

Financial Policies

The Financial Policies are guidelines to help students navigate federal financial aid.

Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid Eligibility

To continue receiving federal financial aid at Dell Medical School, students must demonstrate satisfactory progress (SAP) towards their academic objectives. SAP is calculated in three ways:

Qualitative

Students' qualitative academic progress is determined by the DMS Medical Student Academic Standing Committee. This committee reviews all student progress, regardless of whether a student is financial aid eligible and meets the minimum Title IV academic policy requirements, all students are reviewed equally. DMS's Academic Standing Committee takes into consideration all work completed by each student when determining academic standing. Grades in each course must be passing or participating in a timely and identified remediation program.

Quantitative

Students must successfully complete all prescribed courses of study of years one through four to meet DMS's graduation requirements. To continue receiving financial aid assistance, students must maintain academic standing consistent with DMS's graduation and curriculum requirements.

Timeframe

The expected timeframe for the MD program completion is four years. The maximum timeframe allowable is 6 years subject to appeal to the Academic Standing Committee. After one semester of failing SAP, students will be issued a warning and will be permitted to receive aid for the next semester.

If a student fails after their warning semester, they will be deemed ineligible for financial aid the following semester.

Students not meeting minimum standards for SAP may appeal to DMS's financial aid office for reinstatement of financial aid eligibility. Circumstances considered as basis for an appeal may include, but not be limited to, family emergencies, medical illness or injury and other unexpected hardships.