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 in Required Clinical Clerkships

Please select a portion of the curriculum:
- Required Clinical Clerkships

Glick a legend item below to add or remove a column from the report:
- 2015-2016
- 2016-2017
- 2017-2018
- 2018-2019
- 2019-2020

Survey Notes:

- 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.


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