

**Nova Southeastern University  
College of Osteopathic Medicine**

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<b>Policy:</b>	Board Examinations Policy
<b>COM Program/Degree:</b>	Osteopathic Medicine Program/D.O.
<b>Effective Date Issued:</b>	September 25, 2020
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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a portion of the Board Examinations policy has been modified. The modification changes the timeline for taking the COMLEX Level 1 Examination, **and is only in effect for the Class of 2022**. The applicable portion of the original policy, which can be found on pages 151-152 of the 2020 - 2021 COM Student Handbook, is replaced with the following, with modified text noted in red:

### **b. Timeline for Taking COMLEX Level 1**

The following pertains to students who passed all of the M2 courses at the end of their winter term or have successfully remediated M2 coursework by the end of the remediation weeks:

1. All students must have taken COMLEX Level 1 at least one time by ~~September 30~~ **December 31** of their M3 year.
2. Students who have failed COMLEX Level 1 must retake the examination by ~~January 31~~ **March 31** of their M3 year.
3. Students who have failed COMLEX Level 1 twice must retake the examination by May 31 of their M3 year.
4. Students who have not received a passing grade for COMLEX Level 1 by the completion of their M3 year will be placed on administrative leave until such time as they receive a passing grade. Starting with students who matriculated in the fall of 2018, any student who has not received a passing grade for COMLEX Level 1 after his or her third attempt (see Completion Requirements for COMLEX Examinations) will be referred to the Student Progress Committee (SPC) and will be subject to dismissal from the program.
5. Students who fail to comply with any of the above set testing date requirements the first time will receive a letter of unprofessional behavior in their academic file and are required to fulfill the requirement within 30 days of notification. Any exception must be approved in writing by the assistant dean of Osteopathic Clinical Education.

6. Students who fail to comply with the above set testing date requirements a second time (i.e., failing to fulfill the requirement within 30 days of notification) will be put on behavioral probation and are required to fulfill the requirement within 30 days.
7. Students who fail to comply with the above set testing date requirements a third time (i.e., failing to fulfill the requirement within 30 days of second notification) will have to appear before SPC and are subject to disciplinary action up to, and including, dismissal.