

	Name of Policy: USMLE/COMLEX Exam Policy	
	Last Approval Date: December 16, 2016	Effective Date: December 16, 2016

RESIDENTS WITH MD DEGREE

- I. All MD applicants to residency programs at SIU School of Medicine are required to pass Parts I and II (CK and CS) of the United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) before beginning a PGY-1 position.
- II. During the PGY-II year, all MD residents in SIU School of Medicine training programs must pass Part III of the USMLE. Progression to the PGY-III year will not be allowed until the exam has been passed.

RESIDENTS WITH DO DEGREE

- I. All DO applicants to residency programs at SIU School of Medicine are required to pass either Parts I and II (CE and PE) of the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination-USA (COMLEX) or Parts I and II (CK and CS) of the United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) before beginning a PGY-1 position.
- II. During the PGY-II year, all DO residents in SIU School of Medicine training programs must pass Part III of either the COMLEX or USMLE. Progression to the PGY-III year will not be allowed until the exam has been passed.

TRANSFERRING RESIDENTS

- I. Residents transferring from another program to a residency or fellowship program at SIU School of Medicine at the PGY-III level or higher are required to have passed USMLE Part III or Part III of the COMLEX prior to starting their position.

FELLOWS

- I. All applicants to fellowship programs at SIU School of Medicine are required to pass USMLE Part III or Part III of the COMLEX before beginning a fellowship position.

The Designated Institutional Official (DIO) of SIU School of Medicine must approve exceptions to this policy in consultation with the resident’s employing hospital.