

A Message from Dean Toni M. Ganzel re: Good News from the LCME  
Sent to all UofL School of Medicine faculty, staff, and students  
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I'm delighted to share the news that the LCME has lifted our probationary status and we are now back in full accreditation compliance!

As you know, we have completed a significant amount of work within the school to transform the educational experience for our students including new facilities, curricular design, technology tools and a governance and organizational structure that support a modern curriculum. We have reformed the preclinical curriculum from a disciplined based model to an integrated model with more active learning and engaged pedagogies. We have also completed a major renovation of our instructional building creating a physical learning environment that meets the needs of a contemporary curriculum and 21st Century medical students.

The number of people across our faculty, staff and student body who have carried out all of these initiatives is immense, but a few people deserve special recognition for their heroic efforts – Monica Ann Shaw, M.D., vice dean for undergraduate medical education, Amy Holthouser, M.D., associate dean for undergraduate medical education, Kent Gardner, director of academic technology, and Donna Gissen, Health Sciences Center assistant vice president for health affairs/facilities and planning management. Our LCME Steering Committee and work groups are also to be commended for their diligent work.

A special debt of gratitude goes out to David L. Dunn, M.D., Ph.D., executive vice president of health affairs, for his unwavering support as we have worked our way through this process.

The biggest thank you goes to our learners. They have provided us with a tremendous amount of input on how to create a better educational experience for them, while we continue to ensure they have the information and tools they need to become outstanding physicians.

These results do not mean that our work is done. We are committed to ongoing improvement so that our learners, faculty and staff have an even better educational and work experience.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your commitment to the School of Medicine.

Best regards,  
Toni