Candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine must have completed the full course of study for this degree within 6 years of original matriculation in the School of Medicine and must be certified by the faculty as having successfully met all of the criteria. These include satisfactory completion of the preclinical courses of the first two years, 52 weeks of required clinical clerkships/selectives, attendance at all Clinical Connections, successful completion of Life-Saving Techniques Workshop (effective for class of 2006) and other designated required meetings or courses (e.g., DX-RX: Healthcare System), participation in the Clinical Practice Exam and and satisfactory completion of 28 elective credits, including an ACE (Advanced Clinical Elective). In addition, the student must take and pass Step 1 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) before beginning their clinical years and must take and pass Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge) for graduation. Starting with the Class of 2005, students must take USMLE Step 2 CS and the results must be received prior to graduation. Passing USMLE Step 2 CS (Clinical Skills) is required for licensure, but not for graduation for the Classes of 2005, 2006, and 2007. (This policy will be reviewed after data from the first three years of experience with the exam are available). Students may attempt Step 1 and Step 2 a total of 3 times each (effective for the class of 2003) within 12 calendar months (effective for the class of 2004). Students not passing USMLE Step 1 on the first attempt will be given 4-6 weeks for review before retaking the exam. If students do not pass Step 1 on the second attempt they will be placed in Special Studies status and allowed to take the exam a final time within 12 months of the initial administration. Furthermore, students must demonstrate those professional attitudes and behaviors that form the foundation upon which the practice of medicine rests. The elements of these attitudes and behaviors include altruism, accountability, honor, integrity, humanism, commitment to service, and striving for excellence.