

Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) Policy

Title: Graduation Requirements for the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Degree			
<i>Origination Date: 04/18/1/2019</i>	<i>Last Amended Date:</i>	<i>Next Scheduled Review Date: 04/18/2021</i>	<i>Policy Reaffirmed Date:</i>
Purpose:	Specifies the academic requirements for a student to be recommended for graduation from the Long School of Medicine's (LSOM) medical education program leading to the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Degree.		
Definitions:	<p>United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) is jointly sponsored by the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) and the Federation of State Medical Boards. A passing score on the USMLE is accepted by medical boards in every state as evidence of core competency to practice medicine. The current required exams are Step 1, Step 2 CK (clinical knowledge), Step 2 CS (clinical skills), and Step 3. The Step 3 exam is taken after medical school graduation.</p> <p>LCME Element 10.3 Policies Regarding Student Selection/Progress and Their Dissemination - the faculty of a medical school establish criteria for student selection and develop and implement effective policies and procedures regarding, and make decisions about, medical student application, selection, admission, assessment, promotion, graduation, and any disciplinary action. The medical school makes available to all interested parties its criteria, standards, policies, and procedures regarding these matters.</p>		
Policy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Curriculum Committee (CC) has the ultimate authority and responsibility for central oversight of the medical education curriculum as a whole, including the overall design, management, integration, evaluation, and enhancement of a coherent and coordinated curriculum, including but not limited to the specific objective of establishing graduation requirements for the M.D. degree. The Student Progression and Promotion Committee (SPPC) reviews the academic progress and professional development of each student during all components of the medical education program in accordance with established graduation requirements and academic progression and professionalism policies. The committee has primary responsibility for recommending for graduation only those candidates who have satisfactorily completed all graduation requirements and demonstrate the professional conduct appropriate for a physician. The University of Texas System Board of Regents officially awards the degree of Doctor of Medicine (M.D.). <u>Degree candidates must:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> be at least 18 years of age at the time the degree is awarded; present evidence of good moral character; offer evidence of having satisfactorily fulfilled all academic requirements of the medical education program; and comply with all necessary legal and financial requirements. 		
Process:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every two years, the CC will review the graduation requirements of the M.D. degree program. Annually, the SPPC shall certify students who have successfully completed all requirements for the M.D. degree and are candidates for graduation. Candidates are presented to the LSOM dean and the Clinical and Basic Science Chair members of the LSOM Leadership Council for graduation approval. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The approved list of candidates is forwarded to the office of the president of the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio for approval and forwarding to the UT Board of Regents for awarding of the degree. <u>Students must successfully complete the following requirements within established guidelines for academic progression to be recommended for graduation:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All required courses in the preclinical phase of the curriculum 48 weeks of clerkships in eight core specialties (Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Neurology, and Surgery) Didactics (4 required courses and 3 elective courses) 20 weeks of electives 8 weeks of selectives (4 weeks inpatient/4 weeks outpatient), per the official course designation of the Office of the University Registrar Take and pass USMLE Step 1 Take and pass USMLE Step 2 CK Take and pass USMLE Step 2 CS Graduation requirements can be modified from above in certain circumstances, such as students with advanced standing. The Curriculum Committee holds the authority to modify graduation requirements in these situations.
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Approval Body: Long School of Medicine, Curriculum Committee

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References to regulations and/or other related policies:

- LCME Elements:**
 - 10.3 Policies Regarding Student Selection/Progress and their Dissemination
- Other Relevant Policies/Guidelines/Procedures/Forms:**
 - LSOM Faculty Assembly Bylaws
 - General Academic Progression and Professionalism Requirements for Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Degree Program
 - Impact of Course Failure on Academic Progression
 - Student Requirements for USMLE Step 1 Exam
 - Student Requirements for USMLE Step 2 CK Exam
 - Student Requirements for USMLE Step 2 CS Exam