

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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About the College

The College of Osteopathic Medicine consists of three divisions, five academic units, and three offices.

- Clinical Affairs
 - Department of Primary Care and Clinical Medicine
 - Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practice
- Biomedical Sciences
 - Department of Physiology and Pharmacology
 - Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
 - Department of Clinical Anatomy
- Educational Affairs
 - Office of Assessment, Evaluation, and Accreditation
 - Office of Faculty Development, Continuing Medical Education
 - Office of Medical Student Affairs

Mission

The mission of the Sam Houston State University (SHSU) College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) is to prepare students for the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine with an emphasis toward primary care and rural practice, to develop culturally aware, diverse and compassionate physicians, who follow osteopathic principles, that are prepared for graduate medical education, and will serve the people of Texas with professionalism and patient-centered care.

A significant part of the mission of the COM is to increase the physician workforce in the eastern region of Texas and to increase access to primary care. The COM will accomplish this by recruiting qualified applicants from areas to which they would likely want to return and establish their practice.

Mission Creation and Revision

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Highlights

SHSU-COM has been awarded Pre-Accreditation from the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

- The SHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine is the eighth college of the university and only the third college of osteopathic medicine in the state.
- HB2867 (86R) designates the Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine as an official Texas State Medical School.
- The state-of-the-art medical school facility is 108,000 square feet with surface parking on 7.3 acres in Conroe, Texas.
- SHSU's history of contributing to the well-being of the state started over 139 years ago, when the university was established to respond to the need for trained teachers. At the time, state leaders recognized that education was key to improving quality of life and the subsequent prosperity of Texas.
- Today, the university is responding to another critical workforce demand, where education, gain, is key to elevating the quality of life for millions of Texans. This led to the development of the College of Osteopathic College, which shares the mission of changing the medical work force in Eastern Texas by improving access to primary care, general surgery, and mental health to name a few of the critical shortages.

Doctoral Degree

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2019-2020/graduate/college-departments/osteopathic-medicine/osteopathic-medicine-do) (starting Fall 2020)

Learn more about the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (<https://www.shsu.edu/academics/osteopathic-medicine>) degree starting in Fall 2020.