About the Program

**OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE (DO)** GEORGIA CAMPUS

Responding to a growing need for primary care physicians and other clinicians in the South, in 2005, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, an institution spanning more than 110 years of training osteopathic physicians, established a new, state-of-the-art campus in Suwanee, Georgia, just 27 miles north of Atlanta.

Today, Georgia Campus–PCOM trains Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) students from Georgia and the surrounding states, enabling students from the Southeast to gain an education close to home with the aim of serving the health needs of their home communities and the region.

GA–PCOM DO students learn a holistic approach to health care. They learn to treat disease in the context of the whole person, considering the interrelationships of all body systems, as well as factors such as nutrition, environment and psychology.

In the first and second years, students pursue an integrated curriculum that introduces both basic and clinical sciences. The use of innovative patient simulators as well as standardized patient actors provide students with experiential learning and proficiency modalities reflective of actual clinical procedure and practice.

In the third and fourth years, students hone their skills by working in prominent hospitals and clinics in Georgia and across the region, including opportunities in communities where one day they may wish to pursue a career. During this hands-on training, they are exposed to a broad scope of medical problems, gradually assuming more responsibility under the direction of experienced physicians.

An exceptional preparation, a desirable location – at Georgia Campus–PCOM, students have every advantage in becoming the outstanding health professionals they aspire to be.

More information: [ADMISSIONS.PCOM.EDU](mailto:ADMISSIONS.PCOM.EDU)

Program HIGHLIGHTS

DOs receive extra training in osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) — using the hands to diagnose, treat and prevent illness or injury.

PCOM’s osteopathic curriculum involves four years of basic medical education, with an emphasis on preventive medicine and holistic patient care, leading to the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO).

After GA–PCOM, DO graduates obtain graduate medical education through internships, residencies and fellowships. This training lasts three to eight years and prepares DOs to practice a specialty.

Course sections within the DO program are kept small and highly personalized, presenting plenty of opportunities for discussion and developing relationships with faculty.

As practicing clinicians and scientists, GA–PCOM faculty are actively engaged in research, and thus bring a cutting-edge perspective to their classroom teaching.
Career Outcomes

YOUR FUTURE IN OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

- GA–PCOM DO graduates compete well nationally for select residencies – both osteopathic and allopathic. Fifty-five percent choose one of the primary care specialties including general practice, general internal medicine, OB/GYN and pediatrics.

- Recent Georgia campus graduates have also entered residency specialties that include: anesthesiology, emergency medicine, general surgery, neurology, orthopedic surgery, pathology, physical medicine & rehab, psychiatry and more.

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THE OSTEOPATHIC DIFFERENCE

A premier osteopathic medical school, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine boasts a history that spans more than 110 years and a rich tradition of training and placing DOs in primary and specialty care.

DOs are complete physicians who, along with MDs, are licensed to prescribe medication and perform surgery in all 50 states. But DOs bring something extra to the practice of medicine. Osteopathic physicians practice a "whole person" approach to medicine, treating the entire person rather than just the symptoms. With a focus on preventive health care, DOs help patients develop attitudes and lifestyles that don’t just fight illness, but help prevent it, too.

DOs serve as primary care physicians and in a wide range of specialties. Many DOs fill a critical need for physicians by practicing in rural and other medically underserved communities.

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Nearly one in five medical students in the U.S. is attending an osteopathic medical school

FAST FACTS

- The 20-acre Georgia Campus is located in Suwanee, Gwinnett County. It has been named by Money Magazine as one of the top ten places to live in the U.S.

- The campus houses modern labs and classrooms, an award-winning library, and state-of-the-art learning technologies.

- The highly personalized learning environment features small classes and many opportunities for collaboration and socializing.

- A commitment to community service is evident in campus- and student-sponsored outreach programs.