

**Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies
Resolution 2021-2022B**

**Resolution to Change the Grading Mode at VTCSOM from Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
with Opportunities for Letters of Distinction in Each Year 3 Clerkship to Honors/High
Pass/Pass/Fail**

Approved by the Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies:	May 5, 2021
Faculty Senate waived right to comment:	April 24, 2021
Staff Senate waived right to comment:	May 19, 2021
Graduate and Professional Student Senate waived right to comment:	May 8, 2021
Undergraduate Student Senate waived right to comment:	April 21, 2021
First Reading by University Council:	September 20, 2021
Second Reading by University Council:	
Approved by the President:	
Approved by the Board of Visitors:	
Effective:	Fall 2022

WHEREAS, grading in the Year 3 required clerkships is Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory with Opportunities for Letters of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, the United State Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step-1 exam has been the primary criterion used by residency program candidate interview selection; and

WHEREAS, the USMLE Step-1 exam will be Pass/Fail with no numeric score, effective January 2022, and therefore the numeric score will no longer be the primary criterion for residency interviews; and

WHEREAS, a significant and growing number (see attached table) of other medical schools are using Honors (H), High Pass (HP), Pass (P), Fail (F) in their clinical clerkships in order to provide performance data for residency program interview selection; and

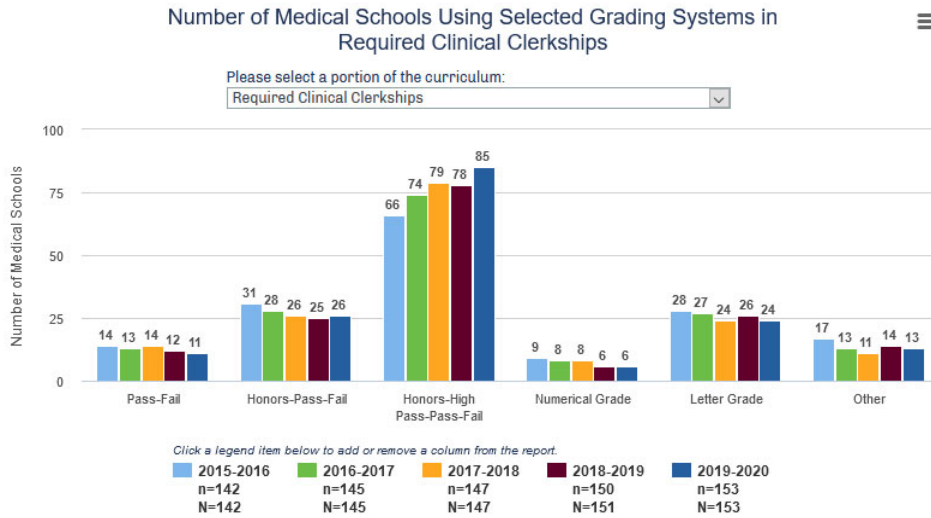
WHEREAS, the lack of this clinical performance data will disadvantage VTCSOM students in the residency selection process

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the grades available for Medical Clerkship be changed from S/U to H/HP/P/F, effective academic year 2022-2023, and the proposal forwarded to the President.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these grades be limited for use to the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.

Grading Systems Use by US Medical Schools

Number of Medical Schools Using Selected Grading Systems by Portion of the Curriculum and Academic Year



[Download Data \(Excel\)](#)

Survey Item:

Check the type of grading system that is used in each of the indicated portions of the curriculum.

Note: In a given year, each bar is not mutually exclusive, and as a result, the same medical school may be included in more than one bar.

n indicates the total number of medical schools that responded to the survey item for the given academic year.

N indicates the total number of medical schools that participated in the survey for the given academic year.

Source: LCME Annual Medical School Questionnaire Part II, 2015-2016 through 2019-2020.

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