

Creighton University School of Medicine Medical Education Program Policies

POLICY: Graduation Requirements

GOVERNING BODY: Educational Program Committee

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PURPOSE

This policy details the graduation requirements for the Creighton University School of Medicine Medical Education Program.

POLICY

Students are approved to graduate only if they meet all academic degree requirements and professional standards of the School of Medicine.

1. Degree Requirements

To receive the degree of Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), a student must have demonstrated the knowledge, skills, maturity, integrity, and professional behaviors necessary to undertake the responsibilities of a physician. The student must have completed and passed a course of study that meets the requirements of the School of Medicine, including the Clinical Skills Examinations, pass Step 1 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), take and post a score for Step 2 CK of the USMLE, achieve the Advanced Cardiac Life Support certification, and complete **all Interprofessional Education Activities, including IPE 500, and three CIPER passport activities.**

2. Time Limitations

a. MD Students:

For MD students, all requirements for the MD degree must be completed within six years of their first matriculation date.

b. MD – MS/MA/MBA/MPH:

For students enrolled in the M.D. – MS/MA/MBA/MPH, all requirements for both degrees must be completed within seven years of their first matriculation date.

c. MD – Ph.D. Students:

For students enrolled in the M.D. – Ph.D. program, all requirements for both degrees must be completed within 10 years of their first matriculation date.

d. MD Students Participating in Religious Formation:

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For MD students participating in religious formation, all requirements for the MD degree must be completed within seven years of their first matriculation date. Leaving the formation process early requires students to complete the MD degree requirements within six years of their first matriculation date.

e. Graduation with Honors

Students graduating from the medical education program with outstanding performance may be eligible for summa cum laude, magna cum laude, or cum laude status.

- i. Summa Cum Laude: Students graduating with Honors (SH) in 75% or more of courses.
- ii. Magna Cum Laude: Students graduating with Honors (SH) in 60% or more of courses.
- iii. Cum Laude: Students graduating with Honors (SH) in 50% or more or courses.

This calculation is based solely on those courses in which Honors are offered within the curriculum.

3. Official Photograph

All students must also have a photo taken by the School of Medicine designated photographer to be included in the class composite. This photo is used for identification and verification purposes as students apply for licensure and clinical practice privileges.

SCOPE

All students enrolled within the Medical Education Program.

ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION

The Educational Program Committee is responsible for the administration of this policy. Please forward questions to the Chair of the Educational Program Committee.

AMENDMENT

This policy may be amended by majority vote of the School of Medicine Medical Education Program Educational Program Committee.

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