



ARKANSAS COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

ARCOM Educational Program Objectives

The mission of the Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (ARCOM) is to educate and train compassionate osteopathic physicians, skilled in the science of patient-centered osteopathic medical care, dedicated to the ethical and social principles of the osteopathic profession, committed to lifelong learning, and focused on service to the underserved.

ARCOM embraces the training of physicians through programs of study which recognize the unique aspects of osteopathic medicine and its principles and practice. ARCOM's educational program was developed to take full advantage of a novel curricular approach consisting of a team-based and integrative learning environment which approximates current medical care practice in which ARCOM graduates will experience as members of a physician health care team. The integrative function of the curriculum allows cross curricular connections between the basic medical sciences, osteopathic manipulative medicine, and the clinical sciences. As a result, the seven core competencies of osteopathic medicine are effectively addressed throughout all courses. (ARCOM course descriptions are found on pages, 107-122 of the [ARCOM Student Handbook and Academic Catalog, 2018-2019](#)).

ARCOM's curricular program of study will graduate students competent in all Osteopathic Core Competencies:

- Osteopathic Principles and Practices
- Medical Knowledge
- Patient Care
- Interpersonal and Communication Skills
- Professionalism
- Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
- System-Based Practice