

CACMS Standards and Elements – Titles (AY 2025-2026)

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Standard 1 Mission, planning, organization and integrity

- 1.1 Strategic planning and continuous quality improvement
 - 1.1.1 Social accountability
- 1.2 Conflict of interest policies
- 1.3 Mechanisms for faculty member participation
- 1.4 Affiliation agreements
- 1.5 Responsibilities and privileges of the dean
- 1.6 Eligibility requirements

Standard 2 Leadership and administration

- 2.1 Senior leadership, senior administrative staff and faculty appointments
- 2.2 Dean's qualifications
- 2.3 Access and authority of the dean
- 2.4 Sufficiency of administrative staff
- 2.5 Responsibility of and to the dean
- 2.6 Functional integration of faculty members

Standard 3 Academic and learning environments

- 3.1 Resident participation in medical student education
- 3.2 Community of scholars/Research opportunities
- 3.3 Diversity programs and partnerships
- 3.4 Anti-discrimination policy
- 3.5 Learning environment
- 3.6 Student mistreatment

Standard 4 Faculty member preparation, productivity, participation, and policies

- 4.1 Sufficiency of faculty members
- 4.2 Scholarly productivity
- 4.3 Faculty member appointments
- 4.4 Feedback to faculty members
- 4.5 Faculty professional development
- 4.6 Governance and policy-making procedures

Standard 5 Educational resources and infrastructure

- 5.1 Adequacy of financial resources
- 5.2 Dean's authority/Resources
- 5.3 Pressures for self-financing
- 5.4 Sufficiency of facilities and equipment
- 5.5 Resources for clinical instruction
- 5.6 Clinical instructional facilities/Information resources
- 5.7 Security, student safety and disaster preparedness
- 5.8 Library resources/Staff
- 5.9 Information technology resources/Staff
- 5.10 Resources used by transfer/Visiting students
- 5.11 Study/Lounge/Storage space/Call rooms
- 5.12 Required notifications to the CACMS

Standard 6 Competencies, curricular objectives and curricular design

- 6.1 Program and learning objectives
- 6.2 Required patient encounters and procedures
- 6.3 Self-directed and life-long learning
- 6.4 Outpatient/Inpatient experiences
- 6.4.1 Context of clinical learning experiences
- 6.5 Elective opportunities
- 6.6 Service-learning
- 6.7 *Currently, there is no element 6.7*
- 6.8 Education program duration

Standard 7 Curricular content

- 7.1 Biomedical, behavioural, social sciences
- 7.2 Curriculum across the life cycle
- 7.3 Scientific inquiry/Clinical/Translational research
- 7.4 Clinical decision-making skills
- 7.5 Social determinants of health
- 7.6 Cultural competence and health care disparities
- 7.7 Medical ethics
- 7.8 Communication skills
- 7.9 Interprofessional collaborative skills
- 7.10 Professional and leadership development

Standard 8 Curricular management, evaluation, and enhancement

- 8.1 Curricular management
- 8.2 Use of program and learning objectives
- 8.3 Curricular design, review, revision/Content monitoring
- 8.4 Evaluation of program outcomes
- 8.5 Medical student feedback
- 8.6 Monitoring of required patient encounters and procedures
- 8.7 Comparability of education/Assessment
- 8.8 Monitoring time spent in educational and clinical activities

Standard 9 Teaching, supervision, assessment, and student and patient safety

- 9.1 Preparation of resident and non-faculty instructors
- 9.2 Supervision of required clinical learning experiences
- 9.3 Clinical supervision of medical students
- 9.4 Assessment system
- 9.5 Narrative assessment
- 9.6 Setting standards of achievement
- 9.7 Timely formative assessment and feedback
- 9.8 Fair and timely summative assessment
- 9.9 Student advancement and appeal process
- 9.10 Student health and patient safety

Standard 10 Medical student selection, assignment, and progress

- 10.1 Premedical education/Required coursework
- 10.2 Final authority of admission committee
- 10.3 Policies regarding student selection/Advancement and their dissemination
- 10.4 Characteristics of accepted applicants
- 10.5 Core competencies for entering medical students
- 10.6 Content of informational materials
- 10.7 Transfer students
- 10.8 *Currently, there is no element 10.8*
- 10.9 Visiting students
- 10.10 *Currently, there is no element 10.10*
- 10.11 Student assignment

Standard 11 Medical student academic support, career advising, and academic records

- 11.1 Academic advising and counselling
- 11.2 Career advising
- 11.3 Oversight of extramural electives
- 11.4 Provision of the medical student performance record
- 11.5 Confidentiality of student academic records
- 11.6 Student access to academic records

Standard 12 Medical student health services, personal counseling, and financial aid services

- 12.1 Financial aid/Debt management counselling/Student educational debt
- 12.2 Tuition refund policy
- 12.3 Personal counseling/Well-being programs
- 12.4 Student access to health care services
- 12.5 Providers of student health services/Location of student health records
- 12.6 Student health and disability insurance
- 12.7 Immunization requirements and monitoring
- 12.8 Student exposure policies/Procedures