



TEXAS COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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PROGRAMS

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)
- Dual Degree: DO/MS
- Dual Degree: DO/PhD
- Dual Degree: DO/MPH
- Graduate Certificate in Academic Medicine

DEPARTMENTS

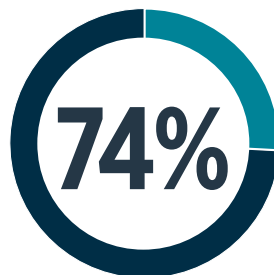
- Family and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
- Internal Medicine and Geriatrics
- Pediatrics and Women's Health
- Medical Education



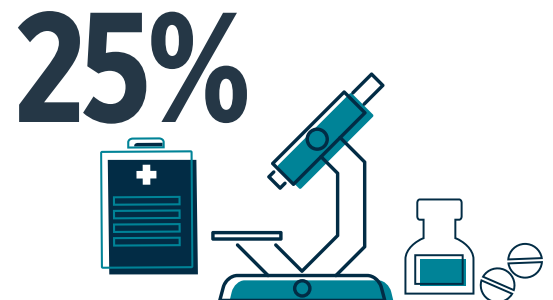
TCOM has consistently placed more graduates into primary care than any other medical school in Texas.



TCOM graduates who choose to complete their residency in Texas



TCOM graduates involved in the rural medicine program who are now practicing in primary care



TCOM students who conduct an elective research project in biomedical sciences, patient-oriented clinical studies or health services and policy

NATIONAL RECOGNITION



The TCOM Class of 2022 earned the highest score in the nation on the **COMLEX-USA Level 1** national board exam for future osteopathic physicians. The score is the highest among all osteopathic medical schools across the country, making this the third time in the last four years TCOM has ranked first.

[Learn more](#)

U.S. News & World Report released its annual list of best medical schools for primary care, and for the second consecutive year, TCOM was the highest ranked osteopathic medical school in Texas. TCOM had the second highest ranking of osteopathic medical schools nationally and was ranked 57th among all medical schools for primary care, up 15 spots from the 2020 ranking of 72.

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PATIENT SAFETY



CHANGING THE WAY HEALTH CARE IS DELIVERED

TCOM is the first known medical school demonstrating successful implementation of patient safety curriculum using IHI's CPPS™ Review Course, leading to medical student patient safety certification prior to graduation. TCOM had more than 250 students receive this international certification this past year.

It is our attempt to address the more than **400,000** deaths that occur from medical error each year.

[Learn more](#)



Dr. Janet Lieto, Jessica Rangel, Dr. Frank Filipetto, Dr. Lillie Gelinas

SERVE OTHERS FIRST



KENDRICK LIM

“Medical school is easy.... said no one!” This simple, light-hearted line was delivered by third-year medical student, Kendrick Lim, to students at the TCOM White Coat ceremony in August. Lim was describing what everyone already knows – medical school is hard. Lim also wanted future health professionals to know that practicing medicine is a privilege, and in his optimistic and upbeat way, he was striving to make sure his classmates and future patients know that as well.

[Learn more](#)



CATHOLIC DIOCESE

TCOM and the Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth recently celebrated 27 years of providing sports physicals and wellness checks for students. The program sees the students at the beginning of each school year. About 3,000 children have been served through the program since its inception in 1995.

[Learn more](#)

SERVE OTHERS FIRST



VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Not even a pandemic can slow down TCOM's volunteer efforts. In 2020, TCOM students volunteered 324 hours at the Community Enrichment Center and were honored as its "Volunteer Group of the Year."



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Habitat for Humanity at HSC received the 2021 Trinity Habitat Golden Heart Award from the Trinity Habitat for Humanity. Students from TCOM recently stepped forward and volunteered to help the organization paint houses in low-income areas of Fort Worth. Their work is an example of the volunteer spirit that starts at HSC from the first day students set foot on campus.

[Learn more](#)

NEW OPPORTUNITY



BETTY FORD FOUNDATION

In March, **Olivia Tomasco's** phone rang, and she saw “Palm Springs” on the screen. Her heart skipped a beat. The fourth-year TCOM student knew the call meant she was invited to spend a life-changing week at the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation Summer Institute for Medical Students learning about addiction, recovery and much more.

[Learn more](#)



MASTER'S OF SPACE SCIENCE

Summer Beckworth dreams of practicing osteopathic medicine among the stars. The second-year TCOM student will soon embark on an exclusive one-year program to earn a Master's of Space Studies at the International Space University in Strasbourg, France. The yearlong program runs from September 2021 through May 2022 and supports students who want to advance their careers in space, space agencies and research.

[Learn more](#)

POCUS



Members of the **Texas Rural Health Association** chapter at HSC spent spring break on their second annual Big Bend medical mission trip to West Texas. The TRHA student group worked with local rural community leaders, physicians and churches to make the trip a reality. The goal was for medical students and physicians from TCOM to organize and run free medical clinics in one of the most medically underserved areas in the state.

[Learn more](#)

Louisa Weindruch saw what it could do in an emergency room. **Cassidy Weeks** recognized its value to rural health care. That's why both students are striving to learn all they can about the emerging use of ultrasound technology to diagnose disease and potentially save patients' lives. The pair of second-year TCOM students recently completed a study on the teaching technique that is fundamentally expediting the learning curve for students using ultrasound. The technique is called "near peer teaching."

[Learn more](#)



DENNIS KULP



MEET DENNIS

Dennis Kulp sat in his car sobbing, his work clothes soaking wet. The TCOM fourth-year student was starting to crumble from what seemed like insurmountable pressure – stress of medical school, financial woes, family struggles and the COVID-19 pandemic. “Why am I doing this?” wondered Kulp. He was working part time as an Uber Eats Driver to help support his parents, whose financial hardships before the pandemic worsened as COVID-19 spread.

Kulp had driven to the designated spot for the delivery when he saw who he assumed was the potential customer. After he politely asked if it was her delivery, she approached his car and inexplicably doused him with an alcoholic drink. Instead of wallowing in the foul stench of failure, Kulp composed himself and 24-hours later was back at work.

That’s who Dennis Kulp is, and his long, winding road through 2020 has delivered him to one of the biggest days of his life, Match Day. Here is how he got there.

[Learn more](#)

GOLD HUMANISM/NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT



The humanistic side of medicine is alive and well at TCOM. The TCOM Chapter of the Arnold P Gold Foundation inducted 45 students and four faculty members into the Gold Humanism Honor Society on the campus of HSC. The students, all members of the Class of 2022, were chosen for their outstanding humanistic behaviors shown during medical school.

[Learn more](#)

Sabri Zooper's work on a national level for TCOM and osteopathic medicine is continuing for another year. The fourth-year TCOM student has been re-appointed to the Student National Medical Association Board of Directors for a second year as the National Osteopathic Affairs Committee Co-Chairperson.

[Learn more](#)



FACULTY



DR. DIDI EBERT

TCOM's **Dr. Didi Ebert**, an Associate Professor in Family Medicine and OMM, is passionate about closing the gap on racial, ethnic and social disparities in health care. Her passion, combined with compassion, has helped her land a highly coveted Population Health Training-in Place Program Fellowship with the Centers for Disease Control.

[Learn more](#)



DR. JOHN LICCIARDONE

The American Osteopathic Association has awarded a \$100,000 grant to **Dr. John Licciardone**, Executive Director of the Osteopathic Research Center and its PRECISION Pain Research Registry for the research project titled "Osteopathic vs Allopathic Physician Opioid Prescribing for Chronic Pain: A Longitudinal Study of Long-Term Outcomes and the Role of Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment."

[Learn more](#)

AWARDS



CHARLES L. BALLINGER DISTINGUISHED OSTEOPATHIC SURGEON AWARD

One of the most distinguished and decorated alumni in the history of the TCOM, **Albert H. Olivencia-Yurvati**, DO, PhD, FACOS, FICA FAHA, is the 2021 recipient of the Charles L. Ballinger Distinguished Osteopathic Surgeon Award from the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons. He is the only person in the history of ACOS to receive all three of its highest awards.

[Learn more](#)



2021 JOHNSON & JOHNSON CONSUMER COMPANIES MEDAL

In 2007, TCOM's **Dr. Rita Patterson** and **Dr. Jennifer Wayne**, a professor at Virginia Tech, recognized the need for women in the field of bioengineering to meet, network, mentor and increase the representation of women in the field. Thus the ASME Bioengineering Women's Network Group was born, and now it is being nationally recognized with the 2021 Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies Medal.

[Learn more](#)

MATCH DAY



Name here



Name here



Name here

50TH ANNIVERSARY

The story of TCOM, HSC and Osteopathic Medicine is more than 50 years in the making. We are proud to unveil the definitive story of TCOM, Osteopathic Medicine and the rise of HSC. **This is TCOM.**



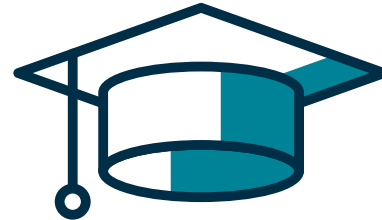
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION



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STUDENTS

1,468 Doctoral-Professional Practice
82 Doctoral-Research
771 Master's | 8 Certificate

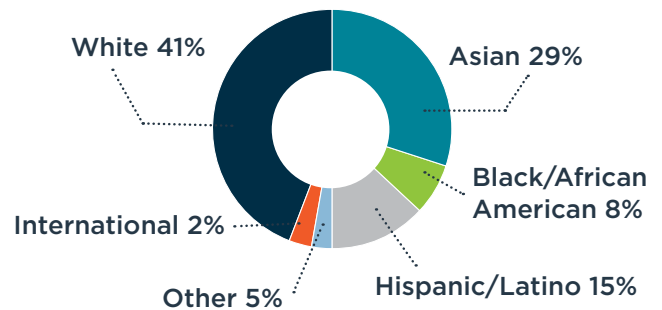
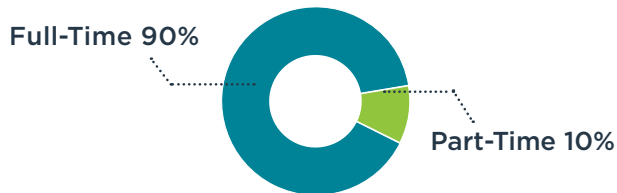


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DEGREES AWARDED

346 Doctoral-Professional Practice
19 Doctoral-Research
379 Master's | 37 Certificate

TOTAL STUDENTS



Age Range 19-69 | Median Age 25
New Students 28%

Students enrolled in multiple programs count only once in total students. "Other" includes American Indian, Alaskan Native, Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, Multi-racial (non-Black/African American, non-Hispanic) and Unknown, according to Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board definitions. Data sources: Enrollment - THECB CBM001 Fall 2020 Enrollment Report and THECB data definitions, Degrees Awarded - U.S. Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Completions Report AY2020 (which includes the THECB CBM009 AY2020 Report).



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