UT Southwestern’s activities are directed toward four goals:
1. To improve health care in our community, Texas, our nation, and the world through innovation and education.
2. To educate the next generation of leaders in patient care, biomedical science, and disease prevention.
3. To conduct high-impact, internationally recognized research.
4. To deliver patient care that brings UT Southwestern’s scientific advances to the bedside — focusing on quality, safety, and service.

The school is dedicated to the education of physicians who are thoroughly grounded in the scientific basis of modern medicine, who are inspired to maintain lifelong medical scholarship and who will care for patients in a responsible and compassionate manner.

Average length of enrollment: **32-44 weeks per academic year**

Based on performance in the individual core clerkships, students are evaluated and grades are submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services. GPA is calculated by converting the grades to a four-point scale (Honors=4, Near Honors=3.5, High Pass=3, and Pass=2 points). Selectives (sub-I and ICU/ER type rotations) are graded either “Honors”, “Pass,” or “Fail,” but do not contribute to the GPA. Students must receive a passing grade (“Pass” or above) in all courses required for graduation. Students who have remediated a deficiency in a course will receive a grade of “Pass.”

**Class of 2018** - Due to curriculum reform and changes effective in grading beginning in the 2016-2017 year, the core clerkship GPA, with the exception of Ambulatory, is calculated by converting the grades to a four-point scale (Honors=4, Near Honors=3.5, High Pass=3, and Pass=2 points). Therefore, for the graduating class of 2018, the cumulative GPA includes the first year, second semester letter grades and the grades in the clerkships.

**Prior to the change in the curriculum and grading,** courses in the second semester of the first year were graded on a letter grade basis converted to a four-point scale (A=4, B+=3.5, B=3, and C=2 points).

Medical school requirements for successful completion of USMLE Step 1, 2:
- ☑ Required for graduation

Medical school requirements for successful completion of Objective/Observed Structured Clinical Evaluation (OSCE) at medical school. OSCEs are used for:
- ☑ Completion of course
- ☑ Completion of third year

Utilization of the course, clerkship, or elective director’s narrative comments in composition of the MSPE. The narrative comments contained in the attached MSPE can best be described as (check one):
- ☑ Edited for length or grammar, but not for content

Utilization by the medical school of the AAMC “Guidelines for Medical Schools Regarding Academic Transcripts.” This medical school is:
- ☑ Completely in compliance with the Guidelines’ recommendations

Each MSPE from UT Southwestern is written by one of three associate deans for student affairs. Please note that UT Southwestern’s MSPE provides a detailed and unbiased report of each student’s strengths and weaknesses, which is believed to be the best way to allow residency programs to recognize students who best match that program’s goals. Because different residency programs value different qualities in applicants, a recommendation that suggests how to rank each student is believed to be too presumptuous. Our summary statements do not provide such a general recommendation.

Students are permitted to review the MSPE prior to its transmission.  

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