



Retention, Promotion, and Graduation Policy

Policy Category:	Academic
Policy Applies To:	Students in the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) Program
Policy Contact:	COM Registrar

References and Related Policies:

- See also: MSUCOM Policy on COMLEX-USA
- See also: MSUCOM Policy on Student Performance and Academic Standing
- See also: MSUCOM Policy on Maximum Duration

PURPOSE

The Policy for Retention, Promotion, and Graduation applies to students enrolled in the Osteopathic Medicine program leading to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree. The policy establishes the academic and programmatic requirements that a student must meet for conferral of the DO degree.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Degree Conferral

The DO degree is conferred by the Michigan State University (MSU) Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the COSE and the affirmative vote of the faculty of the College at the Fall and Spring Faculty Assembly.

Academic Program Requirements

The candidate for the DO degree must:

1. Pass or successfully remediate each required course or an equivalent approved by the DO program; and
2. Achieve a passing score on the required COMLEX-USA Level 1 and Level 2-CE licensure exams, which are administered by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) licensing examinations, with no more than three (3) attempts on each examination; and
3. Complete and pass the required Clinical Performance Competency Assessment (CPCA) with satisfactory performance; and
4. Complete the required training for the Responsible and Ethical Conduct of Research (RECR), in accordance with University and College requirements for progression and graduation; and
5. Meet the DO program's academic requirements and professional conduct expectations as outlined in the policies and procedures of the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Michigan State University.

Conferral Requirement

The Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree will be conferred upon students who have successfully completed all academic, clinical, and administrative requirements established by Michigan State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine.

1. Upon verification of completion of all graduation requirements, students will be designated as eligible and will be conferred on the next scheduled degree conferral date. Students may not enroll as medical students after all degree requirements have been fulfilled.
2. The student may not intentionally alter their assigned rotations or other graduation requirements in order to extend their conferral date. The student is bound by all clerkship policies, including those related to cancellation of scheduled rotations.

Compliance Requirements

Students must meet all required compliance, health, and safety requirements as a condition of matriculation, continued enrollment, progression, and graduation.

All compliance requirements, including immunizations, screenings, certifications, and required trainings, are defined in the MSUCOM Professional Student Compliance Policy.

Progression in the D.O. Program

During the preclerkship, which is defined as semesters one (1) through six (6), the student must pass (or successfully remediate) the required courses of each semester to advance to the subsequent semester.

A student who fails to meet this requirement will be eligible to re-enter the curriculum to repeat failed coursework in the semester during which the course is next offered unless a recommendation for dismissal is made by the COSE and endorsed by the Dean and the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs.

To progress to the clerkship, each student in the D.O. or D.O/Ph.D. program must:

1. Earn a passing grade in, or successfully remediate, each preclerkship course, complete a college-sponsored COMSAE Phase 1 examination, complete and pass the COMLEX-USA Level 1 examination, and complete transition to clerkship compliance requirements as described in the Compliance Policy.