

About the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM)

Mission

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine promotes excellence in osteopathic medical education, in research and in service, and fosters innovation and quality among osteopathic colleges to improve the health of the American public.



Vision

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) is recognized as the international leader of osteopathic medical education (OME) and an international leader of medical education. Through the colleges of osteopathic medicine and its Councils, AACOM coordinates the role of OME in the U.S. health care system and promotes and fosters excellence throughout medical education.

Osteopathic medical education develops physicians through a continuum of education that is based upon osteopathic philosophy and practice and the training of physicians who are highly qualified in the knowledge, skills, and temperament to lead and participate in the delivery of health care in the 21st Century. OME consists of knowledge-based learning communities that are innovative in their advanced use of technology for collaboration, communication and the delivery of outcome-based curriculum. AACOM supports the use

of an open electronic forum for facilitating communication and knowledge management. By promoting community-oriented and learner-centered medical education, and a preventive medicine perspective, osteopathic medical education programs train physicians to provide high-quality health care to meet the public's changing health care needs.

The AACOM office is positioned to assume a leadership role in promoting continuous quality improvement of osteopathic medical education. AACOM facilitates the development of medical educators and administrators. It is internationally recognized as a primary resource for innovative teaching techniques and methodologies; for advances in curriculum design and evaluation strategies; for enhanced teaching tools; and for highlighting best practices in the delivery of education in Osteopathic Principles and Practice. It promotes and facilitates clinical, basic science, health care services, and medical education research and its dissemination, promotes the training of researchers, and identifies sources of research and other grant and contract funding. AACOM sponsors internationally recognized meetings on osteopathic medical education and research.

The AACOM office is the national leader in the processing of applications for colleges of osteopathic medicine, and in enhancing the OME applicant pool. AACOM maintains collaborative relationships with other organizations that serve a complementary purpose. AACOM is recognized as the primary source of useful data concerning OME and facilitates data-based decision making. It is the major resource of OME information and analysis for government policymakers and other entities, and an advocate on behalf of the colleges of osteopathic medicine.

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