

Graduate Medical Education

Opportunities for Osteopathic Medical Students

Complete training to become a physician includes supervised post-doctoral graduate medical education (GME) training in a specific field of medicine.

THE MEDICAL EDUCATION ROADMAP



4 Years
Undergraduate study
(Bachelors degree)



4 Years
Osteopathic Medical Degree



1-3 Years
Fellowship

Optional Path



3+ Years
Residency

(Includes option of an internship in the first year)

Some will continue past residency to further specialize in their chosen field.

SINGLE GME ACCREDITATION SYSTEM

In **2014**

ACGME, AOA & AACOM agree to create a single GME accreditation system



July 1 **2015**

through June 30, 2020, AOA programs transition to ACGME



By **2020**

there will be a single GME accreditation system under ACGME

CURRENT SYSTEM



Currently medical school graduates navigate two separate residency accrediting Systems—while the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredits the majority of GME programs, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) accredits all osteopathic (DO) GME programs.

FUTURE SINGLE GME ACCREDITATION SYSTEM



All internship, residency and fellowship programs will be accredited by the ACGME by 2020.



To match residents with programs, the AOA-accredited programs use the National Matching Service (NMS), while most ACGME-accredited programs use the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP).



A streamlined process for applying to, matching and participating in residency programs by 2020.

AOA

Osteopathic Training

ACGME

Dually-Accredited Osteopathic Training



DOs choose to participate in AOA programs to get osteopathic training. If DOs choose an ACGME program that isn't dually-accredited by the AOA, their osteopathic GME training concludes.

ACGME

Osteopathic Recognition



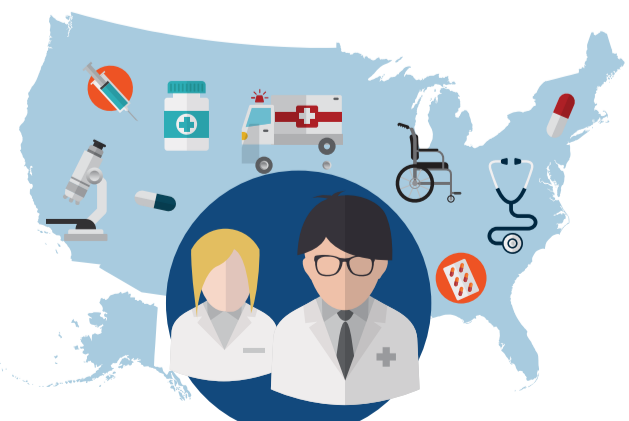
Students can choose to enter osteopathically recognized ACGME programs to continue their osteopathic medical training throughout their GME careers.



Currently, eligibility restrictions in both AOA and ACGME accredited programs limit access for DO and MD applicants.



US MD and DO applicants are eligible to enter all accredited programs



The single GME accreditation system is an exciting change for all prospective medical students, physicians, and the public! This system will enhance the GME and clinical training experience as a whole, and in turn improve the health and well-being of the nation through better care.