NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY—synonymous with dynamic innovation and intellectual challenge—is the second largest, private, nonprofit university in the Southeast and 1 out of only 361 colleges and universities nationally selected for the Carnegie Foundation’s Community Engagement Classification. Situated on a beautiful, 314-acre campus in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the university is experiencing a sustained period of academic growth, fiscal strength, and commitment to the challenges of the 21st century.

In this environment of expansion and stability, the university is capitalizing on its strengths in such areas as academic innovation, comprehensive clinical training, and flexible educational delivery systems.

Founded in 1964 as Nova University, the institution merged with Southeastern University of the Health Sciences in 1994, creating Nova Southeastern University. To date, the institution has more than 183,000 alumni and current enrollment of nearly 21,000 students. Accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the university awards bachelor’s, master’s, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees, as well as certificates in a wide range of fields including the health professions, law, business, marine sciences, psychology, social sciences, computer and information sciences, and education.

The university’s degree programs are administered through academic units that offer courses at the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus, as well as at NSU’s regional campuses, located in Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Miami, Miramar, Orlando, Palm Beach, and Tampa, Florida, and San Juan, Puerto Rico. NSU also has active distance education programs offered at instructional sites in 12 U.S. states, including Florida, in Puerto Rico, and in 4 countries.
THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS DIVISION (HPD), with a student body of nearly 8,000, is home to eight colleges. Located on the Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus, it occupies a $70-million complex, covering 21 acres. It includes eight buildings totaling more than 900,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories, offices, the Health Professions Division Library, an outpatient health center, and a pharmaceutical care center. Several of the HPD programs are also located at our regional campuses in Fort Myers, Jacksonville, Miami, Miramar, Orlando, Palm Beach, and Tampa, Florida, as well as in San Juan, Puerto Rico. These campuses extend our programs and resources to various communities. They offer you the ability to complete a degree at a location that may be more convenient to your home.
NSU’s Health Professions Division (HPD) is playing a pivotal role in leading the university to new levels of excellence. The division comprises eight distinctive colleges—osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, optometry, medical sciences, dental medicine, health care sciences, nursing, and allopathic medicine—that offer more than 60 degree and certificate programs.

We have seen the university reach many milestones recently. In September 2017, NSU received the largest philanthropic gift in its history from physicians Dr. Kiran C. Patel, M.D., and his wife, Dr. Pallavi Patel, M.D., which included a $50-million gift and an additional $150-million real estate and facility investment in Clearwater, Florida.

Then, in January 2018, the Patels provided additional gifts totaling close to $30 million, while a substantial contribution from longtime donors Ron and Kathy Assaf resulted in new HPD enhancements. The altruistic trend continued in February 2018, when a significant gift from Martin and Gail Press resulted in the renaming of the HPD Library.

In October 2017, our allopathic medicine college received preliminary accreditation. As a result, the college gained approval to begin interviewing and accepting its inaugural class of 50 students in August 2018. Finally, construction commenced on the HCA East Florida hospital that will be located on NSU’s Fort Lauderdale/Davie Campus.

These exciting developments will ensure that our students receive a well-rounded education at an academic institution that prides itself on being dynamic, innovative, and interprofessional in its academic approach.

Irving Rosenbaum, D.P.A., Ed.D., M.P.A.
Interim Health Professions Division Chancellor
Health Professions Division Degree Programs

Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences
- Bachelor of Science—Cardiovascular Sonography (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sport Science (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Health Science (B.H.Sc.)
- Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language and Communication Disorders (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Anesthesia (B.S.)
- Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training (M.S.A.T.)
- Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Master of Occupational Therapy (M.O.T.)
- Master of Medical Science in Physician Assistant (M.M.S.)
- Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (M.S.)
- Doctor of Audiology (Au.D.)
- Doctor of Health Science (D.H.Sc.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Health Science (Ph.D.)
- Entry-Level Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D.)
- Doctor of Occupational Therapy (Dr.O.T.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Occupational Therapy (Ph.D.)
- Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)
- Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)
- Postprofessional Doctor of Physical Therapy: Transition (D.P.T.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Therapy (Ph.D.)
- Doctor of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP.D.)
- Certificate in Audiologist Assistant
- Graduate Certificate in Clinical Research Associate
- Graduate Certificate in Clinical Trial Manager

College of Medical Sciences
- Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences (B.S.)

College of Dental Medicine
- Bachelor of Dentistry (B.D.M.D.)
- Bachelor of Science in Dentistry (B.S.)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry
- Postgraduate Certificate in Endodontics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Operative Dentistry
- Postgraduate Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Postgraduate Certificate in Orthodontics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry
- Postgraduate Certificate in Periodontics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Prosthodontics
- Postgraduate Certificate in Special Needs Dentistry

Ron and Kathy Assaf College of Nursing
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)
  - Entry Nursing
  - R.N. to B.S.N.
  - R.N. to M.S.N.
- Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.)
  - R.N. to M.S.N.
  - M.S.N. Clinical Concentrations
    - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Family Nurse Practitioner
    - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
    - Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
  - M.S.N. Nonclinical Concentrations
    - Executive Nurse Leadership
    - Nursing Education
    - Nursing Informatics
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)
- Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (Ph.D.)
- Graduate Certificate in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- Post-Master's Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner

Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Allopathic Medicine
- Bachelor of Science—Cardiovascular Sonography (B.S.) and Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Bachelor of Science—Medical Sonography (B.S.) and Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Bachelor of Science—Cardiovascular Sonography (B.S.) and Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)

Dual Degrees
- Bachelor of Science—Cardiovascular Sonography (B.S.) and Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Bachelor of Science—Medical Sonography (B.S.) and Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)

Concurrent Degrees
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Medical Education (M.S.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Disasters and Emergency Management (M.S.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Science in Nutrition (M.S.)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics (M.S.)
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)/Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
- Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)/Master of Health Science (M.H.Sc.)
- Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)/Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)
- Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)/Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)
Are you ready to pursue a career in one of the fastest-growing health professions disciplines in the country today?

Doctors of osteopathic medicine (D.O.s) are educated to consider the health of the whole person and use their minds, senses, and hands to help diagnose and treat their patients. Because of this, the profession’s popularity continues to increase. One fourth of all current students studying medicine are enrolled in osteopathic medicine programs. While today’s D.O.s remain on the cutting-edge of research and technology, they are equally as committed to being compassionate healers who listen carefully to their patients. Instead of just treating specific symptoms or illnesses, they regard the body as an integrated whole and focus on preventive care to maximize the health of each patient they treat.

As an NSU Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine student, you will have an opportunity to integrate the study of health and disease, combining scientific knowledge and humanism. In addition, you will be able to participate in clinical settings within the first month of your inaugural semester, allowing you to gain immediate access to the real world of medicine.

While breakthrough advances in medical technology present more effective solutions than ever before, new threats to public health and diverse populations continue to emerge. The college’s curriculum addresses the clinical aspects and pathophysiology of diseases and disorders of each system. Emphasis also is placed on learning the principles and practice of osteopathic medicine, including manipulation and a holistic approach to the patient.

Because the medical care model of today is significantly different than it was years ago, health care providers from different disciplines are frequently required to work collaboratively to effectively treat a patient. As a result, NSU’s Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine (KPCOM) endorses and emphasizes an interprofessional model of patient care delivery by a health care team integrated across the various disciplines.

As we explore the next chapter of medical education here at NSU’s Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine, we are committed to pursuing a pathway that provides our students with the most comprehensive, cutting-edge, and compassionate learning experience possible.

Elaine M. Wallace, D.O., M.S., M.S., M.S.
Dean, Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine
If you are considering a career as a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.), enormous opportunities to practice modern medicine await you. For the osteopathic physician, a patient is much more than a presenting symptom. Each person is a complete human being to be evaluated with consideration of his or her entire background.

The osteopathic medical model is comprehensive and holistic and demands that its practitioners possess both humanitarian and intellectual qualities. It encourages a broad educational background in both the sciences and the humanities.

Two types of physicians are licensed to practice medicine in all 50 states: the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.). While both types of physicians are trained in all aspects of patient care, D.O.s emphasize a distinctly holistic approach to medicine.

Osteopathic medicine is a profession that recognizes the relationship between physical structure (musculoskeletal) and organic function. Osteopathic principles teach our physicians to view the human body as an interdependent unit rather than an assortment of separate parts and systems. An osteopathic medical education

• emphasizes in producing excellent, compassionate physicians able to practice in any specialty who are lifelong learners
• prepares graduates in using osteopathic manipulative medicine when indicated
• produces a higher percentage of physicians who practice primarily in rural and urban underserved areas

All medical, surgical, and obstetrical specialties are represented within our profession, and our program includes rotations in these specialties. Experiences in rural; urban; medically underserved; minority; geriatric; international; and indigent populations make our program unique.

A dynamic career awaits committed individuals. We invite your inquiries.

Mission Statement
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine

The mission of the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine is to provide learner-centered education, both nationally and internationally, for osteopathic medical students, postgraduate trainees, physicians, and other professionals. Through its interprofessional programs, the college prepares competent and compassionate lifelong learners; supports research, scholarly activity, and community service; and advocates for the health and welfare of diverse populations including the medically underserved.
Course of Study

The Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine [D.O.] is a professional degree that requires four years of professional study. Our innovative curriculum is designed to fulfill our mission of training physicians with an emphasis on producing excellent, compassionate physicians who are lifelong learners. Its design is based on successful academic models that are carefully developed and integrated.

Students receive robust academic and clinical training that prepares them for the real world of medicine. Our program graduates leave with an enhanced competitive status as highly desired candidates for postdoctoral residencies. For further information about graduate placement and first-time pass rates for the COMLEX exam scores, please visit osteopathic.nova.edu/do/residency-board-scores.html.

A notable aspect of our program is a three-month clinical rotation at a rural setting where many residents have little access to health care. You will learn to treat various cultural and ethnic groups whose lifestyles and attitudes toward health care may differ from those you will see in more traditional training sites.

The college receives more than 7,000 completed ACOMAS applications a year, from which only 230 students are chosen for the Fort Lauderdale/Davie campus. These students have varied backgrounds, and while many enter the college directly from an undergraduate program, others come from graduate programs or successful careers.

The Committee on Admissions recommends applicants to the dean on the basis of demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, compassion, and commitment to the principles of the osteopathic medical profession.

Osteopathic Medicine Program
Mission Statement
The Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Program in the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine is dedicated to student-centered osteopathic medical education to produce exemplary osteopathic physicians known for competent and compassionate care.
Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-KPCOM) ranks as the 10th-largest osteopathic medical school in terms of total enrollment among the 35 accredited colleges of osteopathic medicine in the United States.

The NSU-KPCOM student body is approximately 55 percent male and 45 percent female, ranging in age from 20 to 47. Ethnic minority groups represent 51.1 percent. Residency status breaks down at 53 percent in state and 47 percent out of state. Accepted applicants have an average GPA of 3.6 and MCAT scores of 505.

Through the efforts of its staff and faculty members, the college has incorporated an increasingly strong research component. In 2016, NSU-KPCOM submitted 33 grant proposals and received $9.9 million in research funding and $15.1 million in teaching/training support.

The college is home to six prestigious centers and institutes that provide vital training and support to individuals both inside and outside the NSU academic community. They are the Area Health Education Centers; the Institute for Disaster and Emergency Preparedness; the Florida Coastal Geriatric Resources, Education, and Training Center; the Lifelong Learning Institute; the Institute for Neuro-Immune Medicine; and the Center for Inter-professional Education and Practice.

In 2017, the college was the beneficiary of a great philanthropic gift from Drs. Kiran C. and Pallavi Patel. The Patel Family Foundation has pledged a $200-million commitment to the university. This transformational gift includes expanding our program to an additional site (pending final approval from COCA) and supporting student scholarships. The commitment has further fueled KPCOM’s leadership and efforts in global medical outreach and service to the world’s underserved populations. In honor of this gift, the college was renamed the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine.
Doctoral Program Curriculum Outline

Academic Year 2018–2019

First Year

Fall Semester Courses
- Basic Life Support
- Foundations and Applications of Clinical Reasoning I
- Gross Anatomy
- Humanism in Medicine I
- Interdisciplinary Generalist Curriculum Preceptorship I
- Medical Biochemistry
- Medical Histology
- Medical Physiology I
- Osteopathic Principles and Practice I
- Physical Diagnosis I
- Tobacco Use and Dependence

Winter Semester Courses
- Foundations and Applications of Clinical Reasoning II
- Humanism in Medicine II
- Interdisciplinary Generalist Curriculum Preceptorship II
- Medical Microbiology I
- Medical Microbiology II
- Medical Neuroanatomy
- Medical Physiology II
- Osteopathic Principles and Practice II
- Physical Diagnosis II
- Student Wellness

Third Year

Core Clinical Rotations
- Geriatrics
- Pediatrics—Ambulatory
- Pediatrics—Hospital
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Psychiatry
- Family Medicine I
- Family Medicine II
- General Surgery I
- General Surgery II
- Internal Medicine I
- Internal Medicine II

Elective Clinical Rotations [cont.]
- Pain Medicine
- Colon and Rectal Surgery
- Dermatology
- Emergency Medicine
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Sports Medicine
- Geriatrics
- Internal Medicine
- Cardiovascular Medicine
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- Hematology and Oncology
- Infectious Disease
- Nephrology
- Pulmonary Disease
- Rheumatology
- Medical Genetics
- Neurosurgery
- Neurology
- Nuclear Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology
- Pathology
- Pediatrics
- Adolescent Medicine
- Neonatal/Perinatal Medicine
- Pediatric Critical Care Pediatric Subspecialty
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Plastic Surgery
- Preventive Medicine
- Psychiatry
- Public Health
- Radiation Oncology
- Radiology
- Rural/International Medicine
- General Surgery
- Hand Surgery
- Pediatric Surgery
- Surgical Critical Care
- Vascular Surgery
- Thoracic Surgery
- Urology

Winter Didactic Course
- Senior Seminar
Admissions Requirements

Applicants for admission to the first-year class must meet the following requirements prior to matriculation:

1. have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university [A minimum of 90 semester hours of coursework from a regionally accredited institution may be considered for admission.]

2. have successfully completed the following with a grade of 2.0 or higher:
   - 8 semester hours of Biological Science (includes biology, embryology, genetics, microbiology, physiology, and related subjects)
   - 8 semester hours of General Chemistry with laboratory
   - 8 semester hours of Organic Chemistry with laboratory
   - 8 semester hours of Physics
   - 3 semester hours of Biochemistry
   - 6 semester hours of English/Humanities (must include 3 semester hours of English)

   These are the minimum academic requirements for admission. Students are strongly encouraged to take complementary higher science courses such as immunology, physiology, behavioral sciences, and humanities.

3. have a minimum cumulative and science GPA of 3.0

4. have taken the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and have scores no more than three years from the date the AACOMAS application is submitted

Applications for the MCAT may be obtained online at aamc.org, from the college’s preprofessional adviser’s office, by calling (319) 337-1357, or by writing directly to

Medical College Admission Test Program Office
2255 North Dubuque Road
P.O. Box 4056
Iowa City, Iowa 52243-4056

This examination evaluates the applicant’s knowledge of biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, reading comprehension, social sciences, and quantitative reasoning. We strongly recommend that the examination be taken in the spring of the junior year, so that if applicants feel that the test scores are unsatisfactory, they may retake the examination in the fall of the senior year. Only the best set of test scores will be considered. Any MCAT that is not a first attempt, taken in January or later within the same year of matriculation, may not be considered for admission in that academic year.

Any variations of the admissions requirements must be approved by the dean.
**Application Procedures**

**Primary Application Process**

The college participates in the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS) for the receipt and processing of all applications. AACOMAS takes no part in the selection of students. The college receives more than 7,000 completed AACOMAS applications per year.

Applicants must submit applications and all supporting documents electronically through AACOMAS online, an interactive web-based application that can be accessed through aacom.org.

Letters of reference submitted via outside services may not be accepted, or could delay your application review. For questions, call (301) 968-4190.

Listed below are the necessary steps to complete the primary application process.

**The applicant should submit the following materials to AACOMAS no later than January 15:**

- a completed AACOMAS application
- an official transcript from the registrars of all colleges and universities attended (This must be mailed directly to AACOMAS by the college or university.)
- MCAT scores (must be no more than three years prior to the date the AACOMAS application is submitted)
- a letter of recommendation from the pre-professional committee, or if such a committee does not exist, three letters of evaluation (two from science professors and one from a non-science professor) are necessary (If the applicant has been out of school for at least two years, and his or her professors are no longer available, the applicant should contact a Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine admissions counselor.)
- a letter of recommendation from a physician

The AACOMAS application process may take four to six weeks.

**Secondary Application Process**

Nova Southeastern University requires the completion of a secondary application. Upon receipt of the AACOMAS application, NSU-KPCOM will forward an online secondary application to the student. The college receives more than 5,000 secondary applications per year.

Listed below are the necessary steps to complete the secondary application process.

**The applicant should submit the following materials to Nova Southeastern University no later than March 1:**

- a completed secondary application
- a nonrefundable application fee of $50

**Interview Process and Selection Factors**

A personal interview is a part of the admission process. However, being interviewed is not a guarantee of admission. Upon completion of the applicant’s file, a review will be made to determine if the candidate will be granted an interview. Not all applicants will be granted an interview, and only those applicants whose files are complete will be considered. The Office of Admissions will notify selected candidates for interviews. The Committee on Admissions recommends applicants to the dean based on demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, compassion, and commitment to the osteopathic medical profession.

**Notice of Acceptance**

Notice of acceptance will be on a rolling or periodic schedule. Once accepted, and depending on the timing of an offer, students will be given the option to attend one of two campuses (pending COCA approval) until all available seats are filled.

Instructions for this process will come with the offer of admissions. Early completion of the application process is in the best interest of the applicant because of the limited number of spaces available in each class.

After acceptance, final and official documents and requirements must be sent to

Nova Southeastern University
Enrollment Processing Services
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine Admissions
3301 College Avenue, P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

Transcripts can be sent electronically from the originating college/university to the following address:
electronictranscripts@nova.edu.
ACCREDITATIONS

Nova Southeastern University Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine has been granted accreditation by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation of the American Osteopathic Association, www.osteopathic.org. This body is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the accrediting agency for colleges educating osteopathic physicians and surgeons.

The Master of Public Health Program is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health, www.ceph.org

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.

Nondiscrimination

Consistent with all federal and state laws, rules, regulations, and/or local ordinances [e.g., Title VII, Title VI, Title III, Title II, Rehab Act, ADA, Title IX, and the Florida Civil Rights Act], it is the policy of Nova Southeastern University’s Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine (KPCOM) not to engage in any form of discrimination or harassment against any persons because of race, color, religion or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, non-disqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, military service, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, and to comply with all federal and state nondiscrimination; equal opportunity; and affirmative action laws, orders, and regulations. Any such acts are unacceptable and strictly prohibited by the university.

In addition, the law prohibits retaliation against an individual for opposing any practices forbidden under this policy, for bringing a complaint of discrimination or harassment, for assisting someone with such a complaint, for attempting to stop such discrimination or harassment, or for participating in any manner in any investigation or resolution of a complaint of discrimination or harassment.

This nondiscrimination policy applies to admissions; enrollment; scholarships; loan programs; athletics; employment; and access to, participation in, and treatment in all university centers, programs, and activities. NSU-KPCOM admits students of any race, color, religion, or creed, sex, pregnancy status, national or ethnic origin, non-disqualifying disability, age, ancestry, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, military service, veteran status, or political beliefs or affiliations, to all the rights, privileges, obligations, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at NSU and does not discriminate in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.
In order to address the access-to-care issue and meet the needs of underserved populations, Nova Southeastern University’s Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine and College of Dental Medicine have structured a curriculum that provides students with an opportunity to receive a D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine) and a D.M.D. (Doctor of Dental Medicine) degree. This D.O./D.M.D. Dual-Degree Program is symbiotic with the missions of both schools. Graduates of this program will be prepared to use a totally holistic approach to health care that will address osteopathic medicine and general dentistry, as well as access-to-care issues, and meet the needs of the rural and underserved populations.

**Program Requirements**

Upon acceptance, the D.O./D.M.D. Dual-Degree Program Oversight Committee, consisting of faculty members from the Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine and the College of Dental Medicine, will advise and monitor program matriculants. Students will be required to complete the prescribed curriculum in its entirety. Should a student elect not to continue in the collaborative D.O./D.M.D. program, the student can only continue on a track to complete the degree program into which he or she was initially accepted. Similarly, if a student wishes to continue in the program in which he or she was not initially accepted, the matriculant must submit a new admissions application to that program, following the standards and guidelines as stated in the specific NSU admissions brochure and catalog.

**Application and Acceptance Process**

Interested individuals can apply to NSU’s medical or dental schools through their respective centralized application service (AACOMAS or AADSAS) and must indicate an interest in the D.O./D.M.D. Dual-Degree Program on the NSU Secondary Application.

Students must be accepted by the college they applied to in order to be considered for the D.O./D.M.D. Dual-Degree Program. Upon acceptance to the respective college, students expressing an interest in the program will be contacted and invited to interview.

Only a select number of motivated students who have attained the high academic standards and embody the spirit of this collaborative initiative will be considered.

NSU continues to be on the cutting edge of curriculum development when it comes to graduating future health care professionals, such as those who will graduate from the physician/dentist program and who can address access to care in the most holistic— and compassionate—manner possible.

STUDENTS ARE provisionally admitted to a degree-seeking program based on a review of unofficial transcripts or other specific program admission requirements. However, this admission includes a condition that final and official transcripts, documents, and requirements must be received within 90 calendar days from matriculation. If these final and official transcripts, documents, and/or requirements are not received by that time, the student will not be allowed to continue class attendance. Financial aid will not be disbursed to a provisional/conditional student until he or she has been fully admitted as a regular student (all admissions requirements have been approved by the college/program admissions office). Students who have an unpaid balance 30 days from the start of the term will be assessed a $100 late fee.
Transfer Students

Circumstances may warrant that a student enrolled in a medical college seeks to transfer to another institution. Credits may be transferred from medical schools and colleges accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) of the American Osteopathic Association or by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).

1. Transfers from a medical school accredited by the COCA or the LCME shall require that, at minimum, the last two years of instruction be completed within the NSU Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-KPCOM).

2. Transfers from an LCME-accredited medical school must complete NSU’s requirement for osteopathic principles and practice prior to graduation.

3. Transfer credits will only be given if the student is in good academic standing at, and eligible for re-admission to, the previously attended COCA- or LCME-accredited medical school.

4. Credit is only given for completed courses with grades of 70 percent (2.0) or greater that fulfill the COM’s graduation requirements.

Anyone wishing to transfer to the NSU Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine must meet the following criteria:

1. complete a formal application to the NSU-KPCOM Office of Admissions

2. satisfy all admission requirements to NSU-KPCOM, which include submitting official transcripts of all college work (including the medical school the student is currently transferring from); MCAT scores; National Board scores, if taken; and letters of evaluation

3. be in good standing at the transferring institution, as documented by a letter from the dean’s office of the transferring institution

4. provide one letter of recommendation from a faculty member of the transferring osteopathic institution

5. provide a written statement outlining reasons for request to transfer

All application documents must be submitted to Nova Southeastern University Enrollment Processing Services Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine Admissions 3301 College Avenue, P.O. Box 299000 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

Transcripts can be sent electronically from the originating college/university to the following address: electronictranscripts@nova.edu.

Decisions on transfer are made by the dean. No transfer applicant will be accepted without an interview. The decision will be based on factors that include, but are not limited to, submission of all required documents and information, academic record, interview, circumstances leading to the transfer request, available space, and admission standards.
Tuition and Fees

Tuition for 2019–2020 will be posted on our website [osteopathic.nova.edu](http://osteopathic.nova.edu). A microscope/laboratory fee of $100 is required for first-year students. Mandatory review course fees and clinical laboratory fees of $564 are required in the first and second years. This fee is $522 in the third year. A clinical core rotation fee of $1,000 is required in all years. A Health Professions Division general access fee of $145 is required each year. An NSU student services fee of $1,050 is also required annually. All tuition and fees are subject to change by the board of trustees without notice.

Eligible students must request in-state tuition on the application. For tuition purposes, a student's Florida residency status (in-state or out-of-state) will be determined based on initial matriculation and will remain the same throughout the entire enrollment of the student at NSU. Accordingly, tuition will not be adjusted as a result of any change in status after initial enrollment registration.

Acceptance Fee—$1,250. This fee is required to reserve the accepted applicant’s place in the entering first-year class. This advance payment will be deducted from the tuition payment due on registration day, but is nonrefundable in the event of a withdrawal. Applicants accepted prior to November 15 will have until December 14 to pay this acceptance fee. Applicants accepted between November 15 and January 14 will have 30 days, and those accepted between January 15 and May 14 will have 14 days to pay their acceptance fee. Anyone accepted on May 15 or later will be asked to immediately pay the combined acceptance fee and deposit of $2,000.

Deposit—$750. This advance payment is due March 15. It will be deducted from the tuition payment, but is nonrefundable in the event of a withdrawal.

NOTE: Those accepted between March 2 and May 14 will be required to submit their combined acceptance and deposit fees within 14 days.

The first semester’s tuition and fees, less the $2,000 previously paid, are due upon receipt of the NSU invoice. Students will be billed for each subsequent semester. Students will not be admitted until their financial obligations have been met. The financial ability of applicants to complete their training at the college is important because of the limited number of positions available in each class. Applicants should have specific plans for financing four years of professional education. This should include tuition, living expenses, books, equipment, and miscellaneous expenses.

It is required that each student carry adequate personal medical and hospital insurance. Students may avail themselves of the hospitalization insurance plan obtainable through the university.
Foreign Coursework

Coursework taken at foreign institutions must be evaluated for U.S. institution equivalence by an approved National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) organization, such as one of the services listed below.

World Education Services, Inc.
Bowling Green Station
P.O. Box 5087
New York, New York 10274-5087
(212) 966-6311 • wes.org

Josef Silny & Associates, Inc.
7101 SW 102 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33173
(305) 273-1616 • (305) 273-1338 fax
jsilny.com

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.
P.O. Box 514070
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203-3470
(414) 289-3400 • ece.org

It is the applicant’s responsibility to have this coursework evaluated. An official course-by-course evaluation with a cumulative grade point average must be sent directly from the evaluation service to NSU’s Enrollment Processing Services.

Nova Southeastern University
Enrollment Processing Services
Dr. Kiran C. Patel College of Osteopathic Medicine Admissions
3301 College Avenue, P.O. Box 299000
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33329-9905

Student Housing

Numerous apartments, condominiums, and other rental facilities are located near campus. Limited on-campus housing may be available. Information concerning housing may be obtained by contacting

Nova Southeastern University
Office of Residential Life and Housing
3301 College Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314-7796
(954) 262-7052