

## **Introduction**

Welcome to the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine! This is an exciting time, as new students arrive on campus to begin their medical school studies at the College or as upper-level students return to continue their medical training. As part of this significant moment, we want to welcome you to the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (OSU-COM).

## **General Educational Goals**

The primary educational goal at OSU-COM is to educate qualified students to become osteopathic physicians, imbued with the philosophical principles and palpatory and manipulative skills of osteopathic medicine. It is the stated mission of the College to educate osteopathic primary care physicians with an emphasis on serving rural and underserved Oklahoma.

The synopsis of the curriculum and description of courses can be found in the College Catalog at <http://www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/com/catalog.php>. As you pursue your training here, we encourage you to take advantage of the resources on campus, many of which are described in this Handbook, to help you reach your goals.

## **Purpose of Student Handbook**

The Student Handbook is published to familiarize students with pertinent policies and procedures, campus resources, and student organizations. As student-related policies and procedures change, we will attempt to notify the student body.

For information on academic policies, please refer to the 2016-2017 Academic Standards Handbook at <http://www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/com/academics/standards.php>, as well as the policies section found at <http://www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/com/academics/policies.php>, where various policies can be found. It is the expectation that all students will review the Academic Standards Handbook and Student Handbook as part of their matriculation at OSU-CHS.

Administration, faculty, and staff of the OSU-College of Osteopathic Medicine adhere to the American Osteopathic Association's Code of Ethics, adopted by the College in 2008. As student members of the osteopathic profession, OSU-COM students are expected to comply with the AOA Code of Ethics, which can be found at <http://www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/com/codeofethics.php>.

If students have questions, please contact the Director of Student Affairs or the Associate Dean for Enrollment Management in the Office of Student Affairs.

Provisions in this handbook will guide the operation of the Office of Student Affairs during the 2016-2017 academic year and apply to all students. The College is not responsible for any misrepresentation of its requirements or provisions resulting from editorial or printing errors in the preparation of this handbook or from official changes in College policy approved after the printing of this handbook.