

## Partner Profile:

### **American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM)**

AACOM is a national non-profit association, established in 1898, that promotes excellence in osteopathic medical education, research and service, and fosters innovation and quality among osteopathic colleges to improve the health of the American public. AACOM employs 28 staff and represents the 26 United States colleges of osteopathic medicine and their four branch campuses, providing service to the colleges' administrators, faculty and students. AACOM's member colleges are located throughout the United States, but does not have colleges in other countries, nor provide special programs for foreign students.

At the national level, AACOM's major activities include acting as the unified voice for the nation's colleges of osteopathic medicine, representing their collective interests through proactive advocacy at the federal government level and collaboration with other allied organizations. AACOM serves as the central coordinating, policy-setting, communication and advocacy organization for its member colleges and associated osteopathic medical education programs. It works with federal government agencies, Congress, professional organizations, and other entities on behalf of AACOM's policies and positions.

AACOM's primary goals include: to increase recruitment to grow the number and maintain/develop the quality of individuals seeking careers as osteopathic physicians to satisfy the need for sufficient numbers of qualified physicians to meet U.S. healthcare needs. AACOM conducts, supports and disseminates research to advance osteopathic medical education.

AACOM provides leadership and support to osteopathic medical educators in their efforts to develop and deliver high-quality educational programs. This includes the support of the development of an accreditation model that ensures high-quality osteopathic medical education. It promotes effective curriculum and pedagogy to achieve competency-based learning outcomes and provides coordination and leadership on clinical education issues affecting osteopathic medical students and DO graduates. It also provide a centralized service that includes data collection and analysis and operation of the online application service for students applying to osteopathic medical schools.

AACOM places emphases on osteopathic principles and practices throughout the full continuum of osteopathic medical education programs (undergraduate medical education, graduate medical education and continuing medical education). It promotes awareness and integration throughout osteopathic medical education of the philosophy, methodologies, and benefits associated with osteopathic principles and practices that include curricular and pedagogical models that emphasize the philosophy and methodologies associated with osteopathic principles and practices.

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