NEED REASONABLE
ACCOMMODATIONS

SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION OF ACCOMMODATION YOU
WILL REQUIRE WITHIN **TWO WEEKS** OF RECEIPT OF YOUR
ACCEPTANCE LETTER AND REQUEST INITIAL INTAKE
APPOINTMENT OF:

DIRECTOR OF TESTING AND DISABILITY SERVICES
GALLOWAY HALL
AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY
SUMMERVILLE CAMPUS
2500 WALTON WAY
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA 30904
(706)737-1469 OFFICE
(706)729-2298 FAX
akitchens@augusta.edu

DISABILITY SERVICES DIRECTOR NOTIFIES ASSOCIATE DEAN
FOR STUDENT AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS ON
DESIGNATED CAMPUS BELOW OF REVIEW OF STUDENT'S
REQUEST FOR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS WITHIN
TWO WEEKS OF RECEIPT OF STUDENT'S REQUEST

AUGUSTA CAMPUS:

OFFICE OF STUDENT & MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA
HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS – AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY
1120 15TH STREET CJ-1026
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA 30912

ATHENS CAMPUS:

OFFICE OF STUDENT & MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS
AU/UGA MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP CAMPUS
UGA HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS
WINNIE DAVIS HALL, ROOM 112
108 SPEAR ROAD
ATHENS, GEORGIA 30602

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PROCESS FOR RETURNING MEDICAL STUDENTS TO SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH ACADEMIC YEARS

OFFICE OF STUDENT AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS REQUIRES ALL
RETURNING MEDICAL STUDENTS
TO REVIEW THE ATTACHED TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION,
MATRICUATION, CONTINUATION AND GRADUATION AND COMPLETE THE ATTACHED
TECHNICAL STANDARDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM
TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EACH ACADEMIC YEAR

TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION, MATRICULATION, CONTINUATION AND GRADUATION
TO BE REVIEWED BY **RETURNING STUDENTS** MATRICULATING AT MCG EACH ACADEMIC YEAR
(Narrative Attached)
Or review at the following web site
<http://www.augusta.edu/mcg/students/>

NO, I WILL NOT NEED REASONABLE
ACCOMMODATIONS

YES, I REQUIRE NEW OR WANT CONTINUATION OF EXISTING
CURRENT ACCOMMODATIONS

SIGN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM AND
RETURN TO OSMA ON CAMPUS THAT YOU
ARE ASSIGNED (AUGUSTA OR ATHENS)

CONTACT OFFICE OF DISABILITY SERVICES **TWO MONTHS**
PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF EACH ACADEMIC YEAR AND
SUBMIT RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION:

DIRECTOR OF TESTING AND DISABILITY SERVICES
GALLOWAY HALL
Augusta UNIVERSITY
SUMMERVILLE CAMPUS
2500WALTON WAY
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA 30904
(706)737-1469 OFFICE
(706)729-2298 FAX
akitchens@augusta.edu

DISABILITY SERVICES NOTIFIES ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR
STUDENT AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS ON DESIGNATED
CAMPUS BELOW OF REVIEW OF STUDENT'S REQUEST FOR
REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS WITHIN **TWO WEEKS** OF
STUDENT'S REQUEST

<p>AUGUSTA CAMPUS: OFFICE OF STUDENT & MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS – AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY 1120 15TH STREET CJ-1026 AUGUSTA, GEORGIA 30912</p>	<p>ATHENS CAMPUS: OFFICE OF STUDENT & MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS AU/UGA MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP CAMPUS UGA HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS WINNIE DAVIS HALL, ROOM 112 108 SPEAR ROAD ATHENS, GEORGIA 30602</p>
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Two months before the beginning of each academic year, all **returning medical students** matriculating at MCG are required to sign and return this form to the Office of Student and Multicultural Affairs on your assigned campus (either Augusta or Athens) certifying that you have read and understand the attached Technical Standards for Admission, Matriculation, Continuation and Graduation for continuing in medical school. Based upon these technical standards, please check in **one** of the boxes below:

I have reviewed and understand the Technical Standards for MCG and believe that I can meet these technical standards **without** reasonable accommodations.

OR

I have reviewed and understand the Technical Standards for MCG and **will require no change in in previous reasonable accommodations.**

OR

I have reviewed and understand the Technical Standards for MCG and **will need new or additional reasonable accommodations.**

Any request for new or continuation of existing current accommodations should be directed to the Office of Testing and Disability Services , telephone 706-737-1469 **two months** before the beginning of each academic year. Information regarding documentation requirements can be viewed at <http://www.augusta.admin.tds/disabilityservices.php>. Any request for accommodations will be evaluated to determine the adequacy of the supporting documentation, the reasonableness of the requested accommodation.

NAME (print)

NAME (signature)

DATE

All **returning medical students** must sign and return this form **two months** before the beginning of each academic year to:

AUGUSTA CAMPUS:

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MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA
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