

# **College of Osteopathic Medicine**

## **Element 6.3: Maximum Length of Completion**

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**Sam Houston State University**



## 1. GENERAL

The SHSU-COM graduation policy statement describes graduation requirements, recommendation for promotion and graduation, and maximum length of degree completion for osteopathic medical students at Sam Houston State University.

## 2. GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

2.01. The degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O) is conferred upon candidates of good moral character who have successfully completed all academic requirements, satisfied all financial obligations, and completed all graduation requirements.

2.02. Students must pass all pre-clinical course work and clinical rotations to qualify for the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree.

2.03. Students must pass the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) COMLEX-USA Level 1 and both components of the COMLEX-USA Level 2 examinations of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.

2.04. A minimum of 45 months must elapse between the date of matriculation and graduation.

## 3. PROMOTION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR GRADUATION

3.01. The Student Promotion and Academic Progress (SPAP) Committee shall review each student's record to make sure promotion and graduation requirements have been met. The committee will be responsible for promoting students and recommending candidates for graduation.

## 4. MAXIMUM LENGTH OF DEGREE COMPLETION

4.01. A candidate for a single Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree must complete their education within 150% of the standard time (six years following matriculation), as specified by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

**Procedure Title: COMLEX USA**

**Corresponding Policy: SHSU-COM Graduation Policy Statement  
COCA Standard/Element: COCA 6.12 COMLEX-USA**

**Effective: Upon receiving Pre-  
Accreditation Status  
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**Description:**

All candidates for the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine shall meet all requirements set forth in the college catalog as well as achieve passing grades on the NBOME COMLEX-USA Level 1 and both components of Level 2 to receive the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree.

<b>Procedure Step/Task</b>		<b>Responsible Party</b>
1.	The college shall provide the NBOME with a roster of all students eligible to sit for COMLEX-USA Level 1, Level 2-CE and Level 2-PE.	SHSU-COM Educational Affairs
2.	Candidates for the DO degree shall be required to take COMLEX Level 1 prior to entering core clinical clerkships. Students not passing on any attempt shall be subject to review by the SHSU-COM Student Performance and Academic Progress Committee and may be removed from clinical clerkships at the discretion of the SHSU-COM Dean or her/his designee until the exam is remediated (see Academic Policy Statement 910312 - Academic Probation, Suspension, and Termination).	SHSU-COM Dean, SHSU-COM Student Performance Committee
3.	In addition to requirements set forth in the college catalog, candidates for the DO degree shall be required to achieve a passing grade on COMLEX Level 2-CE and Level 2-PE to be eligible for graduation.	SHSU-COM Students
4.	Cumulative data provided by the NBOME that includes school-specific performance on COMLEX Levels 1, 2-CE, 2-PE, and 3 shall be reviewed at least annually to assess overall student performance and shall be published on the college's website.	SHSU-COM Curriculum Committee
5.	In order to assure acquisition of core competence, curricular content and instructional design shall be subject to revision based in part upon COMLEX performance.	SHSU-COM Curriculum Committee