

**Proposed Indiana University of Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine  
(Proposed IUPCOM—Candidate Status—Seeking Accreditation)**

COCA Pre-Accreditation Element 10.3: Osteopathic Recognition GME  
Pre-Accreditation Submission 10.3-1: Process and Commitment of Resources to Support  
Osteopathic Recognition

Much like the support being provided to developing and existing ACGME programs, the IUPCOM Office of Clinical Affairs and GME is actively supporting GME programs in meeting the requirements for osteopathic recognition (OR) of their residency programs, and in assisting programs without OR to apply to the ACGME for OR status.

**Existing ACGME Programs**

For each existing ACGME residency program at which we are providing support, most typically, in the form of professional development (please see Standard 10.1-1 for additional details), the Office of Clinical Affairs and GME researches the program on both **FREIDA** ([FREIDA™ AMA Residency & Fellowship Programs Database](#)) and the **ACGME Data Center** ([ACGME - Accreditation Data System \(ADS\)](#)) and looks into whether or not the program has existing OR and, if it does, investigates the status of OR (i.e., if the program may be in need of assistance if they have an ACGME status of *Accreditation with Warning*, etc.). The Office of Clinical Affairs and GME staff then has a conversation with program leadership to see if support in applying for OR, or support in maintaining OR, would be helpful if provided by IUPCOM staff.

**Developing GME Programs**

For developing GME, the Office of Clinical Affairs and GME inquires with program leadership if support in the application for OR from the Office of Clinical Affairs and GME would be helpful to their program. GME target partners will be based on criteria in alignment with the COM mission as well as strength of partnerships within the region.

**Support Provided**

In the case of developing GME programs and programs without OR, most often, the program has not yet considered the opportunity to apply for OR and may not understand the many benefits this can bring with it. In the beginning stages, simply educating the site leadership on OR is the first step. If the site is interested in pursuing OR, the Office of Clinical Affairs and GME partners with the site and provides support for the application process to the ACGME and will also assist in performing a mock site visit, if desired, to prepare for the ACGME OR site visit, which it has done in the past.

In the case of existing GME programs with OR, support is provided to the program, if needed, to meet the requirements of maintaining OR certification, or if the program has identified internal

deficiencies or is in an ACGME status of “Accreditation with Warning,” or similar status, the Office of Clinical Affairs and GME will support the program by supplying resources and support in order to maintain its certification of OR in good standing.

To date, the proposed IUPCOM has worked with the following programs regarding OR:

<b>Table 1. Support of Osteopathic Recognition of GME</b>				
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Specialty</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Wayne Memorial Hospital & Wayne Memorial Community Health Clinics	Honesdale	PA	Family Medicine	This new program is applying for Osteopathic Recognition at this time with the Proposed IUPCOM as primary academic sponsor. The proposed IUPCOM is an academic sponsor providing professional development and support to the program.
Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center	Johnstown	PA	Emergency Medicine	The Conemaugh Family Medicine residency program currently has a status of “Continuing Recognition” with the ACGME for its osteopathic recognition status. Staff at the proposed IUPCOM are working with the Office of GME at Conemaugh to investigate interest in the other programs in applying for osteopathic recognition, for which the proposed IUPCOM would support their application. The proposed IUPCOM is an academic sponsor providing professional development and support to the program.
			Family Medicine	
			General Surgery	
			Internal Medicine	
White Mountains Medical Education Consortium Family Medicine Residency Program	Berlin	NH	Family Medicine/ Rural	This new program is considering applying for Osteopathic Recognition at this time with the Proposed IUPCOM as primary academic sponsor. The proposed IUPCOM is providing professional development and support to the program.
Geisinger Health System	Lewistown	PA	Family Medicine – with Osteopathic Recognition	Proposed IUPCOM staff assisted this program in needs regarding osteopathic recognition when they were in an ACGME status of “Recognition with Warning.” They now are in the status of “Continued Recognition.” (18 existing, approved OR slots). The proposed IUPCOM is an academic sponsor providing professional development and support to the program.

Indiana Regional Medical Center	Indiana	PA	Family Medicine/ Rural - with Osteopathic Recognition	The IRMC Family Medicine Program has a status of “Initial Recognition” with the ACGME relative to their Osteopathic Recognition status. The proposed IUPCOM is an academic sponsor providing professional development and support to the program. (24 existing, approved OR slots)
Penn Highlands Healthcare	Dubois	PA	Family Medicine - with Osteopathic Recognition	This program has an ACGME status of “Initial Recognition with Warning” for osteopathic recognition. The proposed IUPCOM is working with the site to provide professional development and support for improvement in this status. (18 existing, approved OR slots)
Primary Health Network	Sharon	PA	Family Medicine	This developing program is applying for Osteopathic Recognition at this time with the Proposed IUPCOM as primary academic sponsor. The proposed IUPCOM is providing professional development and support to the program.

The proposed IUPCOM has a section on its website (<http://www.iup.edu/ProposedCOM/>) offering its resources and services in supporting the continuum of osteopathic medical education, including the support for OR as outlined in this document. This offer for support is also verbally imparted on all programs we encounter at conferences and other venues, such as our attendance last year and upcoming in September 2025 at the Rural and Health Center National Graduate Medical Education Conference [formerly the Rural Residency Planning and Development (RRPD) and Teaching Health Center Program Development (THCPD) Annual Grantee Meeting], where leadership of the proposed IUPCOM has met with and developed support for a number of programs (e.g., our contact with the Geisinger Lewistown and White Mountains programs, noted above in Table 1, initiated at the 2024 Grantee meeting).

***At this point in time, the proposed IUPCOM is supporting a total of seventy-eight (78) slots which have osteopathic recognition currently from the ACGME (24 at IRMC; 18 at Penn Highlands; 18 at Conemaugh Memorial; and 18 at Geisinger Lewistown) and plans to continue to develop and support more programs in attaining and maintaining this recognition.***