# **CUNY School of Medicine**

# The City College of New York

# Medical Student Performance Evaluation Sophie Davis

September 28, 2022

#### **IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

Sophie Davis is a fourth-year student in the CUNY School of Medicine in New York.

#### NOTEWORTHY CHARACTERISTICS

- Sophie values creativity and teaching. She spent the last 5 year on her blog about exercise and meditation
- Sophie co-founded a service project assisting refugees in navigating healthcare appointments and volunteered at free clinics for the homeless.
- Sophie was an active member of the Wellness Council, advocating for student mental and physical health. She organized multiple activities and led an ongoing mindfulness group.

#### **ACADEMIC HISTORY**

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Date of Initial Matriculation in Medical School	August 2019
Date of Expected Graduation from Medical School	May 2023
Please explain any extensions, leave(s), gap(s), or break(s) in the student's educational program below:	Not applicable
Information about the student's prior, current, or expected enrollment in, and the month and year of the student's expected graduation from dual, joint or combined	Not applicable
degree programs.	
Was the student required to repeat or otherwise remediate any course work during their medical education? If yes, please explain.  Sophie passed the Cardiology module exam on the second attempt.	Yes
Was the student the recipient of any adverse action(s) by the medical school or its parent institution?	No

# **ACADEMIC PROGRESS**

#### **Professional Performance**

CUNY School of Medicine defines professionalism through its educational program objectives for the competency of professionalism: <a href="https://www.ccny.cuny.edu/csom/professionalism">https://www.ccny.cuny.edu/csom/professionalism</a>. We have assessed all students' performances in professionalism through these educational program objectives. Sophie has met all of the professionalism objectives.

## **Preclinical Coursework**

The pre-clerkship curriculum is an integrated organ systems-based curriculum. The students complete the Organ Systems course in blocks as well as three longitudinal courses. *Practice of Medicine* is the clinical skills course that includes a longitudinal clinical experience. Students also complete two courses in the Department of Community Health and Social Medicine:

Evidence Based Medicine and Selectives in Population Health Research. Students also complete a summative OSCE at the end of this curriculum. These courses are graded on a Pass/Fail basis. Sophie successfully passed all courses and the M2 summative OSCE before beginning the third-year clerkships.

#### **COVID-19 Impact**

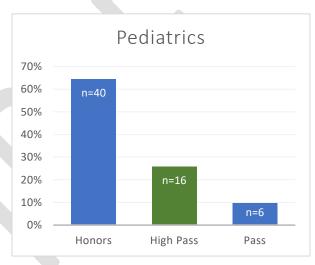
There were no changes to clerkships due to COVID-19.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Clerkships (in chronological order)

The final clerkship grade is based on: 60% Clinical; 25% Shelf exam; 10% Special Project; and 5% Responsibilities.

Pediatrics Block 1: 06/28/21 - 08/20/21 Grade: High Pass

Sophie demonstrated very good clinical skills, excellent fund of knowledge, and outstanding professionalism/interpersonal skills throughout her pediatrics rotation. Sophie actively sought out feedback for improving her clinical skills, specifically her notes and oral presentations. She consistently demonstrated thoughtful answers to questions posed to her, proving strong clinicalreasoning skills. She was able to generate a reasonable differential diagnosis for most patients. She also showed an ability in evaluating



the utility of obtaining basic lab tests and imaging. Sophie was always eager to seek out new ways to improve her patient-care experience, and her supervisors were impressed with how, after receiving feedback, she 'immediately corrected and consistently moved forward with any recommendations.

# OB/GYN Block 2: 08/23/21 - 10/01/21 Grade: Pass

Sophie had outstanding clinical skills. Her notes were very detailed and thorough. She was responsive and timely about pre-rounding and provided accurate morning presentations. In the operating room, it was noted that her suturing skills were excellent. She was noted by her supervisors to have a solid grip on the fundamental OB/GYN topics and had an interest in more advanced issues. She did three well-researched presentations on cervical cancer, bilateral oophorectomy, and pelvic pain. She

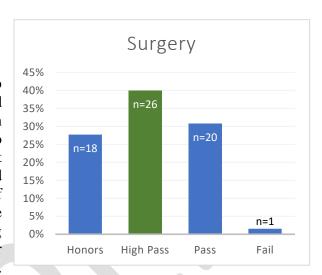


communicated exceptionally well with both patients and their clinical team. She had an excellent

bedside manner, and were caring and patient on labor and delivery. She took initiative to work with patients, spent time with their patients and their families, comforted them during difficult labors, and was a caring professional throughout their labor and delivery experience.

# Surgery Block 3: 10/25/2021 - 12/17/2021 Grade: High Pass

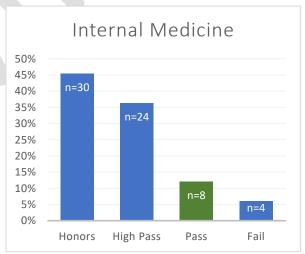
Sophie's performance in her Surgery Clerkship was very strong. She was highly motivated and hardworking. She integrated well into the team and was a valuable member. She was able to execute tasks assigned to her with skill and sought learning opportunities. She was conscientious and dependable. She demonstrated a solid fund of knowledge and was a self-directed learner. She was an active participant in small group teaching sessions. She independently read about her patients' conditions and was always prepared.



She asked appropriate questions and was inquisitive. Her histories and physical examinations were thoughtful, and she was able to use the information obtained to help come up with relevant, focused diagnoses and plans. She was a team player and always professional.

#### Internal Medicine Block 4: 12/27/2021 - 2/18/2022 Grade: Pass

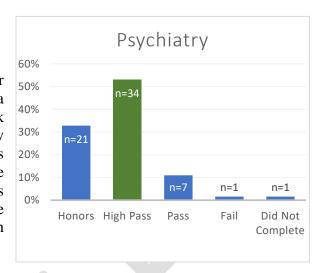
Sophie performed well on the clerkship. She was personable, diligent, and tireless in her work. Her knowledge base was at the expected level and she read actively to achieve a good understanding of patient problems. Her history and physical exam skills markedly improved over the rotation and by the end, her oral case presentations were a pleasure to listen to. She was able to devise good management plans for her patients' multiple problems. She always went above and beyond in following up with patients, and her teams found her work consistently dependable and prompt. She was professional and empathetic in all of her



interactions. She was the consummate team player and a pleasure to work with.

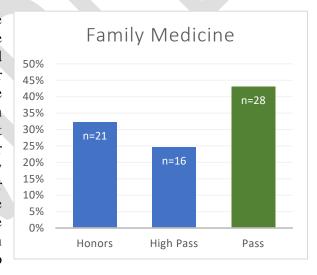
# Psychiatry Block 5: 02/22/22 - 04/15/22 Grade: High Pass

Sophie was an excellent student during her rotation. She was highly motivated and had a strong work ethic. She actively solicited feedback and implemented the suggestions, dramatically improving her performance. Her presentations were polished and she formulated good plans. She was always prepared to see patients in all settings and asked for guidance when needed. Sophie showed ownership of her patients and was an advocate for them.



# Family Medicine Block 6: 04/18/22 - 05/27/22 Grade: Pass

Sophie demonstrated a good fund of knowledge and clinical skills throughout her clerkship. She was able to conduct a thorough history and physical, and present an assessment and plan. Her written documentation was excellent. She demonstrated strong patient-centered care skills in observed encounters and actively sought out opportunities for continuity with patient care. Her clinical skills were strong and she was very thorough with her history and physical exams. Her assessment and plans improved during the clerkship and were particularly good after the pandemic pause. She showed a strong interest in family medicine and her enthusiasm spread to those around her.

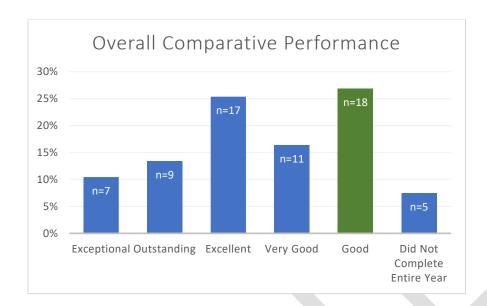


#### Neurology

All students participated in a two-week neurology rotation, which was graded Pass/Fail. Sophie passed the neurology clerkship.

#### **SUMMARY**

Sophie Davis's performance in the third-year clinical curriculum was Good. The summary word is based on the student's overall performance in the six core clerkships completed on the first attempt in the M3 year as compared to the overall performance of the class (see graph below) with whom they completed the clerkships (n = 67 students). The class distribution is based on a formula whereby a grade of Honors is awarded 3 points; High Pass, 2 points; and Pass, 1 point. Thus, the maximum score is 18 and the minimum score is 6. A score of 18 = Exceptional; 17 or 16 = Outstanding; 15 or 14 = Excellent; 13 or 12 = Very Good; and 11 to 6 = Good.



Sincerely,

**CUNY School of Medicine** 

#### **Appendix A: Medical School Information**

#### **CUNY School of Medicine/Sophie Davis Biomedical Education Program**

### Specific programmatic emphases, strengths, mission/goal(s) of the medical school:

The CUNY School of Medicine (CUNY SoM) is a mission-driven, seven-year combined BS/MD program, which is located on the campus of the City College of New York in Harlem and builds on the 40+ year history of the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education. Students are admitted to the Sophie Davis Biomedical Education (SBE) Program upon graduating from high school and engage in an accelerated BS degree program and then advance directly into our four-year MD curriculum.

CUNY SoM is unlocking and cultivating its full potential within its excellent, diverse, and inclusive community of healers, leaders, and scholars who leverage the transformative power of compassion and empathy to improve the human condition and population health. CUNY SoM will do so across its education, research, clinical, and social missions. As NYC's medical school, CUNY SoM will produce clinicians that New Yorkers want to see.

This mission includes the recruitment of a diverse, talented pool of students, expanding access to medical education to individuals from underserved communities, of limited financial resources, and of racial/ethnic backgrounds historically underrepresented in the medical profession.

### Unique characteristics of the medical school's educational program:

The only entry point to the CUNY School of Medicine is through the Sophie Davis Biomedical Education Program, the BS portion of the seven-year program.

Beginning with the class that entered CUNY SoM/SBE in Fall 2013, the school, having received LCME accreditation, began providing the third and fourth years of medical school education. We graduated our first class of MDs in May 2020.

Our clinical partners are St. Barnabas Hospital Health System, Staten Island University Hospital, Harlem Hospital Center, Jacobi Medical Center/North Central Bronx, Glen Cove Hospital, Institute for Family Health Mt. Hope, Institute for Family Health Stevenson, Plainview Hospital, Phelps-Open Door Family Medical Center, Southside Hospital, Union Community Health Center, and Urban Horizons Family Health Center.

The School's curriculum takes full advantage of the seven-year continuum to educate future physicians with a firm grounding in population health and community-oriented primary care. One highlight of this commitment is a four-year Practice of Medicine (POM) course sequence that includes a three-year Longitudinal Clinical Experience (LCE) in which students are placed each year in the same primary care practice site. The Department of Community Health and Social Medicine offers a five-year course sequence that includes Introduction to Population Health and Community Oriented Primary Care, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Population Health and Community Health Assessment, Evaluation in Health Care Settings, US Health Care System, Evidence Based Medicine and Selectives in Population Health. These courses span the BS and MD curriculum as do the foundational sciences courses. This holistic education prepares

our students to address the most important issues influencing healthcare delivery and also prepares them to reduce healthcare disparities.

#### Average length of enrollment in the medical school:

Three years in the BS program, four years in the medical school for a total of seven years.

# Compliance with AAMC "Guidelines for Medical Schools Regarding Academic Transcripts":

The medical school is compliant with these guidelines.

#### **Description of the evaluation system used at the medical school:**

Courses in the pre-clerkship curriculum are graded on a Pass/Fail basis. Students who must repeat a final examination in a pre-clerkship course are given a Conditional Pass. Students who fail a course in the pre-clerkship curriculum are given the opportunity to repeat the course in the subsequent year.

Students' performances in clinical clerkships are graded with Honors, High Pass, Pass, Conditional Fail, or Fail. Students must pass all clerkships and may be given the opportunity to repeat a clerkship after a failure. Students who fail the shelf exam on the second attempt receive a Conditional Fail grade and are given the opportunity to repeat the clerkship. Students who fail more than two clerkships are considered for dismissal.

### Medical school requirements for completion of USMLE Step 1 and Step 2:

A passing score on USMLE Step 1 is required for progression to the M3 year and for graduation. Passing USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 CK are required for graduation.

### Use of Objective Structured Clinical Evaluations (OSCEs) in assessment of students:

M2 students must pass the M2 summative OSCE to progress to the M3 year as well as to graduate. M3 students must pass the summative M3 OSCE to be eligible for graduation.

# Use of narrative comments from clerkship directors in the composition of the MSPE:

Narrative comments may be edited for length, grammar, and style consistency.

#### **AOA Chapter and Gold Honor Humanism Society:**

The CUNY School of Medicine **does not** have an AOA Chapter or Gold Honor Humanism Society chapter.

#### Process by which the MSPE is composed at the medical school:

Composition of the MSPE is a collaboration among the Medical Student Advisors and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs. Academic performance, both grades and narrative comments, is uploaded to a MSPE template. Noteworthy characteristics are provided by the students and discussed/edited as needed. All MSPEs are transmitted under the signature of the Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

#### **Student review of the MSPE prior to transmission:**

Students are permitted to review the MSPE prior to transmission and correct only factual error.