COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Going Above & Beyond to Train Tomorrow’s Osteopathic Physicians
MISSION

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE EDUCATES OSTEOPATHIC PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS WITH AN EMPHASIS ON SERVING RURAL AND UNDERSERVED OKLAHOMA.
We are delighted that you are considering starting your journey into osteopathic medicine by applying for admission into the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. In this view book, you will have the opportunity to meet our medical students and learn why they chose to pursue their osteopathic degree at OSU-COM. You’ll meet our faculty who inspire and empower our medical students to pursue their dreams and reach their full potential. You’ll learn about the unique learning opportunities and cutting-edge facilities available to support your studies. And you’ll have the opportunity to learn about the collaborative, supportive culture that is woven into the fabric of our campus.

The OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine is the ideal place for you to begin your journey into osteopathic medicine. We encourage you to visit our campus and see for yourself why at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, we will go above and beyond to prepare you for a rewarding career in osteopathic medicine.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON OUR CAMPUS.

Sincerely,

Kayse M. Shrum, D.O.
Dean, OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine
President, OSU Center for Health Sciences
A STUDENT-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT

OSU-COM has a long history of academic excellence, but what truly sets us apart is our commitment to creating a welcoming, supportive learning environment that is focused on student success and wellness. We take great pride in our student-centered approach to learning. Faculty have a passion for teaching. Administration is responsive to student needs. Staff are always ready to help in any way. Our administration, faculty and staff look forward to accompanying you every step of the way during your journey into osteopathic medicine. Going above and beyond for our students — that’s what we do.

YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS

“I've been incredibly impressed with the quality of teaching, the supportive environment at OSU-COM and the resources available to students. My professors genuinely care about me and my success. Medical school has been challenging, but the faculty and staff at OSU-COM are always there to help me and my classmates succeed.”

Rachel Hardy, Medical Student
Hometown: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Undergraduate Institution: University of Oklahoma
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Osteopathic medicine is a distinct form of medicine founded on the philosophy developed by Andrew Taylor Still that all body systems are interrelated and dependent on each other for optimal health. Osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) embrace a holistic approach to medicine, focusing on preventative medicine and ways to attain and maintain wellness.

D.O.s receive special training in osteopathic manipulative medicine where they are trained to use their hands as another tool to diagnose and treat injury and disease. By combining this knowledge with the latest advances in medical technology, osteopathic physicians offer their patients THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE, PATIENT-FOCUSED CARE AVAILABLE IN MEDICINE TODAY.

As fully licensed physicians, D.O.s practice medicine in primary care and in all specialties. Although more than half of all D.O.s practice primary care medicine in areas such as family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics and obstetrics/gynecology, D.O.s also practice in a wide range of specialties including cardiology, emergency medicine, neurology and surgery.
INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM

While OSU-COM’s mission is focused on primary care and rural medicine, our curriculum is designed to prepare medical students for all aspects of medicine, enabling them to enter any residency program in any specialty. As a leader in medical education, we understand that students learn in different ways. For that reason, our dynamic curriculum incorporates traditional classroom lectures and laboratory sessions, small-group and team-based learning, and a wide array of required and elective clinical rotations in a variety of clinical settings.

Our curriculum is designed to prepare students for a life of rewarding, patient-centered care in primary and specialty fields of medicine. The first semester of medical school focuses on the foundations of biomedical and clinical sciences along with an introduction to patient care. Starting in the second semester and continuing through the end of the second year, students are introduced to 11 clinical systems. The third and fourth years are comprised of clinical rotations consisting of clerkship experiences in hospitals and clinics where students observe patient care and participate in the evaluation and treatment of patients under physician faculty supervision. With close to 400 established clinical sites across Oklahoma and the country, students have the opportunity to gain exposure to a wide variety of practice areas.

FIRST YEAR

Osteopathic Manual Medicine I and II
Clinical Anatomy
Clinical Care Foundations I
Medical Science Foundations
Service Learning & Community Engagement I
Foundations Courses in:
  Genetics, Molecular Biology and Developmental Anatomy
  Cell and Tissue Biology
  Biochemistry
  Pharmacology
  Immunology
  Microbiology
Systems Courses in:
  Cardiovascular
  Hematology
  Genitourinary
  Respiratory

SECOND YEAR

Culture and Medicine
Clinical Care Foundations II and III
Service Learning & Community Engagement II and III
Osteopathic Manual Medicine III and IV
Focus Courses in:
  Health Behavior Change
  Rural Health
  Pediatrics
  Addiction Medicine
  Obesity Medicine
Systems Courses in:
  Gastrointestinal/Hepatic System
  Nervous System
  Psychiatry
  Endocrine
  Musculoskeletal/Skin/Connective
  Reproduction
  Integrative Systems Review

THIRD & FOURTH YEARS

Internal Medicine
OB/GYN
Surgery
Family Medicine – Health Care Center
Pediatrics
Psychiatry
Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
Rural Clinic
Emergency Medicine
Community Hospital I and II
9 Electives
4 Didactic Weeks
CLINICAL ROTATIONS BY THE NUMBERS

94 CLINICAL SITES

85 RURAL-BASED CLINICAL SITES

300+ ELECTIVE CLINICAL SITES ACROSS THE NATION
UNPARALLELED COMMITMENT TO RURAL MEDICINE

At OSU-COM, rural medicine is not only our mission, it’s our passion. We designed the Rural Medical Track (RMT) to provide students with the opportunity to deepen their personal and professional interests in rural medicine. The RMT prepares students for a career practicing primary care medicine in rural Oklahoma. RMT students develop the skills and knowledge necessary to operate a successful rural practice. The majority of RMT graduates match with a rural-based primary care residency in Oklahoma and remain in rural Oklahoma after their residency.

A key facet of the RMT is rural-based clinical education. Beginning with a rural physician shadowing experience after the first year of medical school, RMT students have the opportunity to complete most of their required clinical education in a rural setting, working side-by-side with rural physicians who serve as mentors. They also have the opportunity to gain exposure to contemporary rural health research topics through guided research and are encouraged to hone their leadership skills through membership in the Student Osteopathic Rural Medical Club.

“I’m passionate about rural health having been raised in Enid, Oklahoma. I’ve enjoyed working with rural physicians and learning first-hand what it takes to be a physician in rural Oklahoma. The training that I’m getting from the Rural Medical Track is going to prepare me to run a successful rural practice.”

Seth Stambaugh, Medical Student
Hometown: Enid, Oklahoma
Undergraduate Institution: Oklahoma State University

For more information about the Rural Medical Track, please visit health.okstate.edu/com/admissions/rural-medical-track.html
DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

OSU-COM supports a wide range of opportunities to pursue more than one advanced degree at Oklahoma State University. Students have the opportunity to enroll in dual degree programs. A dual degree provides students with extra training and education to pursue their career goals — whether that is operating a clinical enterprise, pursuing a career in medical research or becoming a leader in public health. Dual degree options include:

D.O./M.B.A.
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/
Master's in Business Administration

D.O./M.P.H.
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/
Master's in Public Health

D.O./M.S.
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/
Master’s in Biomedical Sciences or
Master’s in Health Care Administration

D.O./Ph.D.
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/
Doctorate in Biomedical Sciences

“As a D.O./M.P.H., student, I have the opportunity to combine my interests in medicine and public health. With the support of my professors, I was able to design a chronic disease self-management program to support patients in underserved areas of Oklahoma. My experience at OSU-COM has been unbelievable.”

Mayra Salazar-Valdivia, Medical Student
Hometown: Sallisaw, Oklahoma
Undergraduate Institution: Oklahoma State University

For more information on dual degree programs, please visit health.okstate.edu/com/academics/dual-degrees/index.html
STATE-OF-THE-ART CLINICAL TRAINING FACILITIES

At OSU-COM, students are exposed to innovative learning facilities. The A.R. and Marylouise Tandy Medical Academic Building houses a world-class hospital simulation center and a patient-centered clinical skills center, both of which enable students to practice essential skills, procedures, and critical care training on high fidelity manikins and human patient actors. Students are also exposed to the most advanced medical equipment such as the da Vinci Surgical System.

HOSPITAL SIMULATION CENTER

The hospital simulation center provides an innovative, hands-on learning environment. Exemplifying the adage “practice makes perfect,” this facility enables students to gain clinical exposure to a wide variety of medical scenarios. They also receive feedback and evaluation to hone their clinical skills. Highly realistic scenarios are created in a safe environment with four simulation suites configured to match the conditions of a birthing room, operating room, emergency room, or intensive care unit. Students have the opportunity to work on high fidelity manikins to learn cutting-edge clinical techniques without fear of harming the patient.

PATIENT-CENTERED CLINICAL SKILLS CENTER

The patient-centered clinical skills center houses 18 examination rooms for students to learn basic clinical skills. Students interact with “standardized patients,” actors playing the role of patients, to develop diagnostic skills and bedside manners needed for history taking, physical examination, communication, and relationship building. Modeled after the national testing center in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, the patient-centered clinical skills center provides invaluable preparation for COMLEX-USA Level 2 Performance Evaluation exam.
04 Hospital Simulation Suites
emergency room, operating room, intensive care unit, and birthing room

18 Examination Rooms

16 High Fidelity Manikins

02 Laparoscopic Surgical Stations

01 Da Vinci Surgical Robotic System

01 Ambulance
OUTSTANDING CAREER PREPARATION

Providing our students with an exceptional medical education is our top priority. Students at OSU-COM are intellectually challenged. Our faculty are committed to excellence in teaching and are eager to share their experience and passion for osteopathic medicine with their students. Faculty members are accessible outside the classroom and will go the extra mile for student learning.

Our Office of Student Services offers workshops to help students learn how to study, how to prepare for tests, and how to manage time. We also provide students with academic advising and faculty mentoring.

Our rigorous academic curriculum combined with our student success services prepare students for success on their national examinations.

To see OSU-COM’s pass rates for COMLEX-USA, please visit
health.okstate.edu/com/admissions/graduates.html

RESIDENCY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Each year, OSU-COM graduates match to highly competitive residency programs. Since 2016, we have placed 100% of our graduates in residency programs. Many of our graduates choose to train at our teaching hospital, the OSU Medical Center or at one of our OSU-sponsored residency programs across Oklahoma. We take great pride in offering students a wide range of residency programs in Oklahoma so that our graduates can choose to remain in Oklahoma for residency training.

For a complete list of residency locations of our most recent graduates, please visit
health.okstate.edu/com/admissions/graduates.html

100% RESIDENCY PLACEMENT RATE
ENGAGED FACULTY

The lifeblood of any top medical school is its faculty. At OSU-COM, we are fortunate to have a legion of high caliber faculty members who have dedicated their career to training tomorrow’s physicians and medical leaders. While our faculty are diverse in their backgrounds and academic leadership, they all have one common objective – your success.

“My students push the boundaries of knowledge and ask excellent questions. They want to be the best doctors they can be. Oklahomans will be in good hands with OSU-trained physicians taking care of them.”

Madhuri Lad, D.O.
Clinical Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine

“I love the family atmosphere at OSU-COM and the strong sense of collegiality. Every experience leads to new knowledge and new or strengthened relationships. What a privilege to play a small role in the training of tomorrow’s primary care doctors!”

Amanda Foster, D.O.
Clinical Professor of Pediatrics
Interim Chair, Department of Pediatrics

“I found my true calling in teaching at OSU-COM. I am a huge supporter of our mission of training primary care physicians for rural and underserved Oklahoma. It’s great to meet high school students and then see them grow into phenomenal people and physicians. I’m truly thankful every day for the opportunity to work with students who are driven by a desire to make a difference in the world.”

Christopher Thurman, D.O.
Professor of Family Medicine
Associate Dean, Clinical Education and Simulation
EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

Our goal is to recruit talented students from a variety of backgrounds and life experiences who have a passion for medicine and a commitment to service. Our medical students are recent college graduates, active military men and women, veterans and former teachers, athletic coaches, ballerinas, veterinarians, ranchers and nurses. We believe that diversity in our learning community enhances the educational experiences for all learners.

“When I applied to medical school, I was already married with a young daughter. Juggling the demands of medical school and a family has not been easy, but the support that I’ve received from my husband, my daughter, and my medical school friends have helped me get through the tough times. I’ve always dreamt of becoming a physician. At OSU-COM, I have the opportunity to make my dream come true.”

Crystal Goree, Medical Student
Hometown: Owasso, Oklahoma
Undergraduate Institution: University of Oklahoma
"I had the good fortune of working under amazing Native mentors who guided me and sparked my intellectual curiosity. I now have the opportunity to inspire Native youth and college students to imagine themselves as future physicians and scientists. What a privilege and a responsibility to nurture the next generation of American Indian leaders in science and medicine."

Kent Smith, Ph.D., Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology
Associate Dean, Office of American Indians in Medicine and Science
STUDENT ACTIVITIES, LEADERSHIP & WELLNESS

Although coursework is an integral part of student life, it is only a portion of the experience at OSU-COM. There are plenty of co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities outside the classroom. Dozens of organizations and associations are available to OSU-COM students. Medical interest groups in specialties such as family medicine, emergency medicine, orthopedics, pediatrics, rural medicine, and surgery enable students to interact with others who have similar career and research interests. National organizations such as the Student Osteopathic Medical Association and the Association of Native American Medical Students are active at OSU-COM. With more than 40 student clubs on campus, there is bound to be something for everyone. Our students also have the opportunity to serve in leadership roles in local and national organizations.

To see a full list of student clubs, please visit health.okstate.edu/com/student-life/student-clubs.html

We are dedicated to creating a culture of wellness that enables students to achieve and maintain physical, mental and emotional health. Our Wellness Center offers fitness courses, meditation classes and a variety of lunch and learns that focus on overall wellness. Students also have access to therapy dogs through the Pete’s Pet Posse therapy program. The Reboot Center helps students develop stress management skills through video games and workshops. Cowboy Park offers students an outdoor urban oasis to take a stroll, lunch on the terrace, or study by the pond.

KERN-HEADINGTON STUDENT CENTER

To promote student life, the Kern-Headington Student Center was established to provide students with 8,000 square feet of dedicated meeting space. Spaces and amenities in the Kern-Headington Student Center include:

MULTIPURPOSE GATHERING SPACE
to socialize, dine or study

STUDENT LOUNGE
with soft seating and recreational amenities including multiple large screen televisions

STUDENT GALLEY
equipped with microwaves, commercial refrigerators, filtered water and other amenities

STUDENT LEADERSHIP OFFICES
for team building

REFLECTION ROOM
for meditation or prayers

“Not only am I getting an excellent medical education, I’m also learning to lead. As president of the Student Government Association, I had the opportunity to participate in high level discussions with administration as well as collaborate with other students to organize the first ever Medical School Gala to raise funds for our medical students in need of emergency funds. It has been a wonderful experience to lead and serve my fellow classmates.”

Ben Chadek-Feeley, Medical Student
Hometown: Lawton, Oklahoma
Undergraduate Institution: Oklahoma State University
“I’m from a small town in Oklahoma where everyone knows each other by name. It was really important for me to attend a medical school with a close-knit community. I love how the class sizes are small, how approachable my professors are and how everyone knows each other by name.”

Leslie Barcenas, Medical Student
Hometown: Muldrow, Oklahoma
Undergraduate Institution: University of Oklahoma
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement is an integral part of our culture. OSU-COM students have the spirit and drive to make a difference. Our campus is located in a diverse neighborhood with a variety of health, educational and financial needs. And it’s here that the OSU spirit can be seen every day.

Community engagement is about leaving the confines of our campus to reach out to others in need. Our students serve as reading, math and science tutors. At health fairs scheduled throughout the year, they provide free physical assessments to the young and elderly. And they organize a number of drives to solicit food donations, purchase coats for elementary age children, and make the holidays a bit brighter for a neighbor in need. By reaching out and partnering with individuals, community organizations, and schools, our students are discovering that they can make a difference.

“I admire OSU-COM’s commitment to service and to rural Oklahoma. For the past couple of summers, I’ve volunteered at the Operation Orange camp in my hometown of Lawton. I get to meet high school kids and inspire them to apply to medical school. If I can make it to medical school, they can too! Medical school has been such a rewarding experience.”

Christopher McNeil, Medical Student
Hometown: Lawton, Oklahoma
Undergraduate Institution: Oklahoma State University
OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine is nestled on the west bank of the Arkansas River, just minutes from dining, a vibrant arts scene and nightlife in historic downtown Tulsa.

**OUR STUDENTS HAVE AT THEIR FINGERTIPS A MULTITUDE OF RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT OPPORTUNITIES.**

Stylish restaurants, celebrity attractions, and art galleries abound. Take in a concert at the BOK Center, watch a Broadway show at the Performing Arts Center, or see one of the many free outdoor performances at Guthrie Green. Across the river, the Gathering Place has transformed nearly 100 acres of Tulsa’s waterfront into a dynamic and active space with features such as a children’s park, a skate park, boathouse, nature trails and biking paths. Tulsa is a great place to learn and to live.
PAYING FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL

TUITION AND FEES

OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine offers a top notch medical education at an affordable price. As a state-supported institution of higher education, OSU-COM gives preference in tuition pricing to Oklahoma residents.

FOR IN-STATE STUDENTS, TUITION AND FEES AT OSU-COM ARE SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THOSE CHARGED BY PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHOOLS

which can range anywhere from $40,000 – $65,000. OSU-COM strives to keep tuition and fees affordable for our students.

Updated information on cost of attendance can be found at health.okstate.edu/com/financial-aid/tuition.html.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

We understand that pursuing a medical education is a significant investment. Our Office of Student Financial Services will help you determine if you are eligible for federal financial aid and work with you to help you identify ways to pay for your medical education. We also understand that the level of education-related debt burden can influence a student’s decision on which area of practice to pursue. Our goal is to provide our students with the financial flexibility to pursue a career in primary care medicine and to practice medicine in rural Oklahoma.

EACH YEAR, OSU-COM AWARDS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS IN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS TO QUALIFIED STUDENTS.

“I was stunned when I learned that I had received The William K. Warren/Saint Francis Health System Scholarship. Receiving this scholarship gives me the freedom to choose a field of medicine that matches my career aspirations.”

Carlie Goekeler, Medical Student
Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma
Undergraduate Institution: Oklahoma State University
“As a 3+1 student, I received a ton of scholarship awards designated for students like me. Scholarships made medical school affordable for me and my family. Because of these scholarships, I can focus on my classes and rotations and not have to worry about graduating with a huge debt burden.”

Kelsey Mantooth LeMay, Medical Student
Hometown: Paoli, Oklahoma
Undergraduate Institution: East Central University
OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine offers applicants several pathways to gain admission into the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program. Applicants can gain admission through the traditional route or the following admission options:

### 3+1 Program – Accelerated Program for Students Interested in Rural Medicine

The 3+1 Program is designed for highly motivated undergraduate students who are interested in practicing primary care medicine in rural Oklahoma. This program allows students to complete both a bachelor’s degree and doctor of osteopathic medicine degree in 7 years instead of 8 years.

Students spend their first 3 years of undergraduate studies in pursuit of their bachelor’s degree at a partner university in Oklahoma. In their 4th year, students matriculate to OSU-COM to start their first year of medical school. After successful completion of their first year of medical school, students earn their bachelor’s degree from the partner university. After 4 years of medical school, students receive their doctor of osteopathic medicine degree.

To learn more about admission requirements for the 3+1 Program and to see a list of partner universities, please visit health.okstate.edu/com/admissions/three-one-program.html

### Bridge Program

The Bridge Program is designed for high-potential students who come from disadvantaged or medically underrepresented backgrounds or are pursuing medicine as a second career. Students admitted to this program will complete a five-year curriculum towards their doctor of osteopathic medicine degree.

The first year of the curriculum, known as the bridge year, incorporates summer academic preparation and focused coursework in the biomedical sciences. Fall semester courses follow the traditional medical school curriculum at a reduced course load; second semester courses provide a focused plan of study unique to the Bridge Program curriculum, further providing foundational training in the medical sciences.

After successful completion of their bridge year, students continue in the traditional curriculum at a reduced course load during the fall semester and resume a full course schedule in the spring semester.

To learn more about admission requirements for the Bridge Program, please visit health.okstate.edu/com/admissions/bridge-program.html

### Guaranteed Interview Programs

The Guaranteed Interview Programs provide prospective students from partner universities in Oklahoma with a clear path to earn an interview with OSU-COM. Each partner university determines the prerequisite courses and academic requirements mandated by their institution. Prospective students who have met the requisite criteria for admission will be guaranteed an invitation to interview with the admissions committee at OSU-COM.

To learn more about the Guaranteed Interview Programs and to see a list of partner universities, please visit health.okstate.edu/com/admissions/guaranteed-interview.html
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS
Standards for admissions are high. Applicants must possess personal qualities of character, aptitude, integrity and commitment to serving others. Other personal attributes considered include extracurricular accomplishments and a desire to practice primary care medicine in rural and underserved Oklahoma.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
Applicants must demonstrate scholastic achievement as supported by their academic record and performance on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). Applicants must complete at least 90 semester hours of college courses and not less than 75% of the courses required for a baccalaureate degree at an accredited college or university.

For a list of premedical coursework requirements, please visit health.okstate.edu/com/admissions/requirements.html

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT
Preference is given to applicants from Oklahoma. Non-U.S. citizens who do not have a permanent resident visa at the time of application cannot be considered for admission. To qualify for Oklahoma residency, a student must be a lawful resident of the U.S. and meet one of the following two requirements:

Non-independent students
A non-independent student must have at least one parent, stepparent, or court-appointed guardian who is an Oklahoma resident. Additionally, this individual must have claimed the student as a dependent on his/her federal income tax return for the previous year.

Independent students
An independent student must have lived in Oklahoma in some capacity other than as a full-time student at a post-secondary institution, for a period of at least 12 continuous months prior to matriculation.

HOW TO APPLY

✔ TAKE THE MCAT
✔ SUBMIT THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE APPLICATION SYSTEM (AACOMAS) APPLICATION
✔ SUBMIT THE OSU-COM SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION
✔ SUBMIT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
✔ PARTICIPATE IN AN ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEW

For additional details, please visit health.okstate.edu/com/admissions/how-to-apply.html

TIMELINE & FEES

We recommend that you start the application process 15 months before your planned matriculation.

May
AACOMAS begins accepting applications ($195 fee)

June 1
AACOMAS starts processing applications

June 15
OSU-COM begins accepting secondary applications ($65 fee)

September
Interviews begin

February 28
AACOMAS application deadline

March 30
OSU-COM secondary application/materials deadline

April
Interviews conclude
START YOUR JOURNEY INTO OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE TODAY.

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