



## **Policy Title**

Good Standing

## **Identifier**

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## **LCME Standards**

3.5 – Learning Environment/Professionalism

## **Scope**

University of South Carolina (USC) School of Medicine Greenville students

## **Policy Statement**

This policy provides a standard definition of good standing, failure pending remediation, and outlines sanctions for students not found in good standing.

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

## **Definitions**

### **Good Standing:**

1. A student has achieved a passing grade on modules, required clerkships and electives, or has no more than one module or clerkship actively requiring remediation
2. A student has passed the appropriate step of the USMLE by established deadlines

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

Students on a Leave of Absence (LOA) for reasons other than academic difficulty are considered to be in good standing if the definition above is met. Students on LOA for academic difficulty may participate in research at the discretion of the Director for Student Research in collaboration with Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

### **Pending Remediation:**

Student has not received a passing grade for two or more modules or required clerkships and has pending remediation exams for a later date. Note, this does not include a student with an incomplete for any other reason such as missing an examination for illness or other excused absence.

### **Regaining Good Standing:**

A student who was previously not in good standing will regain good standing when all modules or clerkships have been successfully remediated and/or probationary period for professionalism issues has ended. Good standing can be reinstated prior to the end of the probationary period (based on good behavior) at the discretion of SEPC.

### **Reason for Policy**

Good standing should be clearly defined and communicated to students, faculty, and staff because it is a standing requirement for application to and/or continuation of many scholarships, internships, externships, research opportunities, school sponsored travel and class leadership positions.

### **Procedures**

A student no longer in good standing will receive an email containing a letter from the SEPC chair via their USC email with read receipt. The student must read the letter in its entirety.

In some cases, (i.e., scholarship applications, away rotations, research opportunities, or insurance discounts) 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 Financial Aid & Registrar.

## Sanctions

Loss of good standing may end a student's eligibility for certain privileges including but not limited to the following:

- Applying for away rotations
- Serving in a leadership role (class officer, organization officer, Dean's Ambassador, committee member, etc.)
- Serving as a representative or delegate to a national organization
- Participating in research projects
- Being nominated for or receiving student awards
- Ability to be hired by the School of Medicine as a student worker, peer counselor, or tutor

## Additional Contacts

Office for Student Affairs

Office for Academic Affairs

## Related Information

[USC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook](#)

USCSOMG – STAF – 5.03 Honor and Professionalism System

## History

<b>Date of Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
March 2023	Re-wording of 4 & 5 under DEFINITIONS
May 2022	New policy