

LAU Gilbert and Rose-Marie Chagoury School of Medicine

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

The Lebanese American University has the responsibility of ensuring that its School of Medicine graduates meet standards of professional conduct and responsibility, and these include but are not limited to:

- Reliability
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Good Conduct
- Responsibility in handling:
 - Relationships that are professional
 - Relationships with patients and their families
 - Substances that could be abused

Applicants to and students enrolled at the LAU SOM must possess the general physical health for performing the duties of a medical student and physician in training without endangering the lives of patients and/or colleagues with whom the student might have to interact.

A candidate for the M.D. degree must have abilities and skills in five areas:

- Observation
 - Functional senses of vision, hearing, and somatic sensations
 - Ability to observe demonstrations and experiments in the basic sciences (including anatomic dissection, microscopic studies and patient demonstrations)Substances that could be abused
 - Ability to observe patients accurately at a distant and close hand
- Communication
 - Good communications skills – ability to speak and listen, to read and write
 - Ability to observe patients in order to note changes in mood, activity, posture, and nonverbal communication
 - Ability to communicate with other physicians as well as with other members of the health care team and with families/significant others
- Motor Abilities

Sufficient motor abilities to carry out:

 - Basic laboratory techniques
 - Dissection of a human cadaver
 - A complete physical examination

- Diagnostic procedures
- Emergency treatment
- Basic medical and surgical procedures
- Simulation exercises

- Intellectual Abilities

Intellectual abilities that can be translated into conceptual, integrative, and quantitative abilities such as:

 - Solve problems
 - Learn new skills
 - Retrieve and analyze information
 - Organize, synthesize, and integrate information
 - Reason effectively
 - Measure and calculate accurately
 - Perceive three-dimensional relationships
 - Understand spatial relationships of structures
 - Commitment to self-directed and lifelong learning

- Behavioral and Social Attributes
 - Emotional health required for:
 - The full utilization of my intellectual abilities
 - The exercise of good judgment
 - The prompt completion of all responsibilities related to the care of patients
 - The development of mature, sensitive, and effective relationships with patients and their families
 - The ability to maintain confidentiality in patient care
 - The development of good dynamics within a health-care team
 - Ability to:
 - Care for patients regardless of illness, age, gender, sexual preference, socioeconomic status, political orientation or religion or other characteristic
 - tolerate physically taxing workloads
 - function effectively under stress
 - adapt to changing environments
 - display flexibility
 - learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many patients
 - Compassionate, have integrity, show concern for others, have interpersonal skills, possess collegiality, display interest, and show motivation.