

**TITLE OF POLICY**

Degree Requirements of Doctor of Medicine

**PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This policy outlines the progression 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**

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**POLICY**

To progress to the Application Phase, students must pass all courses in the Foundation Phase and pass Step 1 (see Foundation Phase Grade and Remediation Policy and Policy on Completion of USMLE Step Examinations), and attend Transition to Application Phase. Students need to pass Step 1 according to deadlines and policies laid out.

To progress to the Individualization Phase, and enroll in selectives, students must pass all courses in Application Phase. This includes completing all assessments, including but not limited to, shelf exams, OSCE's, clinical assignments. Any exceptions to this must be reviewed and approved.

Please reference individual phase requirement policies for additional details.

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

- Proceed through the phases as described above.
- 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.

**PROCEDURE(S):** NA

**DEFINITION(S):** NA