



# California Health Sciences University

## COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE 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 of California. CHSU has partnership agreements in place to assure all the third year core and selective clinical education clerkships will be completed in the California Central Valley, with a focus on clinical experiences serving these diverse populations including the underserved communities.

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

The COM Clinical Education staff, along with the student led rotations committee, will establish procedures to establish a clerkship lottery system whereby each student is assigned to local clerkship training sites. As part of the lottery, students will be surveyed in the second year for their input into desirability of specific locations.

Third and fourth year clinical education experiences will have opportunities for education in community health centers in a team-based, interprofessional care model. During core clerkships in the community students will also participate in on campus activity that include simulation, EPA assessment and OPP experiences.

Competency based formative and summative assessments of student performance will be 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 is delineated in separate policies and procedures.

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