

## USMLE & COMLEX

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The United States Medical Licensing Examination is the international standard for medical competence. UTGSM requires all residents to have successfully passed USMLE Step 2 prior to entering the graduate medical education programs. Graduates of osteopathic medical schools will be required to have successfully passed Level 2 of the Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination (COMLEX-USA). Any Letter of Agreement to an applicant will be contingent on meeting this requirement.

Successful completion of USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX-USA Level 3 is required for obtaining licensure in any state. Since many states have restrictions regarding time intervals between the three steps, residents should familiarize themselves with these requirements.

All UTGSM residents are expected to have passed USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX-USA Level 3 by January 31 in the second year of residency. Residents must pass USMLE Step 3 or COMLEX-USA Level 3 by the end of their second year to be eligible for a third year appointment. Residents must notify their program when they receive the results of the Step 3 or the Level 3 exam.

In the event a resident fails Step 3/Level 3 on the first take, the program director in consultation with the program's clinical competency committee (CCC) will issue a Letter of Remediation that describes the actions the resident must take in preparation for a retake. A Letter of Warning will be issued to the resident for any subsequent failures on the exam. The program director in consultation with the CCC will issue a Letter of Non-Renewal (adverse action) to the resident who has not passed Step 3/Level 3 by the end of the second year.

Residents are responsible for contacting the appropriate board to register for the USMLE Step 3 or the COMLEX-USA Level 3 examination. Residents are responsible for all expenses associated with taking these exams.

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