

## AE 007 LCME 9.9 Core Standards for Advancement & Graduation Policy

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### Definitions

**Core Standards for the advancement and graduation of all medical students across all locations:**

The academic and non-academic criteria and levels of performance defined by a medical education program and published in programmatic policies that must be met by all medical students on all medical school campuses at the conclusion of each academic year or curriculum phase for advancement to the next academic year/phase or at the conclusion of the medical education program for receipt of the MD degree and graduation.

### Statement of Purpose

This policy is intended to ensure compliance with LCME Standard 9.9: A medical school ensures that the medical education program has a single set of core standards for the advancement and graduation of all medical students across all locations. A subset of medical students may have academic requirements in addition to the core standards if they are enrolled in a parallel curriculum. A medical school ensures that there is a fair and formal process for taking any action that may affect the status of a medical student, including timely notice of the impending action, disclosure of the evidence on which the action would be based, an opportunity for the medical student to respond, and an opportunity to appeal any adverse decision related to advancement, graduation, or dismissal.

### Entities Affected by This Policy

This policy applies to all students enrolled in the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine ("SOM") students enrolled in the Medical Degree ("MD") program.

### Required Acknowledgement

This policy is reviewed during Orientation/Immersion, posted in the Student Handbook, the clerkship syllabus, the Electives Catalog, reviewed during the clinical preparation course, and accessible online for student and faculty reference in the school's curriculum management system, MedHub.

## Policy

In accordance with LCME Standard 9.9, the SOM maintains uniform core standards for advancement and graduation, irrespective of the clinical rotation location. Grades are determined by criteria approved by the Curriculum Oversight Committee (COC).

### Graduation Requirements:

There is a single set of core standards to attain the MD degree from the SOM.

1. Successful completion of all Phases of the four-year MD program;
2. Annual decision for promotion by the medical student progress committees;
3. Passing of the USMLE Step 1 and Step 2: Clinical Knowledge (CK) examinations; and,
4. Satisfactory professional conduct that encompasses essential physical, cognitive, and behavioral abilities, along with personal attributes befitting of a physician.

Graduation standards are set by the COC and approved by the chief academic officer (CAO). The Medical Student Progress Committees (MSPC) for Phases 1, and Phases 2/3 monitor student advancement. The Phase 1 MSPC oversees progression from Phase 1 to Phase 2, while the Phase 2/3 MSPC manages advancement from Phase 2 to Phase 3 and confirms graduation eligibility.

The registrar presents eligible students to the Phase 2/3 MSPC, which recommends graduates to the CAO. Students' due process rights are detailed in Policy SA 002, providing them the opportunity to submit statements or request appearances before the MSPCs. Decisions are communicated in writing.

The Executive Medical Student Progress Committee (EMSPC) oversees the appeals process for adverse decisions, including remediation, probation, suspension, and dismissal. The progress committees and EMSPC annually recommend admissions processes and student progress standards to the CAO.

Committee membership and duties are outlined in the SOM bylaws. Members must recuse themselves from discussions and votes where conflicts of interest are identified.

## Review of Policy

This policy is reviewed by the Phase 1 and 2/3 Medical Student Progress Committees, and the Curriculum Oversight Committee (COC) every three (3) years per the previous date of approval.

## Related Documents

SA 002 Policy on Disciplinary Action and Due Process  
AE 008 Policy on Advancement, Graduation and Dismissal  
Clerkship Syllabi  
Student Handbook  
Electives Catalog  
MedHub  
UNLV Conflict of Interest Policy

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