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**POLICY TITLE:** ROCKY VISTA UNIVERSITY COM AND MCOM POLICY ON TIMEFRAME FOR COMPLETION OF DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DEGREE PROGRAM**Date of Initial Approval:** 10/10/2018**Date Revised:** 01/13/2023**Category:** Program Policy**Responsible Office:** RVUCOM and RVU-MCOM

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**PURPOSE & SCOPE**

The Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) requires that all D.O. students complete their D.O. degree within six (6) years of matriculation.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

- a. Single-degree D.O. students must complete the D.O. degree within six (6) years of matriculation (150% of the standard time to achieve the degree).
- b. Students must complete all the requirements for graduation, including the passing of required examinations within six (6) years of their initial matriculation into the COM or they will be dismissed from the COM.
- c. Students will be monitored throughout their preclinical and clinical years by faculty and staff to ensure they are not at risk of not completing their D.O. degree in more than six (6) years

**ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

Outline the roles and responsibilities of University offices or individuals referenced in the policy or related procedures.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Responsibilities</b>
Preclinical and Clinical Deans	Track student progress and escalate to the Deans if a student is at risk
Deans of RVUCOM & RVU-MCOM	Evaluate student progress after escalation to this level

**POLICY REVISION HISTORY**

Document dates and the nature of revisions made. Revisions should be listed in reverse chronological order, with the most recent update appearing at the top of the list.

01/13/2023 Updated language

04/01/2025 Updated titles and reference to both additional locations and branch campuses.

Please make sure all policies are sent to the policy manager: [ldement@rvu.edu](mailto:ldement@rvu.edu) for proper vetting and approval.