



## 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.

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## 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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