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COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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Above: Student Doctors enjoying the campus courtyard.

OURNEY HERE

at CHSU



COMMITTED TO OUR MISSION

The California Health Sciences University College of Osteopathic Medicine (CHSU-COM) exists to recruit, train, and retain physicians to serve the Central Valley and beyond, especially the underserved populations.

CHSU offers a four-year Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) program. For the first two years, students learn from a modified, two-pass systems-based curricular model that includes:

- ◆ Active Learning
- ◆ Clinical Practice
- ◆ Problem Solving
- ◆ Realistic Patient Scenarios with Scientific Principles

Other curricular components and technology include:

- ◆ Butterfly iQ+ Handheld Ultrasound
- ◆ Clinical Skills
- ◆ HoloAnatomy
- ◆ Medical Spanish
- ◆ Nutrition as Medicine
- ◆ Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
- ◆ Patient-centered Care

Visit chsu.edu/mission-vision-values



Above: CHSU-COM graduates at Commencement and Hooding Ceremony.

THERE IS



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Medical Spanish courses help serve patients in their native language and improve health outcomes through cultural understanding.



35%
of students speak Spanish

“Everybody knew my name already, and they were so welcoming. I really *felt at home here*, and that's what I was looking for in a medical school.”

Dexter Tan, DO
CHSU-COM, Class of 2025



Above: Student Doctors studying and socializing on campus.

A PLACE *for you*



18%

of students are underrepresented in medicine to serve our community



88%

of students are from California

CONSCIENTIOUS COOKING

We believe we can help improve the health of our *community* by educating our medical students and others in the Central Valley on healthy eating and nutrition. Our medical students learn the basics of nutrition and culinary medicine through team-based learning applications, case studies, and hands-on cooking classes in our on-campus Teaching Kitchen using the Health meets Food® curriculum.



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Teaching future physicians to think of food as medicine.

Above: Student Doctor participating in Culinary Medicine curriculum.

HELPING THE BODY

Heal Itself



Above: Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT)

OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATIVE MEDICINE (OMM)

Starting in their first year, medical students learn OMM, a hands-on treatment DOs use to diagnose illness, treat injury and encourage the body's natural tendency toward self-healing.

Osteopathic medical students receive over 200 hours of hands-on OMM training to diagnose and perform treatment techniques like stretching, gentle pressure and light resistance to alleviate pain, optimize function, promote healing, and increase overall health and mobility.

Immerse YOURSELF



Above: Student providing care to one of our high-fidelity patient manikins.

The Simulation Center is at the forefront of medical and interprofessional education in the Central Valley. Our innovative Simulation Center features an in-patient hospital wing with an emergency room, operating room, scrub room, and 3 patient rooms; an outpatient wing with 12 exam rooms; and 2 labs for HoloAnatomy and task trainers.

HOLOANATOMY

Students study anatomy using HoloAnatomy instead of traditional cadaver and dissection labs for learning. Each student has their own device to study with any time, any place. CHSU utilizes the Case Western Reserve University's HoloAnatomy™ curriculum.

BUTTERFLY IQ+

Medical students learn point of care ultrasound using the Butterfly iQ+ handheld ultrasound device and other equipment. This device connects directly to a smartphone and can provide a quick way to assess a patient for further treatment.

HIGH FIDELITY MANIKINS

Our family of tetherless manikins (from adult to infant) live in our in-patient hospital wing and create a unique interactive learning environment. Their human-like qualities include breathing, pulses, blinking, talking, crying and other characteristics pertinent to the clinical simulation training.



Above: Augmented Reality HoloAnatomy Simulation.



UNDERSTAND YOUR

RESEARCH DAY

Research and scholarly activity is important to the development of our future osteopathic physicians. CHSU medical students start early service-learning projects in the first semester while embedded in Central Valley health centers.

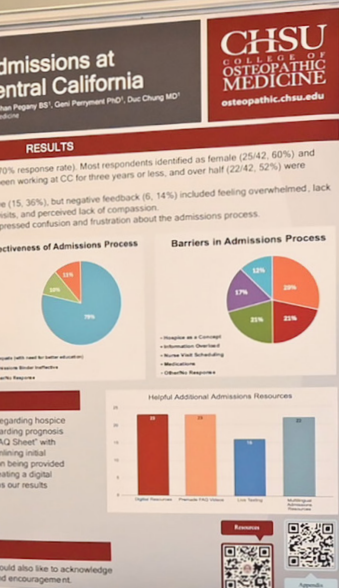
Student doctors collaborate with faculty, preceptor physicians, other health care providers, and scientists to conduct research to benefit their partner health care center.

Students also have the opportunity to potentially present their research during CHSU Research Day, which is held on campus at the end of each academic year.



COMMITTED TO OUR MISSION

Providing early introduction to research and population health.



COMMUNITY

Impactful Research

Above: Student doctors presenting at CHSU Research Day.

EARLY SERVICE-LEARNING

CHSU-COM clinical education focuses on a whole-person approach to treatment and care, utilizing cutting-edge technology and hands-on experiences. We prepare medical students to be life-long learners and champions of evidence-based medicine, engaging in research and scholarly activities.

During these projects, medical students collaborate with faculty, preceptor physicians, other health care providers, and scientists.

Students may have the opportunity to potentially publish their research from these projects in peer-reviewed journals and present at conferences.

CONNECTIONS CLOSE *To Home*



CLINICAL CLERKSHIPS

In years 3 and 4, CHSU medical students participate in clinical clerkships that help them gain the experience to develop into highly trained physicians. CHSU partners with most regional hospitals, clinics, and health care facilities within a driving distance.

YEAR 3

In year 3, students gain hands-on experience through their 6 core clinical clerkships with qualified local physicians in the community. Students rotate through 4-to-8-week clerkships in:

1. Family medicine
2. Internal medicine
3. Surgery
4. Pediatrics
5. Behavioral medicine
6. Women's health

YEAR 4

In year 4, students are provided ample opportunities for audition rotations preparing them for the residency Match and to experience both required and elective opportunities for more advanced clinical learning in areas including:

- Primary care
- Emergency medicine
- Specialty elective
- Underserved medicine



COMMITTED TO OUR MISSION

Local clerkship rotations in hospitals, clinics, and other local health facilities.



**Clinical
Clerkships Map**



CHSU-COM
Match Day Info

MATCH DAY

100% Residency Match Rate for two consecutive years

Notable residency specialties matched by CHSU students include:

Anesthesiology • Dermatology • Diagnostic Radiology • Emergency Medicine
Family Medicine • Internal Medicine • Neurology • Obstetrics/Gynecology
Orthopaedic Surgery • Pathology • Pediatrics • Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Psychiatry • Surgery • Urology



Having CHSU graduates complete residencies locally helps advance our mission to train physicians here in the Central Valley and provide more equitable access to health care.

John Graneto, DO
Dean, College of Osteopathic Medicine

Below: Students celebrating Diversity Day.



STUDENT LIFE

The CHSU campus community offers a welcoming and inclusive environment to help ensure student success.

Student organizations on campus range from community-impact to medical specialty exploration, to shared interest groups. Medical students can also get involved in the Student Government Association to advocate for student colleagues with the faculty, administration, and outside agencies.



STUDENT SUPPORT

We strive to cultivate respect, inclusion, excellence, and service. Creating a trusting and caring culture is at the heart of the Office of Student Affairs' mission and staff.



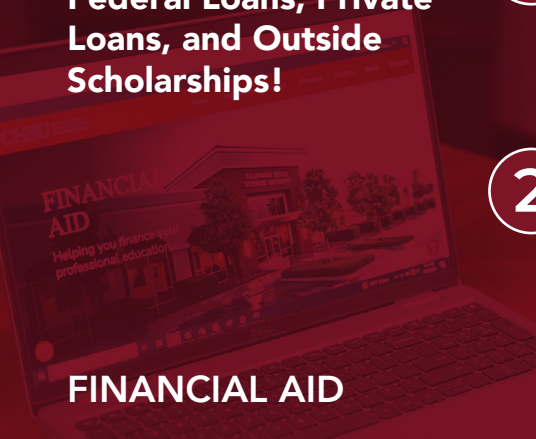
Above: Student Doctor benefiting from Therapy dogs on campus.

CHSU students thrive with the Student Support Services we offer:

- ◆ Academic Support Services
- ◆ Accessibility Services
- ◆ Physical Health Services
- ◆ Counseling and Mental Health Services
- ◆ Student Activities and Events
- ◆ Student Fatigue Mitigation Program
- ◆ Student Professional Organizations
- ◆ Tutoring Services

Financing Your FUTURE

**You can apply for
Federal Loans, Private
Loans, and Outside
Scholarships!**



FINANCIAL AID

The CHSU Office of Financial Aid (OFA) is committed to ensuring you make informed financial choices. The OFA assists you in understanding, applying for, and securing financing for a professional education, from the beginning of your academic career at CHSU to your entry into residency training and beyond.

Start the application process by completing a FAFSA online at studentaid.gov. The CHSU School Code is 042814.

Contact Info & Office Hours
financialaid@chsu.edu
Monday-Friday 8am - 5pm

1

Being Prepared

- Calculate your monthly expenses
- Plan a budget

2

Understanding Costs

- Tuition and fees
- Health insurance
- Books and supplies
- Room and board
- Transportation
- Personal expenses

3

Exploring Scholarship Opportunities

- Earning scholarships can greatly reduce the debt you may accrue during medical school
- For more information about scholarship opportunities, visit our website at osteopathic.chsu.edu/financial-aid-scholarships-tuition

4

Initiating Loans

- CHSU participates in federal and private student loan programs.

“Scholarship opportunities help alleviate my financial burden. They can also *inspire* more people to apply to med school knowing their goals are more attainable.”

- Tatiana Abdulnour



Above: Student Doctor speaks on scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In partnership with the Central Valley Community Foundation, CHSU students can apply for private scholarships.

CHSU Scholarships are possible through the generosity of our community partners to help CHSU students finance their doctoral medical education.

CHSU also shares other scholarship opportunities with students and encourages them to investigate other ways to fund their academic career at CHSU. Visit our website for some potential scholarship opportunities and select scholarship search engines.

WHAT CAN ADMISSIONS DO FOR YOU?

Start Now



MARCH 1 DEADLINE

Minimum Requirements For Applicants

- **Baccalaureate degree** (or equivalent) from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- An overall cumulative and science **GPA of 3.0 or higher**.
- MCAT score of **500 or higher**, with no subsection below the 25th percentile.
- Provide **2 Letters of Recommendation**.
 - One academic letter written by a college science professor who has instructed the applicant.
 - One additional letter. Physician letter from a DO or MD is preferred.
- Satisfactorily complete the prerequisite courses listed below prior to matriculation.
- U.S. Citizenship, U.S. Permanent Resident, or DACA Recipient.

REQUIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES	SEMESTER HOURS	QUARTER HOURS
Behavioral Sciences*	3 Credits	4
Biology*	8 Credits	12
General or Inorganic Chemistry*	8 Credits	12
Organic Chemistry*	8 Credits	12
Physics*	8 Credits	12
English (e.g. Composition/Literature)*	6 Credits	9

AP credits are accepted if specified on the transcript. See website for recommended additional courses.



FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I be a more competitive applicant?

A competitive applicant will likely have one or more of the following qualities:

- A demonstrated commitment & understanding of the osteopathic medical profession.
- Service to the community through volunteering.
- A determination to learn biomedical sciences advancements through research and other scholarly activities.

I am planning on taking the MCAT soon. Should I still submit my application without an official score?

- The timing of applying to our program is completely at the applicant's discretion. Please keep in mind that it can take up to 4 weeks for official MCAT scores to be received after having taken the test.

Can I tour the campus?

- CHSU-COM Admissions hosts monthly campus tours open to you and our community. Scan the QR code or see our website for a campus tour.

How can I schedule an Advising Session and/or receive more information?

- We host several in-person and virtual events throughout the year for prospective and accepted students.
- Scan the QR code or see our website to join our Interest List to receive upcoming events and schedule an Advising Session.

Have more questions?

Click here to Contact Admissions, Submit Inquiry Form, or Schedule Campus Tour and Advising Session.



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