

Policy on Requirements for Granting of the MD Degree

I. PURPOSE

UPSOM strives to graduate professionals who are knowledgeable, skillful, compassionate and caring. This policy provides a framework to determine eligibility for graduation and conferral of the Doctor of Medicine degree, taking into account that graduates with a MD degree who achieve licensure will have the prerogative to provide patient care in the future.

To be considered for graduation, students must have satisfactorily completed all course work; demonstrate motivation, maturity, sound judgment, responsibility, and acceptable professional behavior; demonstrate the required technical skills; and possess other such attributes as the faculty deems to be essential to become a reliable and effective physician.

The faculty and administrators assigned the responsibility to make decisions regarding academic standing, promotion, remediation, and dismissal are charged to globally evaluate individual student performance and use their judgment in making decisions.

II. SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- Medical students

III. POLICY

In order to receive the MD degree, each student must satisfy academic, professional, and technical standards on an ongoing basis and fulfill specific requirements:

A student must complete curricular requirements and have no unresolved concerns regarding academic performance (including remediation of failures), professional behavior, or fulfillment of the technical standards.

A student must have received a passing grade on United States Medical Licensing Examination Steps 1 and 2-CK.

A student must have successfully completed the Clinical Competency Assessment (CCA).

A student must meet accepted standards of professional behavior. A student who meets all other curricular and technical requirements but does not meet accepted standards of professional behavior will not be granted the MD degree.

A student must have continued satisfactory fulfillment of the technical standards.

IV. POLICY AUTHOR(S)

- Office of Medical Education

V. RELATED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Policy on Academic Remediation
- Policy on Standards for Performance and Academic Progress
- Policy on Structure and Function of the Committee on Student Promotions
- Policy on Technical Standards
- Policy on USMLE Examinations
- Procedural Guidance on Student Promotions

VI. REFERENCES

LCME Standard 9.9

LCME Standard 10.3

VII. APPROVALS

Dean, School of Medicine, originally approved December 30, 2018.

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