

# Sam Houston State University

---

Member The Texas State University System

## FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### Sam Houston State University Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is the term used to denote a student's successful completion of coursework toward a certificate or degree. Federal regulations require schools to monitor the academic progress of financial aid recipients and certify the applicant is making satisfactory progress toward earning their degree. This determination must be made at least once per year. The Financial Aid & Scholarships Office (FASO) has chosen to perform this evaluation annually in years 1, 2, and 4, at the end of the spring term. In year 3, this evaluation will be performed at the conclusion of fall and spring terms. All evaluations utilize the criteria as determined by the Student Promotions & Academic Progress Committee (SPAP).

Failure to meet the SAP standards for all terms enrolled may result in loss of financial aid eligibility. Once program requirements have been met for a student's degree, that student will lose eligibility for further funds, even if they choose to stay in school for additional semesters and not graduate.

The FASO's SAP Policy is used for Financial Aid purposes only and may differ from student's academic standing. The FASO SAP status will not be placed on a student's academic transcript.

#### Evaluation:

Osteopathic medical student academic progress is determined by the SPAP Committee. The SHSU Doctorate of Osteopathic Medical program has extremely high and rigorous standards and follow specific board testing criteria. SHSU DO Program monitors successful academic progress throughout the year and officially reviews SAP annually at the end of each academic year, upon the conclusion of spring term.

#### Qualitative Measure (Academic)

Osteopathic medical students must meet the minimum criteria set by the College of

### Quantitative Measure (Pace)

Osteopathic Medical Students must successfully advance each year to the next level of instruction, earning credit for and maintaining a 67% completion rate while enrolled full time in the Doctor of Osteopathic Medical program. Completion rate is calculated by dividing the cumulative number of hours successfully earned by the cumulative number of hours attempted; percentages are not rounded. Withdrawals (W), incompletes (I), repeated course work, and failing (F) grades are counted as attempted, but not completed. Grades of H, P, PR and passing grades are counted as completed.

Maximum Timeframe: Osteopathic medical students are eligible to receive financial assistance for a limited period of time while pursuing their degree. The maximum timeframe allowed to earn a DO degree is 150% of the established time frame to complete the program. The timeframe starts with the term of enrollment after initial acceptance and all attempted hours are considered in this evaluation, including courses

viewed as a supplement to the student's income ~~help~~ to reduce the number of hours the average student would have to work in any given week. It is the responsibility of the student to successfully complete all classes enrolled.

To Submit an Appeal:

Appeal documents must be