Opportunities for Osteopathic Medical Students

Complete training to become a physician includes supervised post-doctoral graduate medical education (GME) training in a specific field of medicine.

THE MEDICAL EDUCATION ROADMAP

Graduate Medical Education

SINGLE GME ACCREDITATION SYSTEM

Currently medical school graduates navigate two separate residency accrediting systems—while the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) accredits the majority of GME programs, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) accredits all osteopathic (DO) GME programs.

CURRENT SYSTEM

ACGME | AOA

DOs choose to participate in AOA programs to get osteopathic training.

If DOs choose an ACGME program that isn’t dually-accredited by the AOA, their osteopathic GME training concludes.

AOA Osteopathic Training

ACGME Dually-Accredited Osteopathic Training

All internship, residency and fellowship programs will be accredited by the ACGME by 2020.

ACGME AOA

Students can choose to enter osteopathically recognized ACGME programs to continue their osteopathic training throughout their GME careers.

AOA

NMS | NRMP

A streamlined process for applying to, matching and participating in residency programs by 2020.

Currently, eligibility restrictions in both AOA and ACGME accredited programs limit access for DO and MD applicants.

US MD and DO applicants are eligible to enter all accredited programs.

The single GME accreditation system is an exciting change for all prospective medical students, physicians, and the public. This system will enhance the GME and clinical training experience as a whole, and in turn improve the health and well-being of the nation through better care.

2014

ACGME, AOA & AACOM agree to create a single GME accreditation system

2015

July 1 through June 30, 2020, AOA programs transition to ACGME

2020

By there will be a single GME accreditation system under ACGME

Optional Path

Some will continue past residency to further specialize in their chosen field. (Includes option of an internship in the first year)