



Sam Houston State University

College of Osteopathic Medicine

Vision

To be provide medical education and service to the eastern region of Texas and be recognized as a leader in improving primary care access and workforce needs in the state. The SHSU-COM will:

- Provide an excellent academic experience through a vertically integrated basic science/clinical curriculum provided by highly skilled and experienced basic science faculty and clinicians.
- Reinforce the quality of the academic experience through biomedical and clinical research.
- Create opportunities with clinical partners to develop strong clinical training programs for students and facilitate the creation and expansion of graduate medical education.
- Produce qualified candidates for entry into GME who will become part of the medical workforce in east Texas.

Mission

The mission of the Sam Houston State University (SHSU) College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) is to prepare students for the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine with an emphasis toward primary care and rural practice, to develop culturally aware, diverse and compassionate physicians, who follow osteopathic principles, that are prepared for graduate medical education, and will serve the people of Texas with professionalism and patient-centered care.

A significant part of the mission of the COM is to increase the physician workforce in the eastern region of Texas and to increase access to primary care. The COM will accomplish this by recruiting qualified applicants from areas to which they would likely want to return and wstablish their practice.

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STRATEGIES

Culture of Service

- Implement a culture that emphasizes primary care, rural practice, and service to the community

Osteopathic Principles

- Apply osteopathic principles and practice to education and patient care

Academic Excellence

- Provide a quality educational experience to promote academic excellence and facilitate lifelong learning

Research

- Create a strong scientific foundation for evidence based medicine through research and scholarly activity

Professionalism

- Develop curricular and co-curricular content that highlights professionalism, empathy, and patient centered care