



A Guide to the Preparation of the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)

The format and composition for the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) for The University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine is in compliance with the guidelines established by the AAMC Dean's Letter Advisory Committee, 2002.

The MSPE is a comprehensive assessment, composed on behalf of the medical school faculty, regarding a student's performance, as compared to his/her peers, in achieving the educational objectives of the medical school curriculum. The MSPE is neither a letter of recommendation nor the school's prediction of the student's future performance in a residency program.

Purpose

The MSPE describes, in a sequential manner, a student's performance, as compared to that of his/her peers, through three full years of medical school and, as much as possible, the fourth year. The MSPE includes an assessment of both the student's academic performance and professional attributes.

Composition

Final authority for composing the MSPE, as an institutional assessment composed on behalf of the medical school faculty, rest in a school faculty official who has access to all relevant evaluation data for all students. The MSPE is composed by the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. The process by which the MSPE is composed includes a personal meeting with each student and discussion of the current CV submitted by the students in early fall.

Content

The MSPE contains six sections:

Identifying Information

- Student's legal name.
- Name and location of the medical school.

Unique Characteristics

This section includes a brief statement about the unique characteristics of the student, as follows:

- Information about special considerations, including any distinguishing characteristics exhibited by the student in medical school (e.g., demonstrated leadership and research abilities, participation in community service activities).
- Information about any significant challenges or hardships encountered by the student during medical school.

