

**Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine**  
**Student Handbook 2021-2022**  
**Career Counseling**

The College provides career counseling services to all students throughout the four years of study in the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree program. Early exploration of postdoctoral opportunities is encouraged with informational sessions held for first year students. In the second year, students begin to plan elective clinical rotations that will provide in-depth experiences in their fields of interest. Third year students are encouraged to collect letters of recommendation from preceptors as they rotate through core clinical services. All students are required to meet individually with the career counselor and faculty to discuss their strategy for identifying residency programs to pursue for eventual placement. Counselors also work with each student to begin crafting the Medical School Performance Evaluation (MSPE) and provide guidance in preparing their personal statements.

Residency applications are made in the summer prior to Year Four. The Office of Student Affairs will provide notice to third year students to register with the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) and with the National Resident Matching Program (the Match). Students may also apply for some specialty programs through other matching services. Residency counselors will provide more information on these as requested.

All students have access to Careers in Medicine<sup>®</sup>, a comprehensive online career-planning resource that guides medical students through a process of self-discovery, exploring the various medical specialty options, preparing to be competitive, and applying for residency programs. The Office of Student Affairs can provide a “token” that allows students to enter the subscription space.

For further information on career counseling and to schedule an appointment with a counselor please see the careers website at:

<https://burrell.edu/students/career-counseling/overview-resources/>