

## **12.2 Leave of Absence**

A student in good academic standing may request a leave of absence due to a medical or severe personal problem. Students requesting a leave of absence must apply to the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in writing. If the leave of absence is for a medical or psychological problem, the request must be accompanied by a letter from a physician or doctoral-level mental health professional describing the nature of the disability or problem and the estimated length of time needed for recovery.

After consultation with the student, the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will decide whether or not the leave is to be granted and the conditions under which the student may resume the OSU-COM program.

Before a student may resume his or her studies, the student must submit a written request to the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. For a student who has been on medical leave of absence, a letter from a physician or doctoral-level mental health professional stating that the student has recovered from the disability or problem and is able to participate in a full academic program must accompany the request.

## **12.3 Academic Suspension**

Suspension is a forced absence from the College. It is a temporary situation imposed by the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs when a student is having an academic, professional, or personal situation that requires additional time for the College to gather information concerning this matter. The student is not allowed to attend classes or clinical rotations until the suspension is removed.

## **13.0 Requirements for Graduation**

A student who has satisfactorily completed all academic requirements and who has been recommended by the College faculty may be awarded the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree, provided the student has:

- 13.1** No unremediated “D” or “U” grades, and no grades of “I”;
- 13.2** Satisfactorily completed all clinical rotations;
- 13.3** Complied with all legal and financial requirements of the College;
- 13.4** Exhibited the ethical, professional, behavioral, and personal characteristics necessary for the practice of osteopathic medicine;

- 13.5** Demonstrated acceptable competence in the knowledge, skills, and attitudes required of an osteopathic physician;
- 13.6** Passed COMLEX USA Level 2, both cognitive (CE) and performance (PE);
- 13.7** Been recommended for graduation by the faculty and the appropriate College bodies;
- 13.8** Attended the commencement ceremony (only in unusual circumstances, and with prior approval of the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, will a degree be awarded in absentia); and
- 13.9** Met the graduation requirements listed in the catalog.