



COMSAE POLICY

Overview

The Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Self-Assessment Examination (“COMSAE”) refers to a set of examinations developed by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (“NBOME”). These examinations are presented in a format and structure similar to COMLEX-USA cognitive examinations and are available in domains that parallel COMLEX-USA Level 1, Level 2-CE, and Level 3. Scoring is analogous to that of COMLEX-USA. More information on COMSAE is available at www.nbome.org.

The MSUCOM COMSAE policy was implemented to maximize individual student performance on the COMLEX-USA Level 1 examination and to increase the likelihood of passing the examination on the first attempt. Using a detailed statistical analysis, the college has reviewed scores on the Phase 1 COMSAE and other markers of academic performance to develop a predictive model, for use by students and academic advisors according to the policy and procedures below.

Policy and Procedures

1. Each student is required to complete at least one college sponsored Phase 1 COMSAE examination. This initial COMSAE examination will be administered as a proctored, on-campus examination using the college’s computer-based testing policies. A second COMSAE examination will be available either as an on-campus proctored examination or as a remote examination; registration and options will be communicated to the class.
2. Statistical analysis of Phase 1 COMSAE (“COMSAE”) and COMLEX-USA Level 1 (“COMLEX”) outcomes of MSUCOM students have been used to develop a predictive model which identifies target scores on COMSAE. This model will be reviewed annually and may be updated based on new data. The current predictive model and the corresponding recommendations are described below.
3. Interpretation and procedures based on initial COMSAE score:
 - a. A COMSAE score 400 or higher
 - i. Associated with a high likelihood of passing COMLEX; student may continue preparation and proceed to COMLEX.
 - ii. Student may register for a second college sponsored COMSAE.
 - b. COMSAE score 340 to 399
 - i. Likelihood of passing COMLEX should be interpreted with other academic factors. Students who have failed two or more preclerkship courses, have had an academic extension, etc. should consider meeting with an academic advisor to review results and discuss strategies.
 - ii. Student is encouraged to register for a second college sponsored COMSAE.
 - c. COMSAE score less than 340:
 - i. Associated with a greater risk of failing COMLEX
 - ii. Student is expected to meet with an academic advisor to review results and discuss strategies.
 - iii. Student is required to register for a second college sponsored COMSAE.