

Policy Name: 12.05.1 Health Provider Non-Involvement in Academic Assessment and Promotion of Medical Students

Purpose:

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Element 12.5 (May 2026) states in part: “The health professionals who provide health services, including psychiatric/psychological counseling, to a medical student have no involvement in the academic assessment or promotion of the medical student receiving those services, excluding exceptional circumstances.”

Policy:

It is the University of Texas at Tyler School of Medicine (UT Tyler SOM) policy that health care professionals who provide health services including psychiatric/psychological services, or other sensitive medical services care to a medical student are not involved in the academic supervision, assessment, or decisions about advancement, promotion, or graduation of that student. Should a faculty member find themselves assigned to supervision or assessment of a student whom they have treated, the faculty member should arrange for a change in assignment.

Counseling and Mental Health Center:

SOM students seeking psychological care from the UT Tyler Student Counseling Center will have the option of going to the main UT Tyler campus for appointments or using a telehealth visit. The providers at UT Tyler Student Counseling Center are not eligible for involvement in medical student training.

UT Tyler SOM students seeking psychiatric care will be referred to TimelyCare Psychiatric services, who have no current or plan future involvement in the supervision, assessment, or promotion of UT Tyler SOM students.

Reassignment:

Any faculty member assigned to supervise or assess a medical student for whom he or she has provided medical care must request reassignment from the course or clerkship director. It is the course/clerkship director’s responsibility to inform the Assistant Dean of Clinical Experiences and/or Assistant Dean of Foundational Sciences of the required reassignment. If students find that they have been assigned to a supervising faculty who has been involved in their health care, they are encouraged to ask for reassignment from the course or clerkship director. The student will be informed that asking for reassignment will not have any adverse consequences.

Clinical Faculty

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UTTSOM will post the policy on the Faculty Affairs webpage, send annual reminders to all established clinical faculty at the start of each academic year, and provide a copy to newly hired clinical faculty.

Residents & Fellows

The Graduate Medical Education Office will post the policy on the New Innovations website and send annual reminders to all continuing residents and fellows.

Medical Students

The policy will be included in the syllabus for all courses/clerkships and on the SOM website.

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