

Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine

Student Handbook 2021-2022

Introduction

This handbook, for students of the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (the College), is intended to provide information regarding policies and procedures that govern the conduct of the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree program. All enrolled students and those seeking matriculation to the College should become familiar with its contents

The College reserves the authority to amend its policies and procedures thereby modifying the contents of this Handbook. The College will provide notice of change to its students and the college community when such changes in policies or procedures may occur. Students shall be responsible for complying with the College's policies and procedures as stated herein and as posted on its website at:

<https://burrell.edu/faculty-staff/institutional-policies/>

<https://burrell.edu/about-bcom/sop/>

Mission

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

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

Vision

The Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine will be regionally and nationally recognized for significantly impacting physician workforce needs of the Southwest and access to quality medical services. The College will be a leader in increasing workforce diversity, particularly among Native American and Hispanic populations.

Our Guiding Principles

1. The College will achieve and maintain accreditation for its academic program(s) through appropriate accrediting bodies.
2. The College provides an evidence-based osteopathic medical education program that enables students to demonstrate the knowledge and competencies required to enter graduate medical education and the practice of osteopathic medicine.
3. The College embraces diversity that fosters inclusiveness and cultural awareness among all learners and educators with the ultimate goal to increase diversity in the regional physician workforce.
4. The College prepares students to effectively address the health needs of diverse populations, with emphasis on the southwest border region, particularly among Hispanic and Native American populations.
5. The College supports faculty and students in their efforts to advance knowledge by creating an atmosphere of inquiry and discovery that inspires excellence in scholarship and medical practice.

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6. The College supports the establishment of a healthcare culture that promotes osteopathic principles of wellness and prevention.
7. The College develops new graduate medical education (GME) opportunities with special emphasis on primary care and physician retention in the region.

Student Assumption of Risk

By entering into an agreement with the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine to engage in your osteopathic medical education you are voluntarily consenting to participate in educational activities, including required clinical skills experiences, with an understanding of the inherent risks, both known and unknown, associated with your professional training and the practice of medicine. As a medical student at the College, you acknowledge and assume responsibility for the inherent risks of adverse health events due to the nature of the general training and the specific clinical patient care environments. These risks may include, but are not limited to, occupational hazards and injuries, the transmission of communicable diseases, blood borne pathogen exposure, emotional stress, and bodily injury.