

College of Osteopathic Medicine Tuition

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed tuition and fee schedule for the University of Northern Colorado’s proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNC COM) to be in effect from the matriculation of the first class through achievement of full accreditation.

BACKGROUND

The tuition and fee recommendations for UNC COM require approval by the UNC Board of Trustees to proceed with the next stage of the accreditation process.

Proposed Tuition and Fees Schedule¹

	Year One	Year Two	Year Three	Year Four
Tuition	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$55,000
Fees	\$2,000 ²	\$2,000 ²	\$1,000 ³	\$1,000 ³
Total	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$56,000	\$56,000

¹ Tuition and fee rates will be effective from matriculation of the first cohort until UNC COM achieves full accreditation

² Supports access to college-specific resources, including online and virtual anatomy resources, and university resources, such as the Campus Recreation Center

³ Access to college-specific resources continues while students participate in off-campus clinical rotations

Comparators

UNC COM	National Average	University of Colorado, Anschutz		Kansas COM	Rocky Vista COM	Idaho COM	Noorda-COM
		In-state	Out-of-state				
\$55,000	\$56,947	\$44,754	\$70,709 ⁴	\$56,650	\$64,254	\$60,376	\$64,572

⁴Includes a \$25,955 accountable fee

Tuition and Fee Recommendation Process

The proposed tuition and fee recommendations for UNC COM were determined following a national review of current tuition rates for colleges of osteopathic medicine, a review of current tuition rates at medical schools in the region, and validation through consultation with Tripp Umbach, the national medical education consulting firm developing the UNC COM business plan. An adjustment was also made to reflect that the proposed tuition and fee rates for UNC COM will not go into effect until 2026.

The tuition and fee rates for medical education are higher than those of other graduate programs because of a number of factors, including the following:

- The need for 12-month faculty to support summer initiatives.
- The need for academic support in preparation for national licensing board examinations.
- Staff to support coordination of clinical rotations.
- Compensation for non-employed clinical preceptors.
- Malpractice insurance for osteopathic medical students and clinical faculty.
- Costs to support cadaveric and virtual anatomy within the curriculum.
- Staff and financial resources to support Graduate Medical Education GME (residency program) development and ongoing GME support as mandated by our accrediting body, the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).
- Mandatory annual fees to the COCA to maintain accreditation.
- Mandatory annual fees to the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine to allow for participation in the national admissions portal and access to data and resources needed for program success.
- Mandatory annual fees to enable students to participate in the national residency matching program to secure residencies in their specialty of choice upon graduation.



Responsible Staff

02/15/24
Date



President

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Board Action

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