

TCOM Accreditation Operating Procedures	Approved: July 2017
COCA Element 11.4a COMLEX-USA	Effective: July 2017 Revised: February 2024

Element 11.4a:

Prior to graduation, all students must demonstrate osteopathic medical knowledge and osteopathic clinical skills by passing the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination of the United States (COMLEX-USA) undergraduate examinations (Level 1 and Level 2) and meeting a national standard for osteopathic clinical skills competency.

The COM must continually publish to the public the first-time pass rates for all students in each of the competency assessments in the COMLEX-USA examination series (Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3) as reported by the NBOME. COMs must update their public websites within 30 days of receiving their annual update for each COMLEX-USA level testing cycle.

Procedure Statement: All candidates for the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) shall be required to participate in the COMLEX examination program published by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners. Students must meet all requirements set forth in the college catalog as well as achieve passing grades on Levels I and II-CE to receive the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. The curriculum and instructional design shall be modified periodically to maximize student competency acquisition as measured by performance on these examinations.

Procedure		Responsible Party
1.	HSC Registrar shall provide the NBOME with a roster of all students eligible to sit for COMLEX Levels I and II-CE.	HSC Registrar
2.	TCOM students shall be required to take COMLEX Level I prior to entering core clinical clerkships.	TCOM Students
3.	TCOM students who fail any COMLEX attempt will be subject to review by the TCOM Student Performance Committee and may be removed from clinical clerkships at the discretion of the TCOM Dean or her/his designee until the exam is remediated.	TCOM Dean TCOM Student Performance Committee
4.	In addition to requirements set forth in the college catalog, candidates for the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree shall be required to achieve a passing grade on COMLEX Levels I and II-CE to be eligible for graduation.	TCOM Students
5.	Cumulative data provided by the NBOME that includes school-specific performance on COMLEX Levels I, II and III shall be reviewed at least annually to assess overall student performance. Such data shall be published on the college's website.	TCOM Academic Affairs
6.	To assure acquisition of core competence, curricular content and instructional design shall be subject to revision based in part upon COMLEX performance.	TCOM Curriculum Committee

Webpage links:

- [TCOM COMLEX Performance Data](#)