

IUP: Ready to Address Pennsylvania's Rural Healthcare Crisis

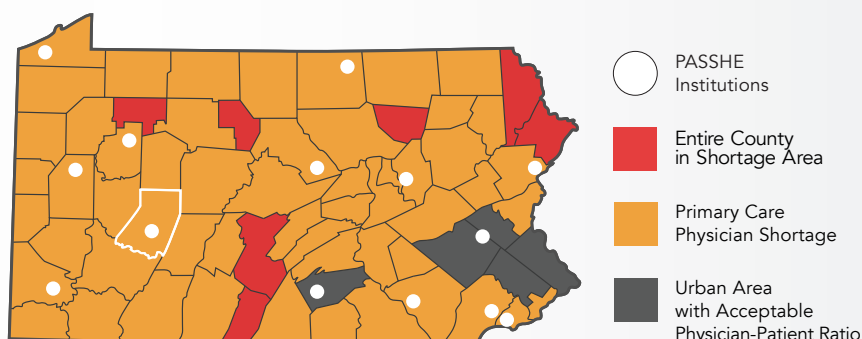
Pennsylvania is in the midst of an acute healthcare crisis, due in large part to a lack of primary care physicians. There are not enough physicians to provide care to Pennsylvania's citizens—especially in rural areas. IUP is moving to address this critical need for well-trained physicians by establishing a college of osteopathic medicine.

1,030

Anticipated shortage of primary care physicians in Pennsylvania by 2030

102.2

Primary care physicians per 100,000 Pennsylvania residents—about half the national average for rural areas



What Is a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine?

Doctors of osteopathic medicine, or DOs, complete four years of osteopathic medical school, with an emphasis on preventive medicine and comprehensive patient care. They are trained to recognize the interrelated unity among all systems of the body, each working with the other to promote overall health and wellness.

Why a College of Osteopathic Medicine?

More than half of the graduates of osteopathic medicine programs pursue a career in primary care, and many choose to practice in rural areas. IUP's college of osteopathic medicine will focus on recruiting promising students from underserved areas, who have a passion for serving these communities and an understanding of the importance of primary care. Enrollment at colleges of osteopathic medicine is at an all-time high, and there are only three of these colleges in Pennsylvania—none at public universities.



58% of doctors of osteopathic medicine are in areas with shortages of health professionals.



57% of DOs practice as primary care physicians.



There has been a **93%** increase in applicants to colleges of osteopathic medicine since 2011.

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Source of Statistics: Tripp Umbach 2022 Pre-feasibility Report for Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Why IUP?

A college of osteopathic medicine will be a natural extension of IUP's academic and research strengths in health sciences and our commitment to community health and wellness. The infrastructure—including strong alumni, legislative, and community support—is there. A nationally respected founding dean and associate deans are in place. Our students are ready for and excited about their futures in healthcare, and a college of osteopathic medicine will play a major role in keeping talent here in Pennsylvania, especially in rural communities.

- ▶ IUP is located in a rural region experiencing a significant physician shortage.
- ▶ 30% of current IUP students are in STEM-H (STEM plus healthcare) majors.
- ▶ IUP is 1 of 93 public universities in the US with a High Research Activity designation.
- ▶ Kopchick Hall, IUP's new, \$90-million science building, provides state-of-the-art facilities and new opportunities for math and science study and research.
- ▶ IUP's long-range facilities master plan identifies a home for health sciences and for the proposed college of osteopathic medicine.

Improving Quality of Life—Including Economic Vitality—through Healthcare Access

A college of osteopathic medicine at IUP will bring health and prosperity at all stages. A healthier workforce attracts businesses—including healthcare-related enterprises—and families. The local, regional, and state economy will see millions of dollars in economic impact from college of osteopathic medicine students and graduates.

\$1.3 billion

Annual state economic impact if 60% of IUP college of osteopathic medicine graduates stay in Pennsylvania to practice

\$79 million

Annual regional economic impact by 2035

\$3 million

New annual state and local government revenue

\$2.3 million

Annual economic benefit to each physician's home community

The Request

Invest in Pennsylvania's health and wellness. Help IUP meet the critical need for physicians committed to serving Pennsylvanians through the development of the commonwealth's first college of osteopathic medicine at a public university.

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College of Osteopathic Medicine Projected Timeline*

2023 (completed)

- Hire the founding dean
- Initiate accreditation process with the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA)

2024

- Hire associate deans (completed)
- Identify possible facilities (completed)
- Initial clinical partners in place (in progress)

2025

- Begin renovation/construction of facilities for health sciences and for the college of osteopathic medicine

2026

- Begin to hire faculty and staff

2027

- Welcome first class of students

2031

- First class graduates to enter residency

*Steps are dependent on approval from the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and are subject to change.