

POLICY NUMBER: DCOM 250.1 (COCA 10.3)
OSTEOPATHIC RECOGNITION

I. PURPOSE

To provide a mechanism for the DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LMU-DCOM) to assist graduate medical education programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in meeting the requirements for conferral of Osteopathic Recognition.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) Element 10.3, it is the policy of LMU-DCOM to follow the below policy to assist graduate medical education programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) in meeting the requirements of Osteopathic Recognition.

III. DEFINITIONS

Osteopathic Recognition - The status conferred upon ACGME-accredited graduate medical education programs that provide requisite education in Osteopathic Principles and Practice (OPP), a philosophical and practical approach to patient management and treatment, including osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT), based on an understanding of body unity, self-healing, and self-regulatory mechanisms, and the interrelationship of structure and function.

IV. AUDIENCE

This policy applies to all stakeholders (faculty, staff, students, administration, and community members) interested in learning more about or participating in the LMU-DCOM GME program intending to seek Osteopathic Recognition conferral.

V. COMPLIANCE

N/A

VI. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

LMU-DCOM Administration: LMU-DCOM GME Committee (GMEC) is responsible for monitoring and advising on all aspects of residency education, enriching learning resources and programmatic support, and developing new GME programs, including osteopathic recognition.

Responsible Officers Senior Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and GME, LMU-DCOM Chair of GMEC, and LMU-DCOM Associate Dean of OPP Integration.

Policy Oversight Committee: LMU-DCOM Policy Process Committee

VII. STANDARDS

COCA Standard 10, Element 3:

“A COM must provide a mechanism to assist GME programs in meeting the requirements of osteopathic recognition.”

VIII. PROCEDURE

LMU-DCOM has an ongoing plan to assist affiliated residency and/or fellowship programs to achieve Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) requirements for Osteopathic Recognition. This will be accomplished through the efforts of the GMEC, which will provide the support and resources needed to allow for effective delivery of shared services to all of our affiliated ACGME accredited programs. An OPP Subcommittee will assist in this endeavor through responsibilities including planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating the integration, not only of OPP in the curriculum and patient care for the COM, but also to provide expertise to affiliated ACGME programs relating to the ACGME Osteopathic Recognition standards. Oversight of this will occur through combined efforts of the departments of GME, Clinical Education, and OPP while also utilizing faculty and resources in other areas.

IX. CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information regarding this policy, please contact the Dean's Office at LMU-DCOM, 423-869-6661.

X. DOCUMENT HISTORY

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XI. FORMS

LMU-DCOM Osteopathic Recognition webpage

<https://www.lmunet.edu/debusk-college-of-osteopathic-medicine/do/oms-graduation/osteopathic-recognition>