

<b>TCOM Accreditation Operating Procedures</b>	<b>Approved: July 2017</b>
<b>COCA Element 6.7 Self-Directed Learning</b>	<b>Effective: July 2017</b> <b>Revised: October 2019, February 2024</b>

**Element 6.7:**

A COM and any branch campus must ensure that the curriculum includes self-directed learning experiences and time for independent study to allow students to develop skills for lifelong learning. Self-directed learning includes students' self-assessment of learning needs; independent identification, analysis, and synthesis of relevant information; and appraisal of the credibility of sources of information.

**Procedure Statement:** TCOM shall provide a curriculum of instruction, that will enable its students to acquire competence in the practice of osteopathic medicine, prepare its graduates to enter both primary and specialty care postdoctoral training programs, and allow students to develop skills for lifelong learning. The curriculum shall include self-directed learning experiences.

<b>Procedure</b>		<b>Responsible Party</b>
1.	TCOM shall determine the content of the curriculum of instruction for the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree program to be inclusive of the specifications in this procedure and those of the COMLEX provided by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.	TCOM Curriculum Committee TCOM Executive Committee
2.	TCOM courses and clerkships shall adopt an instructional design that acknowledges its content and context and is uniquely adapted to facilitate student learning to achieve its goals and objectives.	Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs TCOM Curriculum Directors TCOM Course Directors TCOM Clerkship Directors
3.	The instructional design for each course and clerkship shall provide sufficient opportunity and prescribed activities for self-directed study and self-assessment of learning.	TCOM Course Directors TCOM Clerkship Directors
4.	The curriculum and instructional plans shall be subject to approval by the TCOM Curriculum Committee	Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs TCOM Curriculum Committee
5.	TCOM course/clerkship syllabi shall be provided to the TCOM Curriculum Committee at least 30 days before the course/clerkship begins.	TCOM Curriculum Directors TCOM Course Directors
6.	A course review/clerkship review shall be completed annually for all required courses and core/required clerkships.	TCOM Course Directors TCOM Clerkship Directors
7.	Action plans shall be created annually for all required courses and core/required clerkships to support continuous improvement.	TCOM Course Directors TCOM Clerkship Directors
8.	A summative program assessment report shall be completed annually that serves as a comprehensive summary of student and program learning outcomes, student performance, course enhancements, match rates, and graduation rates for an academic year. This report shall be provided to the TCOM Curriculum and Executive Committees.	Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Assistant Dean, Assessment and Accreditation
9.	Recommendations shall be considered in the annual review of the college's strategic initiatives with regard to academic affairs.	TCOM Dean TCOM Executive Committee