

# Osteopathic Principles and Practice Scholars Program (OPP)

The Osteopathic Principles and Practice (OPP) Scholars Program is designed to augment students' knowledge and application of the principles and practices of osteopathic medicine in both the academic and clinical settings. This OPP Scholars Program emphasizes knowledge and application of osteopathic principles and practice (OPP) with a functional anatomic and physiologic understanding through clinical and academic experiences. Scholars function as members of the OPP Department and assist in all aspects of the departmental functions when a conflict of interest is not present.

The OPP Scholars Program is a highly competitive program. Second year osteopathic medical students in good academic and professional standing are eligible to apply and interview with the OPP Department for this program. A total of four students may be selected to participate in the OPP Scholars Program. The OPP Scholars Program is a 12-month mentorship and teaching program integrated throughout the student's 3rd and 4th year clinical clerkships. Participation in the Osteopathic Principles and Practice Scholars Program adds an additional year to a student's completion of the osteopathic medicine program requirements and Scholar's responsibilities. Scholars rotate between Scholar duties throughout the 3rd and 4th year clinical clerkship curriculum. Generally, a total of 5 years will occur for the completion of the CHSU-COM medical curriculum along with the 12-month OPP Scholars Program. A certificate indicating successful completion of the OPP Scholars Program will be awarded at graduation.

## OPP Scholars Program Course Requirements

[SCH 1900](#): Pre-Doctoral Osteopathic Principles and Practice Scholars Course I

[SCH 2000](#): Pre-Doctoral Osteopathic Principles and Practice Scholars Course II

[SCH 2100](#): Pre-Doctoral Osteopathic Principles and Practice Scholars Course III

The courses are scheduled in 12-, 16-, 20-week blocks in conjunction with required OMS clinical training curriculum. A total of 48 collective credit hours in the three courses is required.