

**BURRELL COLLEGE
OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
POLICY MANUAL**

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POLICY

BCOM shall provide clinical education through the establishment of clinical clerkships with formal curricular structure that are in alignment with its mission and objectives. Such education shall be inclusive of experiences with the clinical practice of osteopathic physicians, experiences in an inpatient setting, and experiences working with resident physicians.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL(S):

Associate Dean of Clinical Education

PROCEDURES:

1. BCOM shall determine the scope and distribution of clinical experiences, including the clinical practices of osteopathic physicians, to be required of each student and so designate these as comprising the core clerkships of the curriculum.
2. BCOM will maintain an inventory of affiliated core clerkship positions that is in excess of the projected annual enrollment of its first year class.
3. Faculty providing ambulatory clinical experiences will be limited to two students per clerkship period. Hospital-based rotations shall be limited to four students per faculty attending.
4. Students shall be assigned to clerkship sites that have been specifically identified and evaluated for their ability to deliver a quality learning experience in the designated discipline. To the extent possible, core clerkships shall be conducted at sites that provide postdoctoral training through accredited residencies and fellowships.
5. All core clerkships shall be evaluated through onsite inspections that occur at least annually, student feedback, and outcomes on standardized student assessments. All core clerkship sites shall be required to provide comparable learning experiences that enable students to acquire the learning objectives in the published syllabus.

CROSS REFERENCE: