

## **Policy Name: 10.03.6 Graduation Requirements**

## Scope

The Student Progress and Promotion Committee (SPPC) is charged with reviewing the academic progress and professional development of each student during all phases of the four-year medical education program and providing the Dean and the Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) recommendation for graduation for students who have satisfactorily completed all graduation requirements and consistently demonstrated professional conduct appropriate for a physician.

## Policy

There will be a single standard for graduation and the graduation requirements are set by the Curriculum Oversight Committee with approval by the FCEC. Students will enter under a single standard with any alterations to graduation requirements being made in time for notification of new matriculants prior to the start of their first academic year. Students are held to the single standard of their matriculation year, even in the instance of taking a leave of absence or not completing their degree within four years.

Current graduation requirements include:

- 1. Successful passage of each course/clinical experience and each phase of the four-year curriculum as defined in the Student Academic Performance and Grading Policy.
- 2. Passing scores obtained with no more than three attempts on each of Step 1 and Step 2 CK United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE).
- 3. Successful completion of the EMT certification by the end of December of Y1
- 4. Successful completion of the Scholarly Project
- 5. Demonstrated professionalism.

In order to be eligible to graduate within a given semester, students must both apply for graduation by the deadline and have all graduation requirements completed by the last day of the spring semester in which they applied for graduation. Within five (5) business days of the last day of the spring semester, the SPPC will review and vote to certify graduation requirements for students who have applied for graduation for that given semester.

## Distribution

This policy will be posted on the University of Texas at Tyler School of Medicine website and reviewed annually with the SPPC. Matriculating students will receive the policy prior to beginning the first course. Any student experiencing professionalism problems will be reminded, as part of the remediation process, that consistent demonstration of professionalism is required for graduation.

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