



# Kansas City University

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI • JOPLIN, MISSOURI



## ABOUT KCU

Kansas City University, founded in 1916, is a leading health sciences university and home to the nation's fifth-oldest osteopathic medical school. KCU is a fully accredited, private, not-for-profit university strategically located on two Missouri campuses – in Kansas City and Joplin – to address the health needs of both urban and rural populations.

KCU's Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Biosciences and Dental Medicine offer graduate degree programs in osteopathic medicine, clinical psychology, biomedical sciences and dental medicine, as well as multiple dual-degree, fellowship and research opportunities.

To learn more about Kansas City University, our colleges and academic programs, visit [kansascity.edu](http://kansascity.edu).

## OUR MISSION

Kansas City University is a community of professionals committed to excellence in education, research, patient care and community service while:

*Improving the well-being of the communities we serve.*

## OUR VISION

Changing health care for good.



## DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)
- Doctor of Clinical Psychology (PsyD)
- Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MS)
- Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD)

## DUAL-DEGREE PROGRAMS

- DO/MBA in Health Care Leadership  
*in partnership with Rockhurst University*
- DO/MA in Bioethics
- DO/MPH in Public Health  
*in partnership with the University of Nebraska Medical Center*



leading producer  
OF PHYSICIANS FOR MISSOURI



second-leading  
FOR KANSAS

2,037 STUDENTS  
ENROLLED

PERCENT OF  
KCU ALUMNI  
PRACTICING  
PRIMARY CARE



#1

in primary care

TOP MED SCHOOL FOR GRADS  
PRACTICING PRIMARY CARE  
SPECIALTIES IN MISSOURI

4<sup>th</sup>

LARGEST MEDICAL  
SCHOOL IN THE NATION

KCU ALUMNI  
PRACTICING IN  
UNDERSERVED  
COMMUNITIES



#1

in rural health care

TOP MED SCHOOL FOR GRADS  
PRACTICING IN RURAL MISSOURI

9<sup>th</sup>

MOST IMPACTFUL MEDICAL  
SCHOOL FOR PRIMARY CARE

#1

in serving the  
medically-underserved

TOP MED SCHOOL FOR GRADS  
PRACTICING IN MISSOURI'S  
MEDICALLY-UNDERSERVED AREAS



## CENTER FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION INNOVATION

In 2020, Kansas City University unveiled the new Center for Medical Education Innovation (CMEI), a 54,000 square-foot facility, where medical education transforms imagination into reality.

The CMEI features advanced virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) technologies, providing students the opportunity to evaluate, diagnose and treat patients in real-world simulations.

This “learning by doing” approach enables students to participate in training that mirrors everyday clinical challenges facing physicians. Students complete 30 to 40 curriculum-based simulations by the time they reach third-year clinical clerkships. This repeated practice lowers the risk of medical errors and patient harm.

The CMEI houses ICU simulation sites, medical robots, 22 standardized patient rooms and a 70-bay lab for physical diagnosis and osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM).



## KCU COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE (NOW OPEN AT KCU-JOPLIN)

The KCU College of Dental Medicine, located on the Farber-McIntire Campus in Joplin, Missouri, officially opened in June 2023. The CDM welcomed its first class of 80 students in fall 2023, educating the next generation of dentists through a general practice, community-based model.

KCU’s dental curriculum focuses on early clinical training and issues related to community and population health. Working under the supervision of adjunct faculty preceptors, fourth-year dental students will provide comprehensive oral health care in clinical partner sites to underserved patients throughout Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas. It is anticipated that these student externs will provide an additional 40,000 to 50,000 patient visits annually, helping to increase access to oral health care for individuals and families in need. Recruiting students from rural areas and increasing their awareness of and exposure to rural oral health disparities improves the likelihood that KCU graduates will establish practices in underserved areas.

Southwest Missouri, southeast Kansas, northwest Arkansas and northeast Oklahoma have fewer dentists per capita than most areas in the United States. This multi-state region within a 125-mile radius of Joplin, Missouri has an immediate and critical need for more dentists, specifically in rural and underserved communities. While dental schools cannot solve all the issues related to lack of access, the KCU College of Dental Medicine is positioned to play a significant role in helping deliver oral health care in this area.



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