

# DEPARTMENT OF OSTEOPATHIC PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

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## Mission

The mission of the SHSU-COM Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practices is to foster and support the use and integration of osteopathic philosophy and hands-on techniques for the delivery of quality, patient-centered medical care.

## Academic Programs

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/graduate-and-professional/college-departments/osteopathic-medicine/osteopathic-medicine-do/>)

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