



NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA CLINICAL EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

Lackawanna
COLLEGE

COMMUNITY-BASED CLINICAL EDUCATION FOR OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENTS

Led by Lackawanna College in partnership with Northeastern Pennsylvania hospitals, clinics, and community health centers

ABOUT NEPA-CEC

The Northeast Pennsylvania Clinical Education Consortium (NEPA-CEC) is a collaborative, community-based medical education initiative designed to expand and enrich clinical training opportunities for osteopathic medical students. Coordinated by Lackawanna College in Scranton, Pennsylvania, NEPA-CEC brings together hospitals, rehabilitation centers, outpatient clinics, and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) across urban and rural communities. NEPA-CEC's mission is to strengthen osteopathic medical education through coordinated, community-based clinical training that serves both students and regional health needs.

Through shared governance among participating Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (COMs) and healthcare partners, the consortium offers a fully coordinated, **high-quality clinical education experience aligned with COCA standards and osteopathic principles**.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Comprehensive Rotations:**
Full complement of core third-year rotations and elective experiences in family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, psychiatry, and more.
- Streamlined Administration:**
Centralized credentialing, scheduling, housing, and proctored COMAT testing coordinated by Lackawanna College.
- Preceptor Development:**
Credentialed faculty with access to professional development and academic affiliation opportunities.
- Collaborative Governance:**
COM representation in decision-making and program evaluation.
- Continuous Improvement:**
Ongoing review of student performance, site quality, and stakeholder feedback to ensure excellence.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Students benefit from a coordinated system that supports both learning and well-being including:
- Diverse patient populations across urban and rural settings;
- Affordable housing, meal options, and academic support near clinical sites;
- Orientation and onboarding at Lackawanna College, including EMR training and regional health system integration;
- Opportunities to engage in community-based research and interprofessional learning.

REGIONAL ADVANTAGE

Located between the Pocono and Endless Mountains, Northeastern Pennsylvania offers an affordable cost of living, access to major metropolitan areas, and a welcoming community focused on healthcare innovation and service. Students enjoy a rich balance of professional growth and quality of life while contributing to improved community health outcomes.

PARTNERING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

The participating Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (COMs) include the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM); Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, with campuses in Middletown and Montana (TouroCOM-Middletown and TouroCOM-Montana); and the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNE COM). Other locations are also under consideration.

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