



**Policy Title:**  
Good Standing

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**LCME Standards**

3.5 - Learning Environment/Professionalism

**Scope**

University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine Columbia students.

**Policy Statement**

This policy provides a standard definition of good standing and provides insight into how to obtain good standing after having been found to be not in good standing.

To be eligible to receive any federal, state, or private educational loan funds, students must adhere to the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships (OSFAS) policy on [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#).

**Reason for Policy**

Good standing should clearly be defined and communicated to students because it is a standing requirement for application and/or continuation of many scholarships, internships, externships, research opportunities, school sponsored travel, and class leadership positions. In addition, this policy may be considered when determining whether a student is provided an excused absence when requesting to miss mandatory educational sessions to attend and/or participate in extramural activities, which may include, but not be limited to, funding for attendance at regional, national or international meetings.

**Definitions**

**Good Standing:**

1. A student has achieved a passing grade on courses, blocks, required clerkships and electives or has no more than one module or clerkship actively requiring remediation at the end of the grading period.
2. A student has passed the appropriate Step of the USMLE by deadlines approved by the Curriculum Committee.



3. A student is making satisfactory academic progress towards degree completion. Students have six (6) years from the date of matriculation to complete their degrees for the Doctor of Medicine exclusive of any additional time needed to complete a dual degree.
4. A student has not been found responsible for a professional violation by the Honors Committee where the sanction removes good standing.
5. A student is not involved in an active appeal relative to good standing.

Students on Leave of Absence (LOA) for reasons other than academic difficulty are considered to be in good standing if the definition above is met.

### **Regaining Good Standing:**

A student who was previously not in good standing will regain good standing when all courses, blocks, required clerkships and electives have been successfully remediated and/or probationary period for professionalism issue has ended. Good standing can be re-instituted prior to the end of the probationary period (based upon good behavior).

### **Procedures**

In some cases, (i.e. scholarship applications, away rotations, research opportunities, or insurance/mortgage verifications) students may need a letter to show that they are in good standing. Students may request verification documentation of good standing from the Office of the Registrar at the School of Medicine.

### **Contacts**

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### **History**

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