

COM Clinical Education Policy

To accomplish the COM's mission, strong and valued partnerships have been established with highly regarded physicians, clinics, and hospital systems in the Central Valley and throughout the state of California. CHSU has partnership agreements in place to assure most of the core OMS-III, and selective OMS-IV clinical education clerkships will be completed in the state of California with a focus on clinical experiences serving these diverse populations, including underserved communities.

Students must be enrolled in academic activities throughout the entirety of the OMS-III and OMS-IV academic years. A clinical education curriculum has been established which students will follow that ensures students complete the entirety of their clinical education prior to graduation.

The COM Clinical Education staff will establish procedures to determine a system whereby students may indicate their preference for selections of various clerkship training locations and preceptors in a fair manner, at the sole discretion of the COM. As part of the process, students will be surveyed in the OMS-II year for their input into the desirability of rotation locations and educated on the upcoming process.

OMS-III and OMS-IV clinical education experiences will have opportunities for education at hospitals, physician practices, clinics, and community health centers. During core clerkships in the community, students will also participate in interprofessional education (IPE) experiences and in on-campus activities that include simulation, Entrustable Professional Activities (EPA) assessment, and Osteopathic Principles and Practices (OPP) experiences.

Competency-based formative and summative assessments of student performance are utilized during clinical education, in addition to high-stakes end-of-clerkship content examinations.

The robust assessment and assurance of comparability across clinical education sites are delineated in separate policies and procedures.