Comprehensive Basic Science Exam for Second-Year Students
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All second-year students are required to take the Comprehensive Basic Science Self-Assessment (CBSE) offered by the National Board of Medical Examiners. The cost of the required CBSE will be covered by the School of Medicine.

Students will be instructed each year by a representative from the Undergraduate Medical Education Office regarding which version of the self-assessment they are required to take. Regardless of the assigned version, students are required to take the standard-paced exam as taking the self-paced exam is not acceptable for these purposes. The CBSE must be completed by each student within two weeks of receiving a voucher from the Undergraduate Medical Education Office.

The purpose of requiring students to take the CBSE is to identify students who may be at risk of failing the USMLE Step 1 exam. Students who score below 200 will be required to meet with the Director of Academic Support in Student Affairs to develop a Step 1 exam study plan.

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