

The Valley College of Osteopathic Medicine

Promotion and Graduation

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Policy & Procedure Statement

The Valley COM does not currently participate in Federal Title IV financial aid. However, to receive federal financial aid in the future, a student must be in good standing and maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward their degree.

The standards used to evaluate academic progress are cumulative and, therefore, include all periods of the student's enrollment, including periods during which the student did not receive federal financial aid funds.

Students are promoted to each level of the curriculum (e.g., OMS I to OMS II) by meeting the requirements for progression. Listed below are brief overviews of the structure of the didactic and clinical training along with the requirements that must be met to formally progress through the curriculum.

Requirements for progression to OMS II:

- Pass all OMS I coursework and maintain good academic standing.
- Comply with all professionalism standards of behavior and technical standards.
- Maintain comprehensive health insurance, BLS certification and current immunization standards.
- Have no outstanding financial obligations to the school.

Requirements for progression to OMS III:

- Pass all OMS II coursework and maintain good academic standing.
- Comply with all professionalism standards of behavior and technical standards.
- Have taken the COMLEX Level 1 Examination.
- Maintain comprehensive health insurance, BLS certification and current immunization standards.
- Obtain ACLS certification.
- Have no outstanding financial obligations to the school.

Requirements for progression to OMS IV:

- Successful completion and passing of OMS III clerkship requirements and courses.
- Comply with all professionalism standards of behavior and technical standards.
- Maintain comprehensive health insurance, BLS and ACLS certification, and current immunization standards.
- Have no outstanding financial obligations to the school.

Requirements to graduate from The Valley College of Osteopathic Medicine:

- Have been a student in an accredited osteopathic medical school or equivalent for at least four academic years.
- Have been enrolled in The Valley College of Osteopathic Medicine for at least their final two academic years.
- Successfully complete all academic, administrative, and professional requirements for graduation.
- Have taken and passed the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners, Inc. (NBOME) Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX) Level 1, and the COMLEX Level 2 Cognitive Evaluation (CE).
- Participated in a minimum of two debt management sessions prior to graduation.
- Be current in all financial obligations to The Valley College of Osteopathic Medicine.
- Have been approved by the faculty to receive their diploma.
- Attend the commencement program at which time the degree is conferred.