



**University of Pikeville**  
**Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine**  
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## Osteopathic Recognition of GME

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### Purpose

University of Pikeville – Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine provides mechanisms to assist new and existing graduate medical education (GME) programs in meeting the requirements for accreditation by the Accreditation Counsel for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

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### Policy

KYCOM has a strong commitment to creating and maintaining osteopathically recognized graduate medical education (GME) programs to assist in attaining its mission. In 1999, KYCOM became the founding member of the Appalachian Osteopathic Postgraduate Training Institute Consortium ([A-OPTIC](#)). Since its inception and with the cooperation of other academic partners, A-OPTIC has been successful in creating several residency programs.

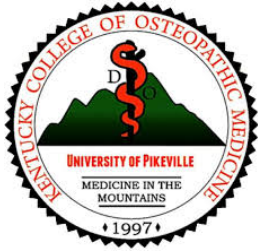
Currently, A-OPTIC is the institutional sponsor (IS) for two (2) family medicine residencies, one (1) internal medicine residency, and one (1) Osteopathic Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine (ONMM) residency. A-OPTIC also maintains Initial Accreditation as an ACGME Sponsoring Institution and provides oversight, educational resources, and accreditation support for its sponsored GME training programs. A-OPTIC and KYCOM personnel continue to be committed to increasing their knowledge by attending meetings, training sessions, and conferences.

KYCOM remains committed to GME education, and supporting ACGME accreditation by providing in-kind support to the OPTI in the following ways:

1. Employs an Assistant/Associate Dean of OPP Integration who serves as the OPTI Chief Academic Officer.
2. Provides human resources, payroll, and accounting services.
3. Provides office space and technology support to the OPTI.
4. Provides research support to the OPTI partners in the form of mentorship and biostatistical assistance.

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5. Employee a full-time KYCOM UME/GME Director of Faculty Development.
6. The Assistant/Associate Dean of OPP Integration provides in person, on-site OMM training for residents in GME programs.
7. The Assistant/Associate Dean of OPP upgrades asynchronous training videos to all residents and GME faculty on the A-OPTIC website.

KYCOM, in collaboration with A-OPTIC, has assisted GME partners in moving from AOA accreditation to ACGME accreditation. This collaboration includes utilizing outside consultants and resources to assist programs in meeting the ACGME accreditation standards. A-OPTIC/KYCOM continues to offer these services to potential GME programs and partners. A-OPTIC/KYCOM is currently assisting programs in understanding the benefits of attaining osteopathic recognition. At this time, two (2) of the A-OPTIC sponsored family medicine programs, and all six (6) of the A-OPTIC previously dually accredited programs have received osteopathic recognition.

Additionally, KYCOM/A-OPTIC leadership promotes the benefits of beginning ACGME accredited residency programs among current and potential GME partners. As such, they help with program review, research/scholarly activity, faculty development, OPP integration, and medical library services. All A-OPTIC sponsored programs have now achieved a minimum of initial accreditation. As such, KYCOM/A-OPTIC are now focusing efforts on developing new GME spots, as well as additional training activities.

  
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**Dean**

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