

POLICY NUMBER: 230.1

POLICY TITLE: COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE Eligibility Process

As per DCOM Policy 230.1 COMLEX-USA Level 2-CE eligibility, all LMU-DCOM medical students are required to take and pass COMLEX-USA Level 2. LMU-DCOM assesses the readiness of an individual student to take COMLEX-USA Level 2 utilizing a variety of data points including a score on a COMSAE (Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Self-Assessment Examination) and cumulative performance on COMAT (Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Achievement Test) subject exams. COMLEX-USA LEVEL 2-CE may only be taken once the student has completed the 3rd year core rotations and must be completed by the end of the second rotation timeslot following the start of the OMS-IV year to remain on schedule. Student must receive formal approval from the Board Review Committee prior to sitting for COMLEX-USA Level 2 CE or their score will be invalidated. Please refer to the following table for details outlining student eligibility to take COMLEX-USA Level 2.

	Timing	Outcome	Next Action
COMAT Subject Exams	Throughout OMS-III	Cumulative Average of 1 st attempt \geq 100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress to CRE (COMLEX Readiness Exam) and school-issued COMSAE
COMAT Subject Exams	Throughout OMS-III	Cumulative Average of 1 st attempt < 100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take and pass a Standard Knowledge Curriculum in addition to passing the COMSAE and CRE) Connect with Academic Support faculty/staff as needed
CRE (COMLEX Readiness Exam)	Late May OMS-III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Score above "Pass" Threshold** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used in conjunction with COMSAE score to determine eligibility*
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Score below "Pass" Threshold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOT eligible to take COMLEX-USA Level 2*

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student meets with the Board Review Committee • Individual Student Success plan established, which may include completing an LMU-DCOM-approved live, on-site Board Review Program (attendance verification required)
Benchmark COMSAE Phase 2 (all COMSAE testing will be in-person at a designated site)	Late May OMS-III	COMSAE Score <u>>500</u> and “pass” CRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible to take COMLEX-USA Level 2*
		COMSAE Score <500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOT eligible to take COMLEX-USA Level 2* • Student meets with the Board Review Committee • Individual Student Success plan established, which may include completing an LMU-DCOM-approved live, on-site Board Review Program (attendance verification required)
High Risk Students*** will be required to attend an in-person on Campus Board Review month (Board Review Elective will be utilized) Subsequent Qualifying COMSAE Phase 2 (different COMSAE version; all COMSAE testing will be in-person and onsite)	1 st Rotation OMS-IV (Mid-June – Mid July)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Board Review Program***** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take Subsequent Qualifying COMSAE Phase 2
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMSAE Score <u>≥</u>460 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible to take COMLEX-USA Level 2*

High Risk Students* will be required to attend an in-person on Campus Board Review month (Board Review Elective will be utilized)	1 st rotation of OMS-IV (Mid-June-Mid July)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COMSAE Score <460 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOT eligible to take COMLEX-USA Level 2* Meet with Board Review Committee (or designee) Individual Student Success plan updated Student assigned additional CE Prep work for OMS-IV rotation #2
Independent Study Rotation	2 nd Rotation OMS-IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting requirements of assigned CE prep work and COMSAE (or equivalent) Score \geq460 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible to take COMLEX-USA Level 2*
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOT meeting requirements of CE Prep or COMSAE Score <460 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOT eligible to take COMLEX-USA Level 2* Student meets with the Board Review Committee and Community Standards Committee (CSC) Individual Student Success plan updated Student placed on Recessed Professional Leave of Absence (LOA) for further board preparation which may include formal commercial board preparatory course****
LOA status - Individual Student Success Plan/ COMLEX prep	August - October OMS-IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By end of 1st week of October: COMSAE (or equivalent) Score \geq460 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible to take COMLEX-USA Level 2*
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By end of 4th rotation of OMS-IV: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NOT eligible to take COMLEX-USA Level 2*

		COMSAE Score <460	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral to Student Progress Committee
Match Verification		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student will be required to make up any rotations missed. This may result in a delay in graduation, resulting in ineligibility to participate in the current National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) Match cycle 	

*LMU-DCOM Board Review Committee (or designee) approves student eligibility based upon predictors of student readiness which includes, but is not limited to, COMSAE (or equivalent) and COMAT scores. Students will take COMLEX within 30 days or first available testing date closest to 30 days from determination of eligibility.

**Students passing the CRE, but scoring below threshold on 1 or more individual domains will be required to perform additional modules in those domains before sitting for COMLEX Level 2.

***High Risk students have 1 or more of the following risk factors:

- Scoring <350 on Benchmark COMSAE
- Cumulative average on all COMATs <90
- Additional factors, such as concerns identified with rotation performance as determined by preceptor evaluation(s) may also require a student to attend an in-person board preparatory rotation at a designated DCOM campus.

****Any student who does not reach eligibility to sit for COMLEX Level 2 by the second rotation of 4th year (Independent study and Board Prep Elective) will not be allowed to continue on Clinical Rotations.

*****Failure to keep up with or complete the required CE Prep as directed by the Board Review Committee will result in referral to CSC.

A student who fails any COMLEX-USA Level exam may be referred to the Community Standards Committee. Students who fail COMLEX-USA Level 2 may be placed on Recessed Professional Leave of Absence and required to participate in exam preparation programs. Please refer to LMU-DCOM Policy 9.2 (Academic Standards) for specific graduation requirements.

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