As one of the newest medical colleges in the United States, Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) offers students the opportunity to be at the forefront of medical education and healthcare.

From the building design and construction to the outfitting of a state-of-the-art simulation center, BCOM re-imagines what medical school and healthcare can and should be. Taking the best practices from traditional medical education and combining them with contemporary teaching methods assures student and professional success in all fields of medicine, from primary care to deep subspecialty.

Our students enjoy brand-new facilities, an innovative curriculum, top faculty, and a mission like no other: to improve the health of those who call the Southwestern U.S. and Northern Mexico home.
WELCOME TO THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

BCOM is located at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces. It is a beautiful, temperate and vibrant area of the United States that is experiencing rapid economic growth. Driving distance to Las Cruces is 45 minutes from the Texas border and El Paso International Airport, three hours from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and four hours from Tucson, Arizona.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES, RESIDENCE HALLS, AND MORE

While BCOM is a private and free-standing college, as a student you will still enjoy the student life and campus community benefits that come with a major public research university. BCOM students have access to all New Mexico State University facilities and services, such as athletics, intramural sports, student clubs and organizations, and health and counseling resources. You can also use the university’s housing and meal services at an additional cost.

The Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine at New Mexico State University is a free-standing, privately-funded, separately licensed and independently operated entity and not part of NMSU.

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INNOVATIVE Curriculum

Taught by faculty with extensive medical education experience, our curriculum integrates foundational biomedical and clinical knowledge, instills the principles and philosophy of osteopathic medicine, and teaches and nurtures the necessary skills graduates require to enter and succeed in any field of graduate medical education. We use several educational approaches, including the following:

- Traditional lectures
- Interactive integrative sessions (using electronic response systems)
- Laboratory and skills instruction
- Active learning using adult and interactive techniques
- Team-based learning
- Large and small group sessions
- Directed study assignments
- Clinical case presentations

EXTENSIVE Clinical Network

BCOM has developed a large network for clinical education with hospitals and clinics in Las Cruces, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque, New Mexico; El Paso, Texas; Tucson, Arizona; and Chihuahua, Mexico.

You will have a comprehensive selection of generalist and specialty clinical clerkships and residency opportunities, including new residency programs in areas such as family medicine, internal medicine, psychiatry, anesthesia, urology, surgery, emergency medicine, OB/GYN, Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine and sports medicine.

“ I chose BCOM largely because of the faculty, and their passion. Everyone I met at BCOM was personally invested in the mission to improve healthcare in the region, and that is the kind of program I want to be a part of.”
—JOHN RAJALA, MCKINNEY, TX

What is Osteopathic Medicine?

Osteopathic medicine is focused on a holistic view of medicine. We treat the whole person, rather than just symptoms, taking into account a patient’s lifestyle, environment, and history. It is a philosophy of wellness that has improved the lives of millions of people and promises a better approach to the difficult healthcare challenges our society faces in the future. Osteopathic physicians, also known as DOs, are licensed to practice medicine in all 50 states and work in all specialty areas.

BCOM Accreditation

BCOM is provisionally accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation and licensed by the State of New Mexico Higher Education Department. This is the highest level of accreditation awarded to any new college of osteopathic medicine and becomes full accreditation just before graduation of the first class.
GUIDED Research

Medical research is an integral part of your BCOM education. You will partner with a faculty member, who will serve as a research mentor. Areas of research vary from basic biomedical (bench) work, to clinical studies, to epidemiology and public health, to advances in medical education. Ultimately, your research experience will provide a deeper understanding of a specific field of medicine, as well as the skills to stay current with the latest scientific and technological advances.

STATE-OF-THE-ART Facilities

Our brand new, high-tech facilities are located on the campus of New Mexico State University’s Arrowhead Research Park. We have created a comprehensive simulation center, including high-fidelity mannequins in ICU/OR/ED/OB settings and standardized patient facility; a hybrid gross-virtual anatomy laboratory that includes MRI, CT, and other medical imaging; a complete medical library; and a digital-video and imaging-supported osteopathic medical manipulation laboratory.

“This is the most important healthcare development in the history of the State of New Mexico. We are laying the foundation for a healthcare workforce capable of ensuring the high-quality care that New Mexico’s families need and deserve. … The Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine will be a proud example of how public-private partnerships can bring communities together to make life better for New Mexicans.”

—GOVERNOR SUSANA MARTINEZ

Excellent Outlook for Osteopathic Profession

The United States faces a critical physician shortage (see AACOM.org). The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates employment of physicians and surgeons to grow 18 percent from 2012 to 2022, well ahead of average job growth. Osteopathic physicians will play a large part in that growth.

“I appreciate how BCOM is striving to increase diversity in the workforce, especially for Indigenous people like myself, by equipping students with the intellectual and professional skills to rejuvenate the well-being of not just native communities, but all communities.”

—DANIELLE LOCUST, PINE RIDGE, SD

“I was extremely impressed by the great lengths BCOM has gone to be competitive as a medical school. By setting up so many options for clinical rotations and residencies, I know that BCOM is serious about being the best possible osteopathic school.”

—ANGEL VIGO, FORT WALTON BEACH, FL
At-a-Glance

Mission
Para la gente y el futuro: For the people and the future, the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine at New Mexico State University (BCOM) is dedicated to improving the health of the Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico through culturally competent undergraduate, graduate, and continuing osteopathic medical education, research, and clinical service to the community.

BCOM is focused on increasing diversity in the physician workforce and fostering a practice of life-long learning, compassion, respect, and excellence in its students.

Academic Program
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), a four-year osteopathic medical curriculum of clinical and classroom learning. DOs are licensed to practice medicine in all 50 states and in all specialty areas.

Student Life
Access to all New Mexico State University facilities and services, including athletics, intramural sports, student clubs and organizations, meals and housing.

Enrollment
Inaugural class begins fall 2016 with expected enrollment of 150.

Facilities
High-tech, 80,000-square-foot, $32-million building located in New Mexico State University’s Arrowhead Research Park.

Location
Las Cruces, New Mexico, an area known for its beauty, temperate weather, and abundant recreational opportunities.

Tuition
For information on current tuition, fees, scholarships, loans and tuition repayment programs, please visit www.bcomNM.org.

Apply to BCOM
Apply now to become part of BCOM’s inaugural class. To learn about the application process, go to bcomNM.org/admissions.