

1.3 CORE Mission

The CORE System is an osteopathic consortium of hospitals and colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs) which affirms the commitment to conduct CORE programs according to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and applicable state laws regarding disability and provide equitable treatment for all with regard to race, gender, age, religion, ethnic background, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status. The CORE System exists to:

- protect the integrity of the osteopathic profession by promoting collaboration among hospitals, colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs), and physicians.
- provide quality education for osteopathic students, interns, and residents so that they might better serve the health care needs of the nation.
- promote innovation, creativity, and excellence in undergraduate and graduate medical education.
- support the development of osteopathic primary care physicians and specialists who, recognizing the interdependence of the body's systems and the ability of the body to heal itself, are committed to providing holistic health care.
- foster research in basic sciences, clinical medicine, behavioral medicine, health systems, osteopathic principles and practices, educational strategies and methods, and in public health policy.
- develop appropriate numbers of community-based faculty to teach and administer training programs by providing financial support, faculty appointments, and faculty development programs in a collegial, academic environment.
- support and promote the development of an infrastructure that results in appropriate numbers of osteopathic physicians who are educators, researchers, and administrators to continue to expand and enhance the osteopathic contribution to the nation's health care system.