

INSTITUTIONAL POLICY: E-27

CATEGORY: Education

SUBJECT: Graduation Requirements

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 10, 1996

LAST REVISION DATE: September 16, 2006

The degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine may be conferred on a candidate who:

1. is at least 21 years of age;
2. has been in residence for four (4) years at an accredited College of Osteopathic Medicine or equivalent, the last two (2) of which must be at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine;
3. has successfully completed all academic preclinical and clinical work;
4. has demonstrated ethical, personal and professional qualities deemed necessary for the continued successful study and practice of Osteopathic Medicine;
5. has satisfactorily discharged all financial obligations to the school;
6. has passed COMLEX USA Level 2-CE of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME)--(Institutional Policy E-23);
7. has taken COMLEX USA Level 2-PE and, beginning with the Class of 2008, must pass COMLEX USA Level 2-PE;
8. has satisfactorily completed all requirements for graduation as attested to by the Student Promotions Committee, has been recommended by vote of the faculty, and approved by the WVSOM Board of Governors;
9. attends in person the ceremony at which the degree is to be conferred. Under extenuating circumstances, the requirement to personally attend the ceremony may be waived by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean or President; and
10. has participated in exit conferences for clinical education and, when applicable, financial aid.

Students may submit a written request to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean no less than 30 days in advance of commencement to participate in the graduation activities including commencement with the class with which they have been associated. No participation will be allowed unless approved by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean.