



INSTITUTIONAL POLICY: DO-11

Category:	Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Program
Subject:	Dismissal
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DO 11-1. Authority

W. Va. Code § 18B-1-6

DO 11-2. General

A student who has been dismissed is one with whom the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (“WVSOM”) has permanently terminated its association. WVSOM may dismiss a student who fails to show satisfactory academic performance and/or conduct at any time throughout the entire academic program.

DO 11-3. Consideration for Dismissal

A student may be considered for dismissal from WVSOM if any of the following situations occur:

- 3.1 A student's cumulative grade point average is less than 70% at the end of any year.
- 3.2 A student fails one or more courses in one academic year.
- 3.3 A student earns failing grades in a course that was repeated at WVSOM or at an approved outside institution or fails a remedial program.
- 3.4 Failure to maintain conduct appropriate to the medical profession (refer to Institutional Policy DO-01). Examples of inappropriate conduct include, but are not limited to:
 - 3.4.1 Cheating, failure to support the Student Honor Code;
 - 3.4.2 Breaching confidentiality;
 - 3.4.3 Public intoxication (drugs or alcohol);
 - 3.4.4 Disruptive behavior in classrooms, laboratories, clinics or hospitals;
 - 3.4.5 Assaulting or threatening administrators, faculty, staff, or fellow students;
 - 3.4.6 Harassment of administrators, faculty, staff or fellow students;
 - 3.4.7 Discrimination, contrary to law or policy, or sexual harassment;

- 3.4.8 Poor clinical judgment (e.g., unsupervised advice to or treatment of patients), falsifying records, unauthorized use of equipment, supplies, etc.;
- 3.4.9 Stealing (e.g., books or test files, drugs, etc.);
- 3.4.10 Failure to resolve debts at WVSOM; and
- 3.4.11 Failure to follow a directive(s) of administration and/or faculty.
- 3.5 A student fails to cope with the physically taxing work load and/or fails to cope with stresses associated with medical school.
- 3.6 Failure to pass NBOME / COMLEX examinations in compliance with Institutional Policy DO-14: Promotion Requirement National Board Examination - Passage of COMLEX. This policy requires passing COMLEX Level 1 for Promotion from Year 2 to Year 3 and passing COMLEX Level 2 for graduation.
- 3.7 Failure to pass an OSCE as described in Institutional Policy DO-15: Promotion Requirement – Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCEs).
- 3.8 Failure to fulfill the requirements for graduation within a six-year period, inclusive of all time spent on any leave(s) of absence. This Section 3.8 only applies to those students who matriculate after July 1, 2017.