

Institutional Profile for Franciscan Alliance School of Osteopathic Medicine

Background Franciscan Alliance School of Osteopathic Medicine, located in Crown Point, is a new institution established by the Franciscan Alliance, Inc. The institution will be located on the campus of Franciscan Health Crown Point, the Northwest Indiana regional hospital, opened in 2024. Franciscan Health Crown Point also hosts the Franciscan Health St. Anthony School of Echocardiography. Originally founded as Allied Health Education and later renamed Saint Anthony Medical Center, offering an intensive Certificate in Echocardiography. In December 2006, the Board of Commissioners of the Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education granted Saint Anthony Medical Center approval to confer the Associate of Applied Science in Echocardiography.

Institutional Control Private, non-profit institution.

Institutional Accreditation Franciscan Alliance School of Osteopathic Medicine will seek institutional accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Following HLC's process of accreditation, the institution will submit an Application and Preliminary Evidence, followed by an eligibility interview. The Application for Candidacy status could be submitted by December 2027 at the earliest. Following the conferral of its first Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences degree in 2029-30 academic year, HLC could grant accreditation by 2030.

The institution will seek specialized programmatic accreditation from the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). The institution projects achieving COCA candidacy status in 2027. Prior to matriculation of the first cohort, the institution must obtain COCA Pre-Accreditation status. Initial COCA accreditation may be granted upon graduation of the first cohort.

Participation in NC-SARA Franciscan Alliance School of Osteopathic Medicine does not participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA).

Participation in Student Financial Aid Franciscan Alliance School of Osteopathic Medicine does not currently participate in state or federal student financial aid programs.

Campuses Franciscan Alliance School of Osteopathic Medicine program Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine will initially be offered in Crown Point only, beginning in 2030. The program is planned to expand to include clinical clerkships sites in Crown Point, Dyer, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Michigan City, and Munster beginning in 2032.

Enrollment Franciscan Alliance School of Osteopathic Medicine does not currently report data to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). The institution projects that the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program would have enrollment of 100 students in the first year (2030) at Crown Point only. In 2035, 800 students are projected to be enrolled at all locations. The Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences program is projected to have an enrollment of 35 in the first year (2029-30) and 50 students by the fifth year (2033-34).

Programs The institution anticipates offering the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and the Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences.

Financial Responsibility Composite Score (FRCS) Franciscan Alliance School of Osteopathic Medicine is anticipated to be operated under the Saint Elizabeth School of Nursing OPE ID. The US DOE published score for the Saint Elizabeth School of Nursing was 2.2 for the fiscal year ending December 21, 2022.