

## **COMLEX-USA® Exams**

All candidates for the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree are required to successfully complete Level 1, Level 2-CE and Level 2-PE of the COMLEX-USA® examination series prior to graduation. These examinations are produced by and administered under the auspices of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.

### **Examination Sequence**

Students are required to sit for the Level 1 examination following completion of coursework in Year Two and prior to beginning coursework for Year Three. This cognitive, computer-based examination addresses learning objectives covered in the first two years of the curriculum.

Level 2 is delivered in two parts and includes a cognitive, computer-based examination (Level 2-CE) and a clinical skills examination utilizing standardized patients (Level 2-PE). These examinations are designed to assess a competence in the clinical practice of medicine. Students are eligible to sit for these examinations after receiving a passing score for Level 1.

Computer-based examinations are administered off-campus at Prometric testing centers around the United States. The clinical skills examination is only offered at special testing centers in Pennsylvania and Illinois. Students are responsible for the timely scheduling of these examinations and will receive instructions from the Office of Clinical Education and/or the Registrar as they become eligible.

COMLEX-USA® also provides a Level 3 examination that students may take following graduation. Successfully completing all three levels of the COMLEX-USA® series satisfies one element for licensure in all fifty states.

Pursuant to federal regulations, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine is required to have professional license disclosures for prospective and current students. The Osteopathic Degree earned by graduates at Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine meets the medical school education requirement for licensure of osteopathic physicians in all states in the United States. Burrell is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation. Attainment of the D.O degree is one component of the state licensure process. All components of the COMLEX-USA® must be successfully passed to obtain licensure in the United States. Individual states may have additional requirements. To find additional information on specific state requirements please see the ***US Licensure Summary*** page on the [AOA State Licensure Page](#).

### **Performance Requirements**

Students are allowed to begin clinical rotations in Year Three following passing the Level 1 examination and before scores are reported. If a student receives a failing score, the Student Performance Committee may remove that student from clinical rotations until a passing score is obtained. The College allows students up to three (3) attempts to pass the Level 1 examination. Removal from clinical rotations to remediate a failure of this examination may result in a delay in completing all degree requirements. Students generally will sit for the Level 2-CE examination after completing all Year Three core rotations but are eligible any time after receiving a passing score for Level 1. Students are encouraged to sit for the Level 2-PE examination when they are confident in their clinical skills and have performed satisfactorily on preparatory mock examinations administered by the College. Since passage of both parts is required for graduation, students are asked to schedule these examinations with sufficient opportunity to retake parts that may not have been successfully passed. Failure of any part of the COMLEX-USA® series three

(3) times will result in permanent withdrawal from the degree program. For complete information regarding the COMLEX-USA® testing program, please see:

<http://www.nbome.org/Content/Flipbooks/ComlexBOI/index.html#p=1>