

**Designated Osteopathic resident appointment policy**  
**Augusta University Family Medicine Residency Program**

The family medicine residency program (will be) is approved for osteopathic recognition by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). As such, we follow the highest standards in medical education while maintaining and fostering education in Osteopathic principles and practice. Our mission is to train high quality physicians who can apply osteopathic principles to primary care and treat patients as a whole to improve the well-being of our Augusta community. Applicants will be designated Osteopathic residents 6 months after matriculation in the program.

Applicants to the designated Osteopathic recognition resident position in our program must meet the following eligibility requirements, as set forth in our policy on House-staff Eligibility and Selection Policy (HS 14.0) and the following requirements based on the type of medical school from which the applicant graduated from or will graduate:

- Graduates of Osteopathic Schools in the United States accredited by the American Osteopathic Association
  - No additional requirements beyond graduation and holding a DO degree.
- Graduates of Medical Schools in the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education
  - Completion of 40 hours of didactic education in osteopathic principles and practice and hands-on-training in diagnosis and Osteopathic Manipulative treatment (OMT) for somatic dysfunction. This may be obtained by completing courses in OPP at local DO schools, nationally approved CME courses through AAFP or other AOA approved courses. Applicants must submit certificates of completion.
  - Completion of a rotation with a board certified NMM/OMM preceptor in an Osteopathic Manipulation based practice. Applicants must submit a letter from the preceptor verifying completion of the Osteopathic training experience.
  - Among all letters of recommendation, one must be from a DO who is board certified in any specialty and can attest to your ability to integrate OPP/OMM into patient care. This in addition to the letter from the preceptor in OMM listed previously.
- Graduates of Medical Schools outside of the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico that have a current Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) certificate which is valid through the start date of the Program
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