OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
DOs understand how all of the body’s systems are interconnected and affect each other. They know osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM), which allows them to use their eyes and hands to identify structural problems and relieve pain. They can support the body’s natural tendency to heal itself. And instead of just treating specific symptoms, osteopathic physicians concentrate on treating the human as a whole.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine is one of the nation’s most respected osteopathic medical schools. Our students consistently enter the finest internships and residencies, and our alumni work in some of the nation’s most prestigious hospitals.

Our four-year DO program is offered at three locations: Philadelphia, PA; Suwanee, GA; and Moultrie, GA. Each setting is a unique environment in which students work together to develop a wider perspective of healthcare. At PCOM, you’ll learn to treat the whole well-being of your patients, using a specialized set of skills.

There is one huge difference between an osteopathic physician (DO) and an allopathic physician (MD). Both can become licensed to prescribe medication and perform surgery in all 50 states, but osteopathic physicians have extra skills and training that allow them to do more for their patients.
Students collaborate outside their disciplines to gain experiential learning.

The additional skillsets students gain at PCOM empower them to impact humanity.

We teach not just how to treat problems but how to prevent them altogether.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine has been at the forefront of medicine for more than a century. Our Suwanee, Georgia campus was founded more than a decade ago with the same underlying principles. Our new location in Moultrie, Georgia—PCOM South Georgia—will further extend our osteopathic traditions in the region.

ABOUT PCOM

Osteopathic medicine emphasizes total wellness — in body, mind and spirit. In every discipline, we learn to treat the whole human by considering physical, environmental and psychological aspects of a problem.

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Many PCOM students are highly engaged in their communities through a wide variety of philanthropic efforts and advocacy.

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF HEALTH
HANDS-ON TRAINING FOR HANDS-ON TREATMENT

In your third and fourth years, you’ll further enhance your skills by working in some of the finest teaching hospitals. You will be exposed to a broad scope of medical problems, gradually assuming more responsibility under the direction of experienced physicians. Through participation in rounds, lectures, conferences, morning reports and case presentations, you will develop skills in history taking, physical examination, differential diagnosis, and invasive and non-invasive procedures.

YEARS 1–2
In your first and second years, the curriculum will introduce you to both basic and clinical sciences. You’ll train hands-on in our clinical learning centers with patient simulators as well as standardized patient actors. These experiential learning and proficiency modalities are reflective of actual clinical procedure and practice. You will also have opportunities to shadow DOs in a wide range of clinical settings.

CURRICULUM

As practicing clinicians and scientists, PCOM faculty are actively engaged in research, and thus bring a cutting-edge perspective to their classroom teaching.

Our osteopathic curriculum involves four years of academic study, with an emphasis on preventive medicine and holistic patient care, leading to the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO).

YEARS 3–4
Many DOs complete a residency program in a specialty area, which typically requires two to six years of additional training.

Nearly a fifth of medical students in the U.S. are attending an osteopathic medical school.
Dr. Gordon had the opportunity of a lifetime — to play a role in the largest and most complex face transplant in the world; and he credits PCOM for his success.

“As a fourth-year student, I received a PCOM alumni research grant,” he recalls. Dr. Gordon used the grant to spend five months at the Plastic Surgery Lab within Harvard Medical School, where he was first introduced to composite tissue allotransplantation.

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Dr. Chad Gordon
DO '02

The best in the world are the best for the world.

Visit any of the country’s top teaching hospitals, and you’ll likely find PCOM students hard at work in a variety of rotations. Our program prepares future physicians for the finest internships and residencies — both osteopathic and allopathic. The majority of our graduates choose to work in family medicine, general internal medicine, OB/GYN or pediatrics.

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DOs receive extra training in osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) — using the hands to diagnose, treat and prevent illness or injury.

Our curriculum combines lectures and hands-on, active learning exercises to engage and instruct students in osteopathic medicine and scientific principles.
THREE LOCATIONS. ONE MISSION.

PHILADELPHIA CAMPUS
Our main campus is located on the beautiful outskirts of Philadelphia, a city that boasts some of the top hospitals and medical schools in the nation. It’s the perfect environment to build a network and launch a career in the world of healthcare.

Our students are just as committed to the community as they are to their coursework. More than 50 student organizations at PCOM are actively making a difference in people’s lives. And our four PCOM Healthcare Centers serve people who need care in urban areas of Philadelphia and rural Sullivan County. We even have a location on campus to treat community members.

GEORGIA CAMPUS
Responding to a need for more medical professionals in the South, Georgia Campus opened in 2005. Our modern facilities offer many resources for students as we train them to become pharmacists, physicians, physician assistants and scientists who focus on the whole person.

PCOM SOUTH GEORGIA
Extending our commitment to the State of Georgia and the region, PCOM is adding an additional location—PCOM South Georgia—in Moultrie. We look forward to providing the same educational excellence that has made PCOM a national leader in osteopathic medical training.

Students will develop a powerful set of skills—knowing how to ask the right questions, listening for answers, and making connections where others might not see them. With our unique program structure and our integrated approach to health care, students will learn how to dive deeper than the diagnosis to treat the whole person. Students will train in Southern regional hospitals and health clinics, with the goal of positively influencing the world of health care, especially in rural areas.
APPLYING TO PCOM

We review our applications the same way our students take on challenges — with a holistic approach. Transcripts and test scores are important. However, we evaluate our prospective students as complete individuals.

To find out more about our admissions requirements, please visit pcom.edu/admissions.