

Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) Policy

Title: Student Requirements for USMLE Step 1 Exam			
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Purpose:	<p>It is essential that medical students meet required benchmarks that lead to medical licensure. Although designed for the purpose of licensing physicians, results on the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) licensure exams are used by graduate medical education programs in decisions to interview and rank medical students for residency positions. It is therefore incumbent upon the Long SOM to establish policies pertaining to the timing and passage of USMLE exams in order to optimize career outcomes for our students and to ensure that our graduates meet at least minimal licensing requirements.</p>		
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), and Step 3. The Step 3 exam is taken after medical school graduation.</p>		
Policy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passage of the USMLE Step 1 is a requirement to graduate from the M.D. Degree program. • Students must take and pass USMLE Step 1 by established deadlines. • A student who fails to achieve a passing score on USMLE Step 1 within three attempts meets criteria for dismissal from the Long SOM. 		
Process:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must have a result from USMLE Step 1 by December 31 of the fourth year of the medical curriculum. Graduation may be delayed if this deadline is not met. • If a passing score is not achieved on the first attempt, the student will be placed on a mandatory leave of absence. If the student is in a course when the score is received, that course may be completed before the leave of absence (LOA) begins. Graduation may be delayed. • Clinical course work can resume while awaiting the score from a second attempt on USMLE Step 1. • A second failure on USMLE Step 1 will result in the student being placed on a mandatory LOA until he/she completes and receives a passing score on a third attempt on USMLE Step 1, after which time course work can resume. Graduation may be delayed. • A student who fails to achieve a passing score on USMLE Step 1 within three attempts meets criteria for dismissal from the Long SOM. 		
<i>Approval Body: Long School of Medicine, Curriculum Committee</i>			
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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:**
 - Long School of Medicine Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Degree Requirements
 - General Academic Progression and Professionalism Requirements for Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) Degree Program