



Should Osteopathic Medical Students Take the USMLE Step 1? What Every Student Should Know

D.O. Students and USMLE Step 1

A growing number of osteopathic medical students are opting to register for the United States Medical Licensure Exam (USMLE), the allopathic equivalent to the COMLEX. This document takes a look at the National Statistics from NBME as well as data collected from MSUCOM.

USMLE Step 1 First-Time Test-Takers from US/Canadian Schools	2012		2016	
	Students Tested	Percent Passing	Students Tested	Percent Passing
MD Degree	18,723	96%	20,122	94%
DO Degree	2,496	92%	3,398	94%

*information can be found at <http://www.usmle.org/performance-data/>

Class of 2018	All	1st Quintile	2nd Quintile	3rd Quintile	4th Quintile	5th Quintile
Took USMLE N	137	8	20	26	35	48
USMLE Failures N (%)	13 (9.5%)	4 (50%)	4 (20%)	3 (11.5%)	2 (5.7%)	0 (0%)
AVG USMLE S1 Score	220.5	194.6	204.6	215.5	220.8	233.9
AVG COMLEX L1 Score	555	470.75	501.65	531.3	541.4	614.1
AVG Ugrad SCIGPA	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6
AVG MSUCOM Class Rank	64.3					
CORREL USMLE-COMLEX	0.87					
CORREL USMLE-Rank	0.63					
CORREL USMLE-SCIGPA	0.19					

Class of 2019	All	1st Quintile	2nd Quintile	3rd Quintile	4th Quintile	5th Quintile
Took USMLE N	166	10	27	37	39	53
USMLE Failures N (%)	3 (1.8%)	1 (10%)	1 (3.7%)	1 (2.7%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
AVG USMLE S1 Score	224.63	214.60	214.22	215.76	225.87	237.09
AVG COMLEX L1 Score	525.16	449.00	478.22	487.43	518.33	594.81
AVG Ugrad SCIGPA	3.62	3.26	3.57	3.57	3.65	3.73
AVG MCAT Score	28.20	27.33	27.00	27.49	28.57	29.16
CORREL USMLE-COMSAE1ST	0.70					
CORREL USMLE-COMLEX	0.81					
CORREL USMLE-Rank	0.63					
CORREL USMLE-MCAT	0.34					
CORREL USMLE-SCIGPA	0.24					