



#### **TITLE OF POLICY**

Degree Requirements of Doctor of Medicine

#### **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This policy outline the requirements to receive a Doctor of Medicine and applies to all admitted students.

#### **RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND REVIEW CYCLE**

The Education Committee will review and approve this policy every even-numbered year or as needed.

#### **LCME REFERENCE(S)**

LCME 9.6: Setting Standards of Achievement

LCME 9.9: Student Advancement and Appeal Process

LCME 10.3: Policies Regarding Student Selection/Progress and their Dissemination

#### **HISTORY OF APPROVALS AND UPDATES**

Approved by Education Committee July 18, 2011

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Amended and approved by Education Committee February 15, 2021

#### **POLICY**

To progress to the Application Phase, students must pass all courses in the Foundation Phase and take Step 1 (see Foundation Phase Grade and Remediation Policy and Policy on Completion of USMLE Step Examinations). Students who do not have a passing Step 1 score posted on or before November 1 of the Application Phase are not allowed to enroll in additional clinical courses until a passing score for Step 1 is achieved. Students who receive a failing Step 1 score after starting Application Phase, are allowed to finish the current course in which they are enrolled, but then must discontinue additional clinical coursework to study for and retake Step 1.

To progress to the Individualization Phase, and enroll in selectives, students must pass the first two trimesters of the Application Phase and have completed the third trimester with no indication of academic difficulty or risk (see Application Phase Grade Policy and Student Advancement Policy).

To receive the medical degree from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) School of Medicine (SOM) students must:

- Pass all required courses in every phase.
- Pass certain qualifying examinations such as Step 1.
- Demonstrate satisfactory compliance with the Technical Standards for Medical Students, including exhibiting the professional characteristics expected of a physician (see Policy on Technical Standards).
- Adhere to all UNC SOM and University policies.



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**PROCEDURE(S): NA**

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