Doctor of Medicine

Professional degree: M.D.
Website: https://medicine.uiowa.edu/md/

The Doctor of Medicine is a professional degree awarded by the Carver College of Medicine. The college is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the American Medical Association and the Association of American Medical Colleges and meets the requirements of all state licensing boards. Its M.D. diploma admits the holder to all privileges granted to graduates of all medical colleges before such boards.

Programs

Professional Program of Study

Major

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Academics Rules and Procedures

Student Promotion

The Carver College of Medicine has established promotion policies and procedures to ensure that each of its graduates has adequate skills, knowledge, judgment, ethical standards, and personal integrity to assume the responsibilities of a medical doctor. The student promotions committee, made up of seven faculty members and two students, performs these duties with the cooperation, advice, and judgment of course directors, faculty members, students, and administrators.

The committee recommends specific actions to be taken when a student’s skills, knowledge, judgment, or ethical behavior is in any way considered consistently marginal or unsatisfactory. Possible recommendations include dismissal of the student from the college, suspension for a specified period of time, requiring the student to repeat all or any part of the curriculum on academic probation, and allowing the student to continue on academic probation with a full or partial course load. The committee’s recommendations are forwarded for action to the executive dean of the Carver College of Medicine.

Medical students have the right to appeal a promotion decision. They must submit the appeal in writing to the Carver College of Medicine’s executive dean within five days of notification of the decision. Appeals are considered by the Appeals Committee, made up of faculty representatives of the Medical Council and the Executive Committee, a medical student, a lay member, and the associate dean for student affairs (ex officio). Students may request an opportunity to appear before the Appeals Committee to make a statement and answer questions. The committee then makes its recommendation to the college’s dean, who is the final authority.

Specific information about student promotion policies and procedures is available from the Office of Student Affairs and Curriculum and is online in the Student Handbook.

Leaves of Absence, Withdrawal, Reinstatement

The Carver College of Medicine has established policies regarding leaves of absence, dropping courses, withdrawal from the college, and reinstatement to the college. Information about each of these policies is available at the college’s Office of Student Affairs and Curriculum website and is published annually in the Student Handbook.

Disputes and Complaints

Student complaints concerning actions of faculty members or departments are pursued first through mechanisms established in the Carver College of Medicine. These procedures allow the greatest flexibility for all concerned in resolving a conflict. They are intended for situations such as grading disputes, alleged academic dishonesty, alleged dishonesty during a clinical rotation, alleged unethical or unprofessional conduct, and perceived discrimination or harassment.

Complaints regarding sexual harassment are handled confidentially in accordance with University policy and procedures; see the University’s Policy on Sexual Harassment.

For information about the established informal mechanisms, contact the Office of Student Affairs and Curriculum or see the Student Handbook.