



**University of Pikeville
Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
Office of the Dean**

COMLEX-USA

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Purpose

University of Pikeville – Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM), is committed to ensuring that all osteopathic medical students successfully pass COMLEX-USA Level 1, Level 2, CE and Level 2 PE prior to graduation from osteopathic medical school. KYCOM publishes the COMLEX-USA Level 1, Level 2 CE, Level 2 PE, and Level 3 first time pass rate for all students in each class.

In order to successfully advance and graduate from KYCOM's osteopathic medicine program, students are required to pass the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) COMLEX-USA series of examinations including COMLEX Level 1, COMLEX Level 2 Performance Evaluation (PE) (on hold by NBOME), and COMLEX Level 2 Cognitive Evaluation (CE). KYCOM students are limited to a maximum of three attempts to pass each required COMLEX-USA examination in order to meet graduation requirements. Failure of three attempts on any COMLEX-USA examination will result in dismissal from KYCOM.

Level 1

Before entry into the third year of osteopathic medical education, all students must sit for COMLEX-USA Level 1 on a date approved by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. Failure of Level 1 will result in removal from third year clinical rotations and enrollment in an independent study course to be performed independently to meet the KYCOM graduation requirements (COM 799). In consultation with the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, a plan of study will be developed by the student and approved by the P&M Committee. Failure to achieve a passing score by December 31st of the third year will result in removal from clinical rotations and review by the Promotion & Matriculation (P&M) Committee.

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Level 2 CE and Level 2 PE


KYCOM requires the Level 2 CE and Level 2 PE examinations (currently on hold) to be taken after successful completion of Level 1 and years one, two, and three of osteopathic medical education, which includes successful completion of all core rotations and the Capstone course. Upon successful completion of Level 1, NBOME will notify students of their eligibility to register for COMLEX-USA Level 2 examinations. KYCOM students may register for Level 2 CE or Level 2 PE (on hold) anytime between the NBOME notification and December 1st of the fourth year of study. All students are required to take both the Level 2 CE and Level 2 PE examinations (or clinical assessment at KYCOM while Level 2 PE is on hold) but may take them in any order. Failure to take the examinations prior to December 1st of the fourth year will result in a referral to the P&M Committee.

Failure of the Level 2 CE examination will result in the removal of the student from clinical rotations, and enrollment in an independent study course to be performed independently in order to meet KYCOM graduation requirements. In consultation with the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, a plan of study will be developed by the student and approved by the P&M Committee. The P&M Committee will determine the appropriate length of time to be devoted to studying for the retake of the examination. Failure to take the examination in the period of time allotted by the P&M Committee will result in a disciplinary hearing.

Failure of Level 2 PE will require a mandatory remediation course be completed prior to a retake of the examination (pending NBOME final decision on Level 2 PE). If a student fails the examination two or more times, it may result in the removal of the student from clinical rotations, and a study plan developed by the P&M Committee. Failure to successfully complete the COMLEX-USA graduation requirements within two years from the start of the students' fourth year of study will result in dismissal from KYCOM.

Related References

[KYCOM Student Handbook](#)



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