

Inspired by Health. Fueled by Humanity.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

At Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM), we strive to keep humanity at the forefront of everything that we do. Osteopathic medicine focuses on the whole person.

While both Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DOs) and Doctors of Medicine (MDs) are licensed to prescribe medication and perform surgery in all 50 states, DOs have extra skills and training that allow them to do more for their patients. Our program encourages the development of a wider perspective that emphasizes total wellness in body, mind and spirit. Rather than learning to treat symptoms, our DO students concentrate on treating the whole person.

Since its founding in 1899, PCOM has become one of the nation's most respected osteopathic medical schools. Our students enter the finest internships and residencies, and our alumni work in some of the nation's most prestigious hospitals. With a degree from PCOM, comes a range of career opportunities. Many of our graduates choose to work in family medicine, general internal medicine, OB/GYN or pediatrics. Many of our DOs also enter residency specialties, such as anesthesiology, emergency medicine, neurology, orthopedic surgery, facial plastic surgery, pathology, radiology and more.

Diversity, equity and inclusion remain at the forefront of our mission. PCOM actively nurtures an environment of curiosity and respect, promoting the discovery and celebration of our differences.



STUDENTS COLLABORATE OUTSIDE THEIR DISCIPLINES—LEARNING TO WORK AS A HEALTHCARE TEAM.

- WE TEACH NOT JUST HOW TO TREAT PROBLEMS, BUT ALSO HOW TO PREVENT THEM.
- DOs RECEIVE EXTRA TRAINING
 IN OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATIVE
 MEDICINE (OMM), WHICH USES
 THE HANDS TO DIAGNOSE, TREAT
 AND PREVENT ILLNESS OR INJURY.
- STUDENTS ARE HIGHLY ENGAGED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES
 THROUGH A WIDE VARIETY OF PHILANTHROPIC EFFORTS AND ADVOCACY.
- AT PCOM, WE ARE COMMITTED TO SHAPING AN INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHERE STUDENTS EXPERIENCE AN ARRAY OF PERSPECTIVES AND INSIGHTS.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Our 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.

YEARS 1–2: In the first and second years of our curriculum, students are introduced to both foundational and clinical sciences. We offer hands-on training with patient simulators and standardized patient actors to reflect real clinical procedure and practice. Students will also have the opportunity to shadow physicians in a wide range of clinical settings.

YEARS 3-4: In the third and fourth years, students work in some of the finest teaching hospitals and gradually assume more responsibility under the direction of experienced physicians. Through active participation in rounds, lectures, conferences, morning reports and case presentations, students further develop skills in history-taking, physical examination, differential diagnosis and invasive and noninvasive procedures.

LOCATION

Our Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program is offered in all three campus locations: PCOM, PCOM Georgia and PCOM South Georgia.



To find out more about our admissions requirements or to apply, please visit <u>pcom.edu/admissions</u>.

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