

# MEDICAL STUDENT POLICY

Title: <b>Infectious and Environmental Disease or Disability Policy</b>	
Relevant LCME Element(s): 12.8 Student Exposure Policies/Procedures	Last approved: <b>3/3/2021</b>

## I. **PURPOSE**

Describes commitment to assisting medical students complete degree requirements who have been exposed to infectious and/or environmental disease or disability as a result of training.

## II. **PERSONS AFFECTED:**

Medical students, educational deans

## III. **POLICY STATEMENT**

Although attention to proper procedures can reduce risk, health care professionals (including students) are at risk for exposure to infectious agents due to the nature of their professional education. If a medical student contracts an infectious and/or environmental disease or disability after matriculation, whether or not it is a direct result of their training, the medical school will assist the student in completing their MD requirements, as long as the student is able to still meet the technical standards as outlined in the admissions policy.

(<http://www.feinberg.northwestern.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/requirements.html>)

**COVID-19 Addendum: Students may volunteer to see COVID positive patients; however in no case will a student be penalized in terms of assessment or grades for declining to do so.**

## IV. **REVISION HISTORY**

12/8/2020: Added language that students may volunteer to see COVID positive patients.

## V. **APPROVING BODY:**

Curriculum Committee