

## **Rules of Procedures for the Verification of USMLE Step 1 Applications**

The United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) is a three-step examination system that physicians must pass in order to obtain a medical license to practice medicine in the U.S.

USMLE Step 1 is a computer based examination that assesses the candidate's understanding and application of basic science concepts relevant to the practice of medicine.

As part of the USMLE application process candidates are required to provide information about their medical school education and have it verified by the University of Debrecen. The verification process ensures that the information the applicant provides is accurate and they meet the necessary educational requirements to be eligible for the USMLE.

The University of Debrecen would like to ensure that our current and former students possess the necessary skills and knowledge required to successfully complete the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1, therefore, all our current and graduated students (who are about to complete or completed their UD studies in the past three years) are required to pass the USMLE Step 1 Simulation Exam.

The Simulation Exam is a comprehensive assessment designed to mimic the structure, content and difficulty level of the official USMLE Step 1 examination. By requiring students and former students (see above) to pass this exam we aim to verify their readiness and enhance their chances of success in the actual examination.

The simulation exam will be administered by the Coordinating Center for International Education (CCIE).

The cost of each attempts of the Simulation Exam is 50 USD (to be paid to the University's account).

Students who attend the Kaplan course - organized by UD and Kaplan - are eligible for two Simulation Exams free of charge.

Additionally, students (and former students) who have achieved a stipend index of at least 4.00 at the end of their 3<sup>rd</sup> year can take one Simulation Exam free of charge, provided they have completed the following subjects:

- Pathology II.
- Medical Microbiology II.
- Basics of Behavioral Sciences
- Medical Psychology
- Clinical Biochemistry II.
- Immunology

For all other cases, fees for Simulation Exam attempts apply as defined above.

The Registrar's Office has the right to withhold the verification of the student's exam application until the successful completion of the Simulation Exam.

A minimum score of 60% is required to pass the simulation exam.

Further information about the simulation exam can be obtained from the CCIE.

The present rule shall enter into force on September 1, 2023.

