ABOUT BCOM

HISTORY
Incorporated on August 12, 2013, the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) was envisioned by Founding Dean George Mychaskiw, D.O., to address the shortage of physicians in the Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico, as well as to diversify the physician workforce. Dr. Mychaskiw reached out to John Hummer, a Las Cruces business and healthcare leader, for his assistance in pursuing this vision.

Mychaskiw and Hummer formed a partnership in July of 2013 and incorporated a new legal entity, The New Mexico College of Osteopathic Medicine, that would eventually be named BCOM. The two co-founders orchestrated a synergistic gathering of influential leaders, in both the higher education and healthcare sectors, to assist in making the vision a reality. Dan Burrell joined Mychaskiw and Hummer as co-founder, and led the effort to raise the necessary funding; thus the College’s namesake in honor of his family. New Mexico State University (NMSU) Chancellor Garrey Carruthers supported and executed the agreements leading to the creation of a private/public affiliated osteopathic medical school in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The year of 2015 encompassed the ground breaking ceremony of the building on the NMSU Arrowhead Park construction site and signified the American Osteopathic Association’s Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation’s (COCA) approval to begin accepting applications for the Inaugural Class of 2020. The milestone year of 2016 was highlighted by the medical school ribbon cutting ceremony, BCOM’s first White Coat Ceremony, and the start of instruction on August 15.

FACILITIES AND LIBRARY
BCOM is an 80,000 square foot, three-story structure. Within this building, there is a rich environment for teaching and learning with state-of-the-art lecture halls, seminar/breakout rooms, high-fidelity manikin simulation suites, an Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) lab with thirty-five tables, a virtual anatomy/ultra-high definition computer lab, a gross dissection lab, and a standardized patient clinic environment with an office, waiting room, and ten examination rooms.

In addition to the technology-rich classroom spaces and labs, the building provides an inviting space for study groups, both large and small. While students have access to most of the already mentioned lecture halls/labs, there are many other study spaces throughout the building: a library with quiet study rooms, a coffee shop, two break/meal lounges, and an outdoor, covered patio.

Faculty and staff offices are also all located in the main building, as well as the institutional offices such as Enrollment Services (Admissions, Registrar, and Financial Aid), Finance, Human Resources, Student Affairs, Academic Support Services, Information Technology, Academic Affairs, Clinical Education and Executive Administration.

BCOM occupies 4,500 square feet of laboratory and support space at 9035 Advancement Avenue, Las Cruces, NM. Located approximately 15 minutes from the main campus, the BCOM BioScience Research Laboratory (BSRL), a fully equipped BSL-2 facility, functions to support faculty driven research activities.
with supervised research opportunities for students. Major capabilities include bacterial and eukaryotic cell culture, DNA amplification and analysis, spectrophotometry, protein separation and analysis, flow cytometry, imaging based particle size analysis, gas chromatography/mass spectrometry, and light microscopy. Windows and Mac/OS based workstations are equipped for data and image analysis. Access to the laboratory facility is restricted to authorized faculty and student researchers. The laboratory is operated under the direction of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. A full-time Scientific Research Associate provides day-to-day operational support for the BSRL.

BCOM’s Library provides access to core medical/osteopathic collection materials including electronic databases and journals, print and electronic books, and some media titles. The Library has over 10,000 electronic titles (e-books, e-journals), libguides developed in-house to streamline access to information and content, and approximately 600 print titles. Collection highlights are the high-quality medical/health-related databases accessible to BCOM authorized users that include: AccessMedicine, ClinicalKey, Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials, DynaMed Plus, LWW Health Library – Osteopathic Collection, Medline Complete, Thieme eBook Library (TeBL), USMLE First Aid, and VisualDx. The Library’s systems seamlessly link out to scientific content supported by BCOM and other open access initiatives such as Google Scholar, PubMed Central, and BioMed Central. The reserve collection includes multiple copies of student textbooks in print format and a wide variety of anatomical models, all of which are available for loan. Other items available for check-out include noise-reducing headphones, mobile whiteboards, desk cycles and striders, and cell phone chargers. Materials requested by BCOM students, staff, and faculty that are not accessible within the BCOM Library’s collections, or not freely available through open access initiatives, are rapidly obtained by the librarians through a commercial document delivery provider at no cost to the requestor.

BCOM students, faculty, and other affiliates have access to the New Mexico State University Library and its vast research collection of over 1.8 million volumes, as well as on-site use of their electronic journals and databases.

While BCOM is a private and freestanding college, our unique partnership with NMSU allows students to enjoy the student life and campus community benefits that come with a major public university. Included in BCOM’s tuition and fees, students have access to NMSU study spaces and libraries. BCOM students also have access to many facilities that include the NMSU Corbett Center Student Union, Activity Center, Aquatic Center, Tennis Center, and the Campus Health Center.