

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY: E-24

CATEGORY: Education

SUBJECT: Dismissal

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A student who has been dismissed is one with whom the institution has permanently terminated its association. The school may dismiss a student who fails to show satisfactory academic performance and/or conduct throughout the entire academic program. A student may be considered for dismissal from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine if any of the following situations occur:

1. A student's cumulative grade point average is less than 70% at the end of any year.
2. A student fails multiple courses.
3. A student earns failing grades in a course that was repeated at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine or at an approved outside institution or fails a remedial program.
4. Failure to maintain conduct appropriate to the medical profession (refer to ST-13). Examples of inappropriate conduct include, **BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:**
 - Cheating, failure to support the Student Honor Code;
 - Breaching confidentiality;
 - Public intoxication (drugs or alcohol);
 - Disruptive behavior in classrooms, laboratories, clinics or hospitals; Assaulting or threatening administrators, faculty, staff, or fellow students;
 - Harassment of administrators, faculty, staff or fellow students;
 - Discrimination, contrary to law or policy, or sexual harassment;
 - Poor clinical judgment (e.g., unsupervised advice to or treatment of patients), falsifying records, unauthorized use of equipment, supplies, etc.;
 - Stealing (e.g., books or test files, drugs, etc.);

- Failure to resolve debts at WVSOM; and,
 - Failure to follow a directive(s) of administration and/or faculty.
5. A student fails to cope with the physically taxing work load and/or fails to cope with stresses associated with medical school.
 6. Failure to pass NBOME/COMLEX examinations in compliance with Institutional Policy E - 23, Promotion Requirement National Board Examination - Passage of COMLEX. This policy requires passing COMLEX Level 1 for Promotion from Year 2 to Clinical Rotations and passing COMLEX Level 2 for graduation.
 7. Failure to pass an OSCE as described in Institutional Policy E-35.