

BURRELL COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

COMLEX-USA Failure Notification and Remediation Procedure	SOP #: CE.017.02
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1. Purpose

This SOP describes the process of notifying and remediating a student who has received a failing score on COMLEX-USA® Level 1, Level 2 CE, or Level 2 PE.

2. Related Policy/Authority

COMLEX-USA® Exams

3. Faculty/Staff Responsibilities

Assistant Dean of Evaluation and Assessment

--Monitor student scores on NBOME

Registrar

--Send formal communication to student

Office of Clinical Education (Director of Clinical Education, Clerkship Coordinators)

--Contact student with regards to board exam failure and remediation

--Coordinate rescheduling of core rotations, as needed

--Pull students from rotations as needed

--Communicate the status change timing to the Registrar

Career Counselor

--Assist with academic advising for students

4. Definitions/Abbreviations

NBOME – National Board of Medical Osteopathic Examiners

OCE – Office of Clinical Education

SPC – Student Performance Committee

5. Procedural Steps

5.1.1. Upon release of board scores from NBOME, in case of failed score the Assistant Dean of Evaluation and Assessment will c inform the Office of Clinical Education regarding the failure.

5.1.2. The COMLEX-USA Score Notification letter from the Chair of SPC will contain the following information:

--Indication of whether student is eligible to remediate the failed board exam

--Requirements for remediation of failed board exam, including the time-frame

--Resources which may be available to assist with studying for next attempt of board exam

--Next steps the student should take in order to reschedule rotations (if needed)

--Contact information for clinical education director to assist with rescheduling of rotations

5.1.3. The COMLEX-USA Score Notification letter will be sent by the Registrar, via the CAMS student portal, to the student.

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1. 5.1.4. The Career Counselor will provide academic advising in regard to the residency application process.
- 5.2. COMLEX-USA Level 1 failure -
 - 5.2.1. First time failure
 - i. The student will be allowed to continue and finish their current rotation
 - ii. The next clinical rotation will be re-scheduled, and the student will be enrolled into a non-clinical elective course "COMLEX Level 1 Preparation Independent Study".
 - iii. The student will retake the exam at the end of the non-clinical elective block.
 - iv. The student will resume the clinical rotations after completing the prep-course and before receiving the score for the second attempt of the board exam.
 - 5.2.2. Procedural steps for the first-time failure
 - i. After the Registrar notifies the student about the SPC letter, student will contact the OCE.
 - ii. The student will need to provide a confirmation of a rescheduled COMLEX Level I exam date before the OCE can make any changes to the student's schedule;
 - iii. The OCE will update the student's schedule to reflect the non-clinical board prep. Elective course (rescheduling the exam for the start of the block following the scores release works best).
 - a. 5.2.3. Second time failure
 - i. Student will be removed from rotation by OCE immediately upon notification of failure.
 - ii. Student will be placed on academic suspension.
 - iii. Student may retake the exam a third time. If successful, the student may return the next academic year and repeat the third year in its entirety.
 - iv. The time of return of the students to clinical rotations, along with their rotation schedule and hub location will be determined at the discretion of the College administration.
 - 5.2.4. Procedural steps for the second time failure
 - i. Upon release of board scores from NBOME, the Assistant Dean of Evaluation and Assessment in case of failed score will inform the Office of Clinical Education
 - ii. The OCE will contact the student and notify about the failure. The student will be allowed to complete the day of the rotation.
 - iii. The OCE will notify the preceptor/Clinic that the student will no longer be on a rotation starting the next day with no reason other than schedule change given to the preceptor/office.
 - iv. The OCE will notify the Registrar that the student has been officially pulled off of a rotation and they may proceed to update the student's status.

When the student status notification comes through from the registrar, the OCE will inactivate the student in New Innovations system, only after the payment has been processed for that particular preceptor/facility.

The OCE will delete the remainder of the student's schedule in NI.
 - b. 5.2.5. Third time failure
 - i. Student will be academically withdrawn from college.
2. COMLEX-USA Level 2 (PE and CE) failure remediation process
 - a. First time failure

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- i. Student will be allowed to continue on clinical rotations
- ii. The student must schedule and retake the failed board exam at a time that allows sufficient study time.
- b. Second time failure
 - i. The student will be allowed one additional retake of the exam.
 - ii. Student will be allowed to continue on clinical rotations.
 - iii. The student must schedule and retake the failed licensing exam at a time that allows sufficient study time.
- c. Third time failure
 - i. Student will be academically withdrawn from college
 - ii. Upon release of board scores from NBOME, the Assistant Dean of Evaluation and Assessment in case of failed score will inform the Office of Clinical Education
 - iii. The OCE will contact the student and notify about the failure. The student will be allowed to complete the day of the rotation.
 - iv. The OCE will notify the preceptor/Clinic that the student will no longer be on a rotation starting the next day.
 - v. The OCE will notify the Registrar that the student has been officially pulled off of a rotation and they may proceed to update the student's status.
 - vi. When the student status notification comes through from the registrar, the OCE will inactivate the student in New Innovations system only after the payment has been processed for that particular preceptor/facility.

6. Reports/Charts/Forms/Attachments/Cross References

7. Maintenance

The policy will be maintained by the office of Clinical Education and reviewed as needed.

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8. Signature

Approved by Director of Clinical Education	8.19.2021 Date
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9. Distribution List

10. Revision History

Revision Date	Subsection #	Summary of Changes	New/Cancellation/Replacement Procedure? (if applicable)	Approval Date
11/12/19	7b	Clarification regarding a second COMLEX failure and date of return and rotation information.		11/12/19
11.17.2020	5	Changed information on delivery method for the notification letter. The letter will be sent through CAMS Student Portal.		11.17.2020
8/19/2021	3 6.b.	Changed the name to Assistant Dean of Evaluation and Assessment Clarified the process after a 2 nd level 1 failure to ensure that students are removed from rotation prior to being disenrolled from rotation		
9/14/21	5	Clarified the process after failure to ensure the preceptor notification process is included.		
12.9.2021	5	Updated information about second and third time failures.		12.9.2021