



### **Policy Title**

Student Activities and Community Service

### **Identifier**

USCSOMG – STAF – 10.01

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### **LCME Standards**

6.6 – Service Learning

### **Scope**

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

### **Policy Statement**

The Office for Student Affairs supports the development of and participation in student organizations and specialty interest groups. Student organizations, specialty interest groups, and community service activities must be aligned with the USC School of Medicine Greenville mission and vision and partner health system clinical departments and/or national organizations when appropriate.

### **Reason for Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to describe the role of the Office for Student Affairs regarding student organizations, specialty interest groups, and community service activities. The faculty of a medical school ensure that the medical education program provides sufficient opportunities for, encourages, and supports medical student participation in service-learning and/or community service activities.

### **Procedures**

1. Students interested in developing new student organizations or specialty interest groups must follow the process guidelines outlined by Student Government (available on [Canvas](#)).
2. The Office for Student Affairs helps students coordinate with relevant health system offices and community partners to facilitate student participation in voluntary community service opportunities. The

Office for Student Affairs maintains a record of student community engagement data for reporting.

- a. Student participation in community health fairs or health assessments that involve patient care or contact must have appropriate supervision by a healthcare practitioner licensed in South Carolina. Students must always present themselves as medical students and not licensed health care providers and recognize that professional liability or injury insurance will not extend to all volunteer activities.

## **Sanctions**

N/A

## **Additional Contacts**

Office for Student Affairs

Office for Academic Affairs

Office for Research

Honor and Professionalism Council (HPC)

Student Evaluation and Promotion Committee (SEPC)

## **Related Information**

USC School of Medicine Greenville Student Handbook

Student Government Guidelines for Student Organization Approval & Requirements

USCSOMG – ACAF – 2.02 [Good Standing policy](#)

## **History**

<b>Date of Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
March 2025	Strengthen language in response to policy audit. Removed service learning component from this policy.
July 2024	Updates to branding and titles, formal approval not required.
April 2022	Due to the creation of the Good Standing, elements of this policy regarding criteria to participate in activities have been removed from the scope of this policy.
July 2019	Editorial changes made due to branding updates and titles; formal approval not required.
Aug 2018	Policy formalized into standardized template, LCME CQI