

# LCME SPOTLIGHT

The School of Medicine is preparing for an LCME site visit in early April 2027. We will feature an LCME accreditation element each month to raise awareness and understanding in preparation for this important event.

## Element 11.1 – Academic Advising and Academic Counseling

“A medical school has an effective system of academic advising in place for medical students that integrates the efforts of faculty members, course and clerkship directors, and student affairs staff with its counseling and tutorial services and provides medical students academic counseling only from individuals who have no role in making assessment or promotion decisions about them.”

### LCME Expectations

- Advising involves reviewing services and policies, discussing education and career plans, and planning course selection.
- Counseling involves discussing academic difficulties, developing more effective and efficient study skills, reading skills, and/or test-taking skills.
- The advising and counseling program has an infrastructure in place to support all student success while providing outreach to “at risk” students.
- These resources must be available to all students regardless of campus or site.
- The program collects and analyzes data to ensure its effectiveness.

### How It Works at MCW

- Academic Affairs’ Academic Support and Enrichment (ASE) team provides a variety of services, including academic consultation, peer tutoring, academic enhancement, and boards preparation assistance.
  - Students are referred to ASE through self-referral, faculty referral, and/or office outreach.
- ASE staff roles
  - Three full-time staff members are trained in learning strategies, test-taking skills, time management, and academic success coaching.
  - These individuals do not have a role in student assessment, grading, or promotion decisions.
- Faculty/course/clerkship director involvement
  - Course directors, faculty, and learning navigators routinely contact students who score below designated performance thresholds on exams, referring them to ASE for academic support.
  - Students are responsible for initiating contact with the ASE team to begin the support process.
- Ensuring program effectiveness
  - Feedback surveys are distributed after every tutoring and academic counseling appointment and provided in the slides for all supplemental instruction sessions.
  - The AAMC Graduate Questionnaire also collects and reports data relevant to ASE services.

## Resources

[MCW’s LCME Community Connection Academic Support and Enrichment](#)