



NOORDA COLLEGE
of OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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Policy Statement

Professional and ethical competence is required for graduation. Students must demonstrate the ethical and professional qualities deemed necessary for success and continued study and practice of osteopathic medicine; the suitability for the practice of medicine by dutiful and responsible acceptance for patient care; and integrity in all prescribed courses and clinical experiences to graduate.

A student must have completed all curricular requirements at Noorda-COM, or in the case of a qualified transferred student, a minimum of the third and fourth academic years through Noorda-COM.

To become eligible for graduation, each fourth-year student must have successfully completed all the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine within six years of matriculation (150% of the standard time to achieve the degree). The six years allow for the student to have been in a delayed program due to medical, academic, and/or behavioral leaves of absence.

Students must meet with the Assistant Director of Financial Aid and Registrar to complete all required exit forms and/or to receive a diploma.

Entities Affected by the Policy

Students

Policy Procedures

Graduation will be granted to and conferred upon candidates who:

- Have demonstrated good moral, professional, and ethical character;

- Have satisfied all academic requirements for graduation as attested to by the Student Promotion Committee (SPC), have been recommended by vote of the faculty, and have been approved by Noorda-COM's Board of Trustees;
- Have passed the COMLEX-USA Level 1, COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE, and
 - COMLEXUSA Level 2-PE; and
- Have completed all required exit paperwork and settled all financial obligations with
 - Noorda-COM and affiliate and collaborative partners incurred during, and as a result of the academic program.
- Have completed all the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine within six years of matriculation (150% of the standard time to achieve the degree).

Definitions

Qualified Transfer Student – attendance of an eligible institution which is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) or Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). *See Transfer Policy for complete details.*

Responsibilities

- Dean
- Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- Students

Interpreting Authority

- Dean's Council

Statutory or Regulatory References

N/A

Relevant Links

Policy Adoption Review and Approval

Dean's Council