



## University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine - (KYCOM)

University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM) was established in 1979 and located in Pikeville, Kentucky (USA). It employs 39 full-time and 10 part-time faculty and staff. As of May, 2012, there are 307 students and 692 alumni, with the majority of students and graduates from Kentucky and surrounding states.

The mission of the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM) is to provide men and women with an osteopathic medical education that emphasizes primary care, encourages research, promotes lifelong scholarly activity, and produces graduates who are committed to serving the health care needs of communities in Eastern Kentucky and other Appalachian regions.

Its primary objective is to educate and train students to become osteopathic physicians skilled in primary care and rural medicine. KYCOM offers a four-year program of study toward the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), and currently does not accept foreign students or members.

A study conducted in February 2010 by the National Center for the Analysis of Healthcare Data found that since its opening in 1997, KYCOM is upholding its mission of training primary care physicians who then practice in Kentucky and other Appalachian medically underserved areas as follows.

- ° 32 % practice in KY
- o 62 % practice in Appalachia
- 44 % practice in Underserved Areas
- 38 % practice in Rural Areas
- 41 % within 120 miles of KYCOM

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