

1. GENERAL

The purpose of this policy is to provide a mechanism for SHSU-COM to assist new and existing graduate medical education (GME) programs in meeting the requirements for accreditation through the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and to assist in meeting the requirement for ACGME Osteopathic Recognition (OR).

2. DESCRIPTION

In order to meet the mission of SHSU-COM to train high-quality physicians in rural areas and communities in need throughout east Texas and beyond, SHSU-COM must endeavor to train physicians who will remain in the region. Given the relative shortage of postgraduate training positions in the region, it is imperative to develop new GME programs and support quality improvement of existing programs. This strengthens SHSU-COM's clinical clerkships and provides additional opportunities for both students and residents. In order to continue to train these residents in the philosophy and techniques unique to the profession, SHSU-COM must assist affiliated programs with obtaining Osteopathic Recognition.

3. GOALS

1. Develop new GME programs in the region
2. Provide leadership, academic infrastructure, and financial support to new and existing GME programs
3. Assist affiliated GME programs in obtaining Osteopathic Recognition
4. Expand opportunities for future graduates to continue their training in the region
5. Continue education of osteopathic principles and practices in trainees after graduation
6. Address issues of access for primary care in unserved areas

4. PARTICIPANTS

Office of Graduate Medical Education
Office of Clinical Affairs
SHSU-COM Administration
Community Partners

5. RESOURCES

Sam Houston State University College of Osteopathic Medicine ACGME Sponsoring Institution
Office of Graduate Medical Education

SHSU-COM Faculty
SHSU Finance Department
SHSU-COM Department of Research
SHSU-COM Library Services
SHSU Facilities (Classrooms, Sim Center, OPP Lab, offices, technology)

6. METHODS

- a. Sam Houston State College of Osteopathic Medicine ACGME sponsoring institution was created for the purpose of developing high quality GME programs in the region with Osteopathic Recognition
- b. SHSU-COM provides financial and academic feasibility studies for interested clinical institutions and consults with hospital staff and administration on GME development
- c. SHSU-COM seeks federal, state, local and private sources of funding for GME development
- d. SHSU-COM is an ACGME accredited Sponsoring Institution and the SHSU-COM Assistant Dean for Graduate Medical Education is the ACGME Designated Institutional Official (DIO)
- e. SHSU-COM may contract with hospitals and clinics, employ residents, staff, and faculty for the GME programs
- f. SHSU-COM SI works with affiliated residency programs to obtain Osteopathic Recognition
- g. SHSU-COM provides funding, personnel, library services, Human Resources, financial auditing, offices, technology, and infrastructure to support SHSU-COM's SI.
- h. SHSU-COM provides in-kind services for new programs
- i. SHSU-COM faculty will collaborate with SHSU-COM's SI residency programs to meet the requirements of Osteopathic Recognition
- j. SHSU-COM Associate Dean for Osteopathic Integration is a standing member of the SHSU-COM's SI Graduate Medical Education Committee

7. PROCEDURES

SHSU-COM's SI maintains its own policy and procedure manual which is reviewed and approved by the SUSCOM's SI Graduate Medical Education Committee