

## **INSTITUTIONAL POLICY: GA-02**

Category: General Administration

Subject: Institutional Mission Statement

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## GA 02-1. Authority

W. Va. Code § 18B-1-6

## GA 02-2. Policy

The mission of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) is to educate students from diverse backgrounds as lifelong learners in osteopathic medicine and complementary health related programs; to support and develop graduate medical education training; to advance scientific knowledge through academic, clinical and basic science research; and to promote patient centered, evidence based medicine. WVSOM is dedicated to serve, first and foremost, the state of West Virginia and the health care needs of its residents, emphasizing primary care in rural areas. The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) empowers students to find health within themselves and the people and the communities they serve. We advance health and well-being in West Virginia and beyond through cutting-edge training, pioneering research, and immersive clinical experience. By blending innovation, compassion, and a deep-rooted dedication to osteopathic principles, we are shaping the future of health.