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WAYNE STATE
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■ **M.D./M.B.A. Handbook**

The combined M.D./M.B.A. program is a four-year combined M.D. and M.B.A. program that prepares students to navigate today's complex health care environment. Graduates will be prepared for leadership positions at hospitals, health care systems, and health and medical-related business opportunities.

1. **Who is eligible to apply to the M.D./M.B.A. program?**

Any student accepted into the four-year M.D. program is eligible to apply for the M.D./M.B.A. program. All students interested in applying for this program must successfully complete an elective in the first half of their first year of medical school. Students who do not take and successfully complete an elective are not eligible to apply for the M.D./M.B.A. program. Applications for the M.D./M.B.A. program will be completed in January of the students' M1 year.

2. **How many students will be in the M.D./M.B.A. program?**

The ideal class size will be roughly 30 students per year.

3. **What academic standards must be met to remain in the M.D./M.B.A. program?**

Students must be in good academic standing within the M.D. program as defined in this handbook. In addition, all M.B.A. courses must be passed with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher as determined by the faculty of the Mike Ilitch School of Business. Please see the Academic Performance Guidelines below for more specific information.

■ **Eligibility Guidelines for the M.D./M.B.A. Program**

1. Must have been accepted and enrolled in the medical doctor (M.D.) program at the Wayne State University School of Medicine (WSUSOM).
2. Candidates cannot be enrolled in other joint (e.g., M.D./Ph.D.) or accelerated (e.g., 3-year M.D.) degree programs through the School of Medicine
3. Must have an end of segment 1 percentage score of 84% or greater.
4. Must have a grade of satisfactory (S) in all segment 1 courses. Students that fail a course, regardless of re-examine status, are not eligible to participate in the program.
5. Must have passed all segment 1 Business of Medicine Elective courses.
6. Must have scored above the minimum competency category in all segment 1 longitudinal courses (e.g., Clinical Skills 1, P4-1, Service Learning 1).

■ Academic Performance Guidelines for the M.D./M.B.A. Program

I. Progression through the M.D./M.B.A. Program

To progress through the M.D./M.B.A. program, students should have strong academic performance among, but not limited, to the following:

- Achieve a passing grade in all the pre-clerkship courses (Segments 1 and 2). Students who fail two pre-clerkship courses will not be allowed to continue in the M.D./M.B.A. program.
- Pass any WSUSOM makeup exams on the first attempt.
- Maintain a 3.0-grade point average within the M.B.A. program.
- Maintain strong academic performance during Segment 3 by achieving a grade of either Pass, High Pass, or Honors in all core clerkships, including passing the subject (“shelf”) examination on the first attempt with a maximum of one failure with a pass on the first retake. In addition, a grade of Pass, High Pass, or Honors is expected in the Segment 4 clerkships.
- Pass USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 on the first attempt.
- Progress throughout the curriculum with no lapses in professional behavior as described in the WSUSOM Student Handbook.

In addition to a strong academic performance, M.D./M.B.A. students may not take any leaves of absence that would delay their ultimate graduation from the M.D./M.B.A. program. Any leave of absence will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to examine the leave’s effect on the student’s ability to complete the M.D./M.B.A. program on time.

Students who fail to achieve any of the above will transition out of the M.D./M.B.A. program. All provisions of the four-year M.D. program, outlined in the Student Handbook, will apply to this student.

In addition, at any point in time, an M.D./M.B.A. student can choose to transition out of the M.D./M.B.A. program. Students should not expect to have tuition refunded for courses already in-progress, unless due to exceptional circumstances.



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