

Standard 1 – Element 1.6-2

Evidence Submission

Graduation Policy

Graduation Policy for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Degree

Osteopathic medical students must satisfy all graduation requirements in order to graduate from DYU-COM. Graduation requirements may be subject to change following a student's matriculation. It is the student's responsibility to stay updated on current policies and procedures at D'Youville University proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Graduation Requirements

A student who has completed all required credit hours and successfully passed all academic requirements of DYU-COM will be granted the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree provided the student has met all the below requirements:

- **Attendance at AOA/COCA Accredited College** – The student has attended the AOA/COCA accredited DYU-COM and has completed the entire curriculum.
- **Compliance with all Legal, Financial Requirements and Obligations** – The student has complied with all legal and financial requirements and obligations of DYU-COM, which includes the return of any DYU-COM-owned property and equipment.
- **Graduation Ceremony** – The student is required to attend, in-person, the graduation ceremony at which time the D.O. degree is conferred, and all students must take the osteopathic oath. Rare exceptions to this attendance requirement may be granted at the sole discretion of the Dean, whose review will be based on whether there are extenuating circumstances that prevent the student from attending. Students are required to submit such requests to the Dean within a reasonable time after the student learns of any such extenuating circumstances. Students should enclose any relevant documents with their request for waiver. The Dean will issue a written decision regarding whether this requirement will be waived for the student within ten (10) business days of receipt of the student's request.

- **National Licensing Examinations** – The student has passed Levels 1 and 2-CE of the COMLEX-USA examination series administered by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME).
- **Ethical, Personal, and Professional Qualities** – The student has demonstrated the ethical, personal, and professional qualities deemed necessary for the successful and continued study and practice of osteopathic medicine and the suitability for the practice of medicine by dutiful and responsible acceptance for patient care, and integrity in the conduct of clinical duties.
- **Technical Standards** – The student has met all the Technical Standards outlined in the technical standard policy for being an osteopathic medical student/graduate.
- **Suitability for Practice of Osteopathic Medicine** – The student has demonstrated suitability for the practice of osteopathic medicine as evidenced by the assumption of responsibility for patient care and integrity in the clinical activities.
- **Graduation within Six (6) Years of Matriculation** – A student has completed all requirements for graduation and must graduate within 150% of the standard time to achieve the degree [i.e., six (6) years instead of four (4) years] from the date of matriculation. The COM Dean shall have reasonable discretion to allow for limited exceptions to this time period upon a showing of extraordinary circumstances supporting such exception.
- **AACOM Survey Completion** – All students must have completed the AACOM Survey of Graduating Seniors to be eligible for graduation.

Formal Recommendation for Graduation

The student has received recommendation for graduation from the Faculty Congress of DYU-COM which occurs according to the DYU-COM's policies and procedures. Thereafter, the Board of Trustees will confer the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) on students who have satisfactorily completed the requirements for graduation and have been recommended for graduation. The full process is as follows:

1. The list of graduates is sent to the faculty congress for conferral at their meeting;
2. The faculty senate sends the approved list of graduates to the Dean;
3. The Dean delivers a resolution to the President
4. The President delivers a resolution to the Board of Trustees;
5. The Board of Trustees will vote and officially confer degrees.

Special Notes and Qualifications

Degrees are not awarded solely upon the completion of any prescribed number of courses, or upon passing a prescribed number of examinations, but, in addition, when the faculty believes the student has attained sufficient maturity of thought and proficiency. Matriculation and enrollment does not guarantee the issuance of a degree without satisfactorily meeting the aforementioned curriculum and degree requirements.

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