

DMS: 05 - ALPHA CHI ELIGIBILITY POLICY

I. PURPOSE

Alpha Chi is a national honor society who invites the top 10% of undergraduate and graduate students to join their society. This Alpha Chi Eligibility policy outlines the requirements graduate students in the Lincoln Memorial University Doctor of Medical Science (LMU DMS) program must meet to be eligible for invitation.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

Students must achieve both academic excellence and be of “good reputation and character” as determined by their educational program to receive an invitation to join Alpha Chi. If students meet these requirements, the program will report them as eligible for invitation.

III. DEFINITIONS

Academic excellence requirements for graduate students:

- Be enrolled as a graduate student
- Have a minimum of 15 graduate credit hours earned at this institution
- Be ranked in the top 10% of classes

Good reputation and character requirements for LMU DMS students:

- Exhibit professionalism in all interactions with faculty, staff, and peers, to include maintaining appropriate etiquette in emails, discussion boards, and Zoom meetings.
- Have not been referred to the Student Progress Committee for any reason.
- Have no unexcused absences throughout the duration of the program.
- Have no more than two (2) excused absences throughout the duration of the program.
 - o If a student misses multiple days for a single life event, that will only be counted as one (1) excused absence.
- Have no late assignments throughout the duration of the program.
 - o Exceptions may be granted in cases of family emergencies or natural disasters.

IV. AUDIENCE

This policy applies to all LMU DMS students.

V. COMPLIANCE

Students who do not meet the above academic excellence and good reputation and character requirements will not be considered eligible to join the Alpha Chi National honor society.

VI. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The LMU DMS Program Director is the Responsible University Officer for revising and updating this policy.

VII. CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information regarding this policy, please contact the Doctor of Medical Science Program Director.

VIII. DOCUMENT HISTORY

Effective Date: January 2025