



California Health Sciences University

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from the CHSU COM, a student will be required to satisfy all graduation requirements in this policy based on the year of degree conferral. Graduation requirements may change from time to time following a student's matriculation. It is the student's responsibility to stay updated on current policies and procedures at CHSU COM.

A student who has fulfilled all the academic requirements of the COM will be granted the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree provided the student has met all of the below requirements:

1. **Attendance at AOA/COCA Accredited College.** The student has attended an AOA/COCA accredited college of osteopathic medicine and has completed at least the last two years of the program at CHSU COM.
2. **Compliance with All Academic Requirements.** The student has complied with all competency and coursework requirements as outlined in CHSU's COM's Academic Catalog, as those requirements may change from time to time.
3. **Compliance with All Legal, Financial Requirements and Obligations.** The student has complied with all legal and financial requirements and obligations of CHSU or CHSU COM, which includes return of any CHSU or CHSU COM owned property and equipment.
4. **Graduation Ceremony.** The student is required to attend, in person, the graduation ceremony at which time the degree is conferred and all the students take the osteopathic oath. Rare exceptions to this requirement may be granted at the sole discretion of the Dean. The Dean's review will be based on whether there are extenuating circumstances that prevent the student from attending. Students are required to submit such requests to the Dean within a reasonable time after the student learn(s) of any such extenuating circumstances. Students should enclose any relevant documents with their request for waiver. The Dean will issue a written decision regarding whether this requirement will be waived for the student within ten (10) business days of receipt of the student's request.
5. **Examinations.** The student has passed the Levels 1, 2-CE and 2-PE of the COMLEX examinations administered by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.



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6. **Ethical, Personal and Professional Qualities.** The student has demonstrated the ethical, personal and professional qualities deemed necessary for the successful and continued study and practice of osteopathic medicine.
 7. **Technical Standards.** The student must meet all of the Technical Standards outlined in CHSU's COM's Academic Catalog, as those requirements may change from time to time.
 8. **Suitability for Practice of Osteopathic Medicine.** The student has demonstrated suitability for the practice of osteopathic medicine as evidenced by the assumption of responsibility for patient care and integrity in the clinical activities.
 9. **Formal Approval for Graduation.** The student has received recommendation for graduation from the voting faculty of the CHSU COM, the process by which shall occur according to the COM's policies and procedures. Thereafter, the Board of Trustees will confer the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine ("D.O.") on students who have satisfactorily completed the requirements for graduation and have been recommended for graduation.
 10. **Graduation within Six (6) Years of Matriculation.** A student must have completed all requirements for graduation and must graduate within 150% of the standard time to achieve the degree (i.e., six (6) years) from the date of matriculation. The COM Dean shall have reasonable discretion to allow for limited exceptions to this time period upon a showing of extraordinary circumstances supporting such exception.
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