

**Nova Southeastern University
College of Osteopathic Medicine**

Policy Update:	Educational Objectives and Graduation Requirements
COM Program/Degree:	Osteopathic Medicine Program/D.O.
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Portions of the Educational Objectives and Graduation Requirements policy have changed. The original policy, which can be found on page 59 of 2017-2018 COM Student Handbook, is updated with the following:

E. Educational Objectives and Graduation Requirements

A student will be held accountable to the graduation requirements specified in the student handbook based on the year of degree conferral. Graduation requirements may change from the date of matriculation. It is the student's responsibility to keep abreast of the current policies and procedures of NSU and NSU-COM.

NSU-COM considers the Seven Core Competencies required of all AOA-accredited postdoctoral training programs as its clinical core competencies. The course of instruction and all academic requirements for the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine are directly tied to these core competencies. Course and lecture objectives are the educational objectives of the educational program and are directly tied to these core competencies. Additionally, NSU-COM recognizes that at minimum a graduate must be able to:

- demonstrate basic knowledge of osteopathic philosophy and practice and osteopathic manipulative treatment
- demonstrate medical knowledge through one or more of the following: passing of course tests, standardized tests of the NBOME, post-core rotation tests, research activities, presentations, and participation in directed reading programs and/or journal clubs as well as other evidence-based medical activities
- demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills with patients and other healthcare professionals
- demonstrate knowledge of professional, ethical, legal, practice management, and public health issues applicable to medical practice
- demonstrate "basic support skills," as assessed by nationally standardized evaluations

A student who has satisfactorily completed all the academic requirements described above will be granted the degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) provided the student attended a minimum of two years at NSU's College of Osteopathic Medicine and

- has completed all requirements for graduation within 150% of the time for the program's curriculum, starting from the date of matriculation into the COM or, for transfer students, the date of matriculation into their original college of osteopathic medicine or college of allopathic medicine, and including approved leaves of absence
- has complied with all the curricular, legal, and financial requirements of the university
- has attended the compulsory portions of senior week, including the graduation ceremony, at which time the degree is conferred and he or she takes the osteopathic oath

- has passed COMLEX Level 1 and Level 2 CE and PE examinations
- has reached at least 21 years of age
- has demonstrated the ethical, personal, and professional qualities deemed necessary for the successful and continued study and practice of osteopathic medicine
- has demonstrated suitability for the practice of medicine as evidenced by conducting himself or herself in an ethical and professional manner, displaying responsibility for patient care, and exhibiting integrity in the conduct of clinical and academic activities
- has demonstrated compliance with the Code of Behavioral Conduct

Once a student has fulfilled all of the requirements for being granted the degree Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.), he or she will not be permitted to enroll in any additional coursework within the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program.