Policy Title
Requirements for Graduation
(modified in response to COVID-19)

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LCME Standards
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Scope
University of South Carolina (UofSC) School of Medicine Greenville 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 faculty. In order to graduate, all graduation requirements must be completed no later than May 31 of that year.

Reason for Policy
This policy outlines the degree requirements and expectation of its learners pursuing degree of Doctor of Medicine from the UofSC School of Medicine Greenville.

Reason for Policy Waiver
Due to the global pandemic of COVID-19, USMLE announced the suspension of Step 2 CS. Step 2 CS exams will not be administered as described and will not be required for graduation. Under normal business operations, students are required to pass Step 2 CS in order to graduate. As a result of the suspension of Step 2 CS by
USMLE during the COVID-19 pandemic, students may graduate without having taken Step 2 CS.

**Procedures**
Upon recommendation by the UofSC School of Medicine Greenville faculty, the UofSC will confer the degree of Doctor of Medicine upon candidates who have:

A. attained the School's educational objectives as evidenced by satisfactory completion of prescribed basic science modules and clinical clerkships and electives and acquisition of all required clinical skills;
B. passed Steps 1 and 2-CK (Clinical Knowledge) of the USMLE;
C. discharged all financial obligations to the UofSC School of Medicine Greenville and to the University of South Carolina.

Students enrolled in the UofSC School of Medicine Greenville will 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. If a student fails to complete his/her degree within the specified time, he/she will be recommended for dismissal by the Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee (SEPC).

**Sanctions**
Failure to adhere to the above procedures will result in referral to the SEPC.

**Additional Contacts**
Office for Student Affairs
Office for Academic Affairs

**Related Information**
UofSC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook
UofSCSOMG – ACAF – 4.00 Student Evaluation, Remediation, and Requirements for Promotion and Appeal
UofSCSOMG – ACAF – 3.05 USMLE
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**History**

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