

University of Northern Colorado
College of Osteopathic Medicine

Policy: Student Promotion

Responsible Party: Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine

COCA Standard: 9.2

Review Frequency: Annually and as needed

1. Overview

The Student Promotion Policy outlines the standards, procedures, and expectations for student advancement through the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) curriculum at the University of Northern Colorado College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNC COM). Students must demonstrate academic achievement, professionalism, and clinical competence to progress to the next academic year or curricular phase.

2. Promotion Requirements

2.1 Academic Performance:

- Students must successfully complete all assigned coursework and assessments for their current academic year.
- Students must maintain Academic Good Standing, as defined in the Student Catalog.
- Students must meet minimum grade requirements for all courses and achieve competency in core areas defined by the curriculum.

2.2 COMLEX-USA Examinations:

- Students must pass COMLEX-USA Level 1 prior to being promoted to OMS IV
- Students must pass COMLEX-USA Level 2 to be recommended for graduation

2.3 Clinical Competency:

Students must demonstrate competency in clinical skills and osteopathic principles during pre-clinical training and clinical rotations

3. Academic Review and Promotion Process

3.1 Student Progress Committee (SPC):

- The SPC will conduct regular reviews of student performance to ensure compliance with academic, clinical, and professionalism standards.
- The SPC will determine whether a student is eligible for promotion to the next academic year or curricular phase.

3.2 Promotion Decisions:

- Promotion decisions will be based on academic performance, professionalism, and fulfillment of clinical competencies.
- Students who fail to meet any promotion requirement may be subject to remediation, probation, or dismissal, as determined by the SPC.

3.3 Notification of Promotion Status:

Students not progressing will be notified in writing, within three business days, along with any required remediation plans or conditions for continued enrollment.

3.4 Remediation

Students who fail a course, rotation, or any required assessment will be referred to the Student Progress Committee (SPC) to determine an appropriate remediation plan.

4. Financial and Administrative Obligations

Students must ensure all financial and administrative obligations are met, including tuition payments and submission of required documentation, to remain eligible for promotion.