



## Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-COM) FAST FACTS

**T**he College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-COM) ranks as the ninth-largest osteopathic medical school in terms of total enrollment out of 30 accredited colleges of osteopathic medicine in the United States. According to 2013-2014 figures, there are 173 medical schools in the nation (143 M.D. and 30 D.O.), including Puerto Rico.

**T**he NSU-COM student body (classes of 2014-2017) is approximately 50 percent male and 50 percent female; age range is from 22 to 58; 47.3 percent are minority; 47 percent in state and 49 percent out of state; 4 percent foreign. Applicants accepted into NSU-COM have an average GPA of 3.4 and MCAT scores of 27.4.

**N**SU-COM has 145 faculty members and 1,165 clinical/volunteer faculty members.

**T**he college's commitment to cultivating outstanding students is illustrated by the fact that 3 of the last 8 winners of the NSU Student of the Year Award—chosen from NSU's 18 colleges, schools, and centers as exemplary contributors to building a strong sense of community and campus life—have come from the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**T**he November 2012 issue of the *Journal of the American Osteopathic Association* listed NSU-COM number one among private osteopathic medical school nationwide in the amount of National Institutes of Health dollars received from 2006 through 2010 and number four when the six public medical schools are included.

**N**SU-COM was first in the number of citations per publication in peer-reviewed articles and in impact index when compared to all public and private osteopathic medical schools.

**I**n January 2013, the college became the first medical school in the country to receive approval for a new medical specialty—correctional medicine—which was developed at NSU-COM in collaboration with the Florida Department of Corrections. The standards for this distinct specialty were approved by the American Osteopathic Association.

**I**n July 2013, NSU-COM was awarded the Strategic Team Award and Recognition (“STAR”) accolade, which is bestowed upon affiliate organizations that make significant contributions to advancing the profession-wide objectives identified in the AOA Strategic Plan.

The college currently offers 92 internship, residency, and fellowship programs that provide 1,037 postgraduate training positions through its Consortium for Excellence in Medical Education.

The college is home to six prestigious centers and institutes that provide vital training and support to individuals within as well as outside of the NSU academic community. They are the *Area Health Education Centers (AHEC)*, *Institute for Disaster and Emergency Preparedness (IDEP)*, the *Florida Coastal Geriatric Resources, Education, and Training Center (GREAT GEC)*, the *Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI)*, the *Institute for Neuro-Immune Medicine (INIM)*, and the *Center for Interprofessional Education and Practice (CIPEP)*.

NSU-COM is ranked first or second in every category in total external funding in relation to Nova Southeastern University's 18 colleges, schools, and centers.

The college has eight patient simulators to provide its students with modern educational tools to hone their arsenal of clinical skills. Another teaching tool called Second Life is a virtual clinic the students can access at any time to practice clinical skills. To access the technology, the students design avatars of themselves and fly to the NSU-COM Virtual Clinic to practice on virtual patients.

Exposing our students to the needs of the underserved in various countries, NSU-COM offers several international medical outreach opportunities in which students can participate annually. These experiences have included medical outreach forays to Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Jamaica, Peru, and Vietnam. Fourth-year NSU-COM students are able to broaden their educational and cultural horizons by participating in life-enhancing, approved international selective clinical rotations worldwide.

Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate's, baccalaureate, master's, educational specialist, doctorate, and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Nova Southeastern University.

Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, nondisqualifying disability, religion or creed, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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### Professional and Graduate Programs

- **Osteopathic Medicine - D.O.**
- **Biomedical Informatics - M.S.B.I.**
  - Graduate Certificate in Public Health Informatics
  - Graduate Certificate in Medical Informatics
- **Public Health - M.P.H.**
  - Graduate Certificate in Public Health
  - Graduate Certificate in Health Education
- **Disaster and Emergency Preparedness - M.S. DEP**

### Joint- and Dual-Degree Programs

- **M.S. in Medical Education (M.S.Ed)**
- **Master of Health Law (M.H.L.)**
- **M.B.A. in Health Administration**
- **D.O./D.M.D.**
- **D.O./J.D.**

