All MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine students are required to take the following National Board of Medical Examiners (NBOME) COMAT in order to receive a “Pass” grade for the rotations:

**Family Medicine Subject Exam** – this exam must be taken the last Friday of the second PCAC Family Medicine/Continuity rotation (complete both the Multidisciplinary Family Medicine and Continuity Family Medicine rotations during the 6-month Primary Care Ambulatory Clerkship).

**Internal Medicine (starting Class of 2015)** – this exam must be taken the last Friday of the second in-patient Internal Medicine rotation.

**Obstetrics/Gynecology Subject Exam** – this exam must be taken on the last Friday of the student's core OB/GYN rotation.

**Osteopathic Principles and Practice (starting Class of 2015)** – this exam will be available the fall semester of 3rd Year through the 4th Year of Clerkship. It is highly recommended that this exam be taken prior to the COMLEX 2CE exam. Exam dates are listed on the exam schedule.

**Pediatrics Subject Exam** – this exam must be taken after completing the Multidisciplinary General Pediatrics rotation during the 6-month Primary Care Ambulatory Clerkship.

**Surgery Subject Exam** – this exam must be taken on the last Friday of the student's core Surgery rotation.

For exam dates, please refer to the COMAT Exam Schedule on the Academic Programs website at [http://com.msu.edu/AP/clerkship_program/top_page_links_clerkship/comat_exam_protocol.htm](http://com.msu.edu/AP/clerkship_program/top_page_links_clerkship/comat_exam_protocol.htm).

These exams are offered on the Michigan State University East Lansing campus, the DMC and Macomb University Center. Western Michigan University School of Medicine, Mercy General, Munson Medical Center, McLaren Bay Regional Medical Center, and Lakeland Healthcare will administer exams only for students based at their hospital. The exams are 2½ hours in length and contain 125 questions.

**Exam Attendance**

- Students are required to register for the exam based on the last Friday of the rotation. Absences, changes or delays must be approved by the MSU Instructor of Record (listed in the rotation protocol).

  STUDENTS MUST BRING A VALID GOVERNMENT ISSUED PICTURE ID (i.e. driver’s license or passport) TO THE EXAM.

**Exam Registration**

- Each month students receive a MSUCOM e mail announcement with instructions to access the MSUCOM NBOME COMAT online computer program and select the subject, time and location for their exam. A confirmation is returned to the student upon submission of the information.

**Exam Score Reporting**

- The NBOME sends scores two- three weeks after the exam. E-mail notification is sent to the class when the scores have been entered on the student’s individual clerkship schedule.

COMAT exam scores reported by the NBOME are reported as standard scores.

The respective departmental chairs and course faculty will evaluate individual student performance on the online COMAT examination relative to overall performance of the national cohort. Students identified as scoring below the 20th percentile on a COMAT exam will be notified by the respective department.

The exams are offered as an opportunity to prepare for the NBOME licensure exam. Students performing poorly may anticipate similar results and possible failure of their licensure exam. Further study and review is encouraged.