



Policy Title:
Requirements for Graduation

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LCME Standards

- 9.6 – Setting Standards of Achievement
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Scope

University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine Columbia faculty, staff, and students.

Policy Statement

The degree of Doctor of Medicine will be conferred by the University of South Carolina upon persons who have complied with the degree requirements as recommended by the School of Medicine faculty.

Reason for Policy

This policy outlines the degree requirements and expectations of its learners pursuing a degree of Doctor of Medicine from the USC School of Medicine Columbia.

Procedures

Upon recommendation by the School of Medicine faculty, the University of South Carolina will confer the degree of Doctor of Medicine upon candidates who have:

1. attained the School’s educational objectives as evidenced by satisfactory completion of prescribed basic science courses, clinical clerkships, and electives and acquisition of all required clinical skills;
2. passed Steps 1 and 2 of the USMLE;
3. completed the clinical skills attainment document;
4. completed requirements for required IHI (Institute for Healthcare Improvement) modules;
5. attended the University of South Carolina School of Medicine on a full-time basis for a minimum of two years;
6. met the requirement for scholarly activity; (beginning with the entering class of Fall 2023; see Scholarly Requirement policy)
7. and discharged all financial obligations to the School of Medicine and to the University.



Students enrolled in the School of Medicine will have six (6) years from the date of matriculation to complete their degree for Doctor of Medicine, not including any additional time needed to complete a dual degree. If a student fails to complete his or her degree within the specified time, he or she will be recommended for dismissal by the Academic Review Process.

In order to graduate in the May commencement ceremony, fourth-year students must complete successfully all academic requirements by May 31.

Contacts

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History

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