

## **POLICY NUMBER: DCOM 6.3**

### **MAXIMUM LENGTH OF COMPLETION**

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#### **I. PURPOSE**

This policy is to establish a maximum program length for completion of Lincoln Memorial University's Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) program at the DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LMU-DCOM).

#### **II. POLICY STATEMENT**

In accordance with the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) Element 6.3, it is the policy of LMU-DCOM to follow the below maximum length of completion and graduation requirements set forth in Section VIII (Procedure) of this document.

#### **III. DEFINITIONS**

N/A

#### **IV. AUDIENCE**

This policy applies to all stakeholders (faculty, staff, students, administration, and community members) interested in learning more about the Maximum Length of Completion.

#### **V. COMPLIANCE**

##### **COCA Standard 6, Element 3**

"A COM must ensure that each single degree DO student completes the DO degree within 150% of the standard time to achieve the degree (six years following matriculation)."

#### **VI. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**LMU-DCOM Administration:** Office of the Dean ensures all medical students adhere to a maximum program length for completion for Lincoln Memorial University's Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) program at the DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LMU-DCOM).

**Responsible Office:** Office of the Dean

**Responsible University Officer:** Dean and Chief Academic Officer (CAO)

**Policy Oversight Committee:** LMU-DCOM Policy Process Committee

#### **VII. STANDARDS**

N/A

#### **VIII. PROCEDURE**

A medical student who has fulfilled all the academic requirements may be granted the degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, provided the medical student has:

- Complied with all the curricular, legal, and financial requirements of LMU-DCOM;
- Successfully completed all coursework requirements in no more than six years\*;
- Taken and passed COMLEX-USA Level 1, Level 2-CE administered by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) in **no more than three (3) attempts per examination\***;
- Taken and passed the LMU-DCOM administered Clinical Skills Workshop (CSW)
- Successfully completed all required interprofessional education activities;
- Successfully met all Fourth Friday Didactic requirements;
- Demonstrated the ethical, personal, and professional qualities deemed necessary for the successful and continued study and practice of osteopathic medicine;

*\*in the case of extenuating circumstances some requirements may be waived or adjusted with approval from the LMU-DCOM Dean.*

#### **IX. CONTACT INFORMATION**

For more information regarding this policy, please contact the Dean's Office at LMU-DCOM, 423-869-6661.

#### **X. DOCUMENT HISTORY**

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#### **XI. FORMS**

LMU-DCOM Academic Catalog

LMU-DCOM Student Handbook

LMU-DCOM Clinical Rotations

Manual