

*GMEC approved October 19, 2023*

**USMLE STEP 3 AND COMLEX LEVEL 3 REQUIREMENT**

- A. Residents must take and pass the United States Medical Licensing Examination ("USMLE") Step 3 or the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination ("COMLEX-USA") Level 3 (collectively "Exam") prior to the scheduled start of their PGY-3 year.
- B. The recommended timing of the Exam is by the end of the PGY-1 year. To incentivize this recommendation, the SOM shall reimburse a Resident for the cost of the Exam one time if the Exam is scheduled by the end of the Resident's PGY-1 year.
- C. Residents must provide documentation of a passing score on the Exam to the GME Office no later than six months prior to the anticipated starting date of their PGY-3 year. If the Exam is not completed by this time, the Resident's PD will work with the Resident to develop a plan for timely completion.
- D. A Resident who has not passed the Exam prior to the start of the PGY-3 year will remain at the PGY-2-year level for both compensation and academic/clinical responsibilities.
- E. The Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts limits the attempts to pass the Exam to three, which is also the SOM requirement. Failure to pass the Exam after three attempts will result in a Notice of Proposed Reportable Action. The Resident shall be entitled to the procedures set forth in the GME Due Process Policy and Procedures.

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