

**Nova Southeastern University
College of Osteopathic Medicine**

Policy:	Probation
COM Program/Degree:	Osteopathic Medicine Program/D.O.
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The Probation policy has changed. The original policy, which can be found on pages 160-161 of the 2020-2021 COM Student Handbook, is updated with the following, with additions in red:

B. Probation

Probation is defined as a period during which a student has the opportunity to demonstrate that he or she can academically redeem failing grades (academic probation) or can effectively cease behavioral misconduct (behavioral/professional probation).

The length of any probation is determined by the dean in consultation with the Student Progress Committee (SPC) and can be any length of time up to the remainder of the student's time in the college. If, while on probation, the student violates the terms of his or her probation, actions may be taken up to, and including, dismissal from the college.

At the end of a student's probationary period, the SPC may make a recommendation for continued probation to the dean when

- a student has unremediated failures or is otherwise not making satisfactory progress toward meeting degree requirements
- it is believed that a student has failed to achieve sufficient maturity of thought or professionalism

1. Academic Probation

A student shall be placed on academic probation if a final failing grade has been posted on the transcripts (see Academic Standing).

An OMS1 or OMS2 student shall be placed on academic probation if a final failing course grade has been posted on the transcripts (see Academic Standing).

OMS1 or OMS2 students with less than or equal to 3 credit hours failed in a class year of study

- may maintain membership in up to two clubs—must withdraw from additional club participation

OMS1 or OMS2 students who have failed more than 3 credit hours in a class year of study

- may maintain membership in up to two clubs—must withdraw from additional club participation
- must resign all national, class, or club officerships
- must step down from representing KPCOM in any manner (e.g., peer mentor, student ambassador)
- must withdraw from all classes outside of the required KPCOM curriculum at NSU
- must resign from any employment at NSU

During academic probation, the student must successfully remediate failed course(s) and show appropriate behavioral, professional, and personal conduct, as defined in the conditions of his or her probation.

Students failing to meet these requirements will be subject to referral to the Student Progress Committee (SPC).

An OMS3 or OMS4 student shall be placed on academic probation due to either rotation or board failures.

OMS3 or OMS4 students who are placed on academic probation by the dean

- may maintain membership in up to two clubs—must withdraw from additional club participation
- must resign all national, class, or club officerships
- must step down from representing KPCOM in any manner (e.g., peer mentor, student ambassador)
- must withdraw from all classes outside of the required KPCOM curriculum at NSU
- must resign from any employment at NSU

Many clinical sites will not allow a student to rotate at their site when on academic probation. The Office of Osteopathic Clinical Education is required to notify clinical rotation sites when a student has been placed on academic probation.

Academic probation must also be noted on students' MSPEs, which may impact negatively on the students' ability to attain a GME position.

During academic probation, the student must successfully remediate failed rotation(s) or take the required board examination(s) and show appropriate behavioral, professional, and personal conduct, as defined in the conditions of his or her probation.

Students failing to meet these requirements will be subject to referral to the SPC.

2. Behavioral/Professional Probation

A student who violates the KPCOM's Code of Behavioral Conduct or the NSU Code of Student Conduct may be placed on behavioral/professional probation by the dean in consultation with the Student Progress Committee.

While on behavioral/professional probation, the student is prohibited from

- holding office in any NSU class or club organization and any national office
- representing KPCOM in any manner (e.g., peer mentor, student ambassador)
- registering for classes outside of the required KPCOM curriculum

- holding any employment at NSU
- sitting for any board exam, unless otherwise stipulated in the conditions of probation.

Since the circumstances resulting in a student being placed on behavioral probation are unique for each student, the conditions of each student's behavioral/professional probation will be stipulated in writing at the start of each probationary period.

During probation for behavioral/professional reasons, the student must show appropriate behavioral, professional, and good personal conduct. Additionally, the student is required to refrain from any further violation of the code.

Violation of the terms of probation may result in suspension or dismissal.