



POLICY TITLE: <i>Graduation Requirements</i>	APPROVAL DATE: <i>August 1, 2013 Revised February 4, 2021</i>
RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: <i>Registrar, Office of Medical Education, & Performance and Advancement Committee</i>	APPLIES TO: <i>All Students</i>

POLICY STATEMENT

A student must successfully complete the designated four-year program of medical education, thus ensuring that the student has met the Graduation Competencies of the COM. Students may take no more than 15 semesters of academic enrollment to complete the program. A student can take no more than six academic semesters to complete M1/2, and no more than nine academic semesters to complete M3/4. A Leave of Absence is not counted as enrollment and thus not counted towards this requirement except in M1/2 when the Leave of Absence semester is counted if taken after a final grade is received for a course.

A student must maintain a satisfactory level of academic performance in COM coursework and meet professional expectations as determined by the COM. A student may be dismissed for failure to meet the academic performance standards and/or the professional expectations of the College of Medicine. The student must take and pass USMLE Step 1 and Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK) examinations and record the results, including the scores obtained, in the Dean's Office prior to the date of graduation as specified in the Advancement and Retention Policy or as otherwise specified in this document.

The student must take and pass the Clinical Competency Examination (CCX) at the COM as specified in the **ADVANCEMENT AND RETENTION POLICY**.

The student must complete all Clinical Medical Procedures and Required Patient Encounters and all other clinical and administrative requirements as determined by the COM.

On successful completion of the curriculum of the COM, the student is recommended to the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati for the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Graduation dates are determined by the University. The student must note that the graduation date on the diploma may not be the same date as the Honors Day ceremony. Students who complete the curriculum following the standard program, i.e., those students who graduate "on time", will have a graduation date of early June although Honors Day may take place in May. Students who do not complete requirements by the official University designated graduation date will have their graduation date delayed. Students need to be aware that not graduating by the June date may have an adverse effect on starting residency training.