



TOGETHER, WE CAN

change health care  
*for good.*

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KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY  
COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

KANSAS CITY UNIVERSITY

## OUR MISSION

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

## OUR VISION

Changing health care for good.

## OUR VALUES

- Excellence | *Striving for quality, integrity and innovation*
- Equity | *Supporting an inclusive and collaborative environment*
- Empathy | *Caring for our students, our colleagues and our community*

**47.4% : 52.3%**  
MALE TO FEMALE STUDENT RATIO

**2** Campus Locations  
KANSAS CITY & JOPLIN, MISSOURI

**45%** IN-STATE STUDENTS

**6<sup>th</sup>** LARGEST MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THE NATION

**35%** OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

**9<sup>th</sup>** MOST IMPACTFUL MEDICAL SCHOOL IN PRIMARY CARE

**20%** INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

**10<sup>th</sup>** MOST AFFORDABLE PRIVATE MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THE NATION

**30 percent** OF ALUMNI PRACTICE IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES



## our history

When Kansas City University was founded in 1916, we were a start-up college leasing the fourth floor of a downtown Kansas City, Missouri, warehouse. With limited ventilation, poor lighting, no elevator and steep, narrow stairwells shared with other building tenants, KCU's first home was remarkably different than

our current campuses. But our purpose has stayed the same: to provide education that helps ensure a healthier future for all.

Today, KCU has grown to become a fully-accredited, private, not-for-profit health sciences university with Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Biosciences and Dental Medicine. Our two Missouri campuses, Kansas City and Joplin, allow KCU to directly address the health needs

of both urban and rural communities through education, outreach and a mission of improving the well-being of the communities we serve.

KCU students are making history every day by living our mission, vision and values for the benefit of others – and you can, too. Keep reading to discover how KCU can help you create a better, healthier future. When you're ready to take the next step, email [admissions@kansascity.edu](mailto:admissions@kansascity.edu).

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one university.

two hometowns.



joplin, mo

COMMUNITY STRONG WITH  
CROSSROADS TO CULTURE

**KANSAS CITY CAMPUS  
DEGREE PROGRAMS**

*Doctor of  
Osteopathic  
Medicine*

*Doctor of  
Clinical  
Psychology*

*Master of  
Science in  
Biomedical  
Sciences*

**JOPLIN CAMPUS  
DEGREE PROGRAMS**

*Doctor of  
Osteopathic  
Medicine*

*Doctor of  
Dental  
Medicine*



kansas city, mo

HEARTLAND CHARM  
MEETS URBAN ENERGY





# putting students *first*

**RESOURCES FOR STUDENT HEALTH,  
WELL-BEING AND SUCCESS**

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

At KCU, your student experience is about more than academics – the connections you’ll make outside the classroom, the campus community you’ll help shape and the people whose lives you’ll change matter.

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Every KCU student becomes a member of the KCU Student Government Association (SGA) upon enrollment, and leadership opportunities are available for students interested in pursuing elected positions. Representatives from SGA also serve on administration and faculty committees, organize student-led experiences and advocate for the student body as a whole.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Reaching beyond the boundaries of our campus to serve the needs of our greater communities is central to KCU’s mission of improving the well-being of the communities we serve. Students, faculty and staff are all encouraged to support community organizations and initiatives that align with our mission, vision and values through both University-sponsored activities and individual volunteerism.

### STUDENT CLUBS & GROUPS

With over 50 student organizations active on each campus, finding your people is simple. Whether you’re looking to connect over shared experiences, similar interests or just a good board game, you won’t have to search for long.

To view a full list of current student orgs, scan this QR code:



## STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

The KCU student community is routinely cited as one of the most welcoming of its kind – and it shows. The relationships you make with your peers will make you a better student in and outside of the classroom – and provide you with a professional network for life.

### THRIVE

Building resiliency, capacity and a wide network of support is more important than ever before – which is why all KCU students participate in the THRIVE program. Focusing on two core components, curriculum and connections, THRIVE brings students together for mentoring and networking experiences that help to foster both academic confidence and social belonging.

### CAREER COUNSELING

You’ll stay prepared and on-track for life after graduation by utilizing comprehensive career counseling tailored to your goals and needs. KCU career counseling specialists provide individualized support to help you refine your goals, find career opportunities, prepare for interviews and more.

### LEARNING ENHANCEMENT

KCU’s learning specialists work with students on any topic related to being successful academically – including study skills, time management, organizational skills and test taking. Through a mixture of individual coaching, identification and utilization of resources and targeted action planning, you’ll gain the confidence needed to self-direct your education and achieve your goals.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Preparing for a career in the health sciences means facing a challenging curriculum, rigorous training and a demanding schedule (*because changing health care for good isn’t exactly easy.*) But, KCU is committed to providing you with resources to ensure your emotional and physical health.

### COUNSELING SERVICES

On-campus counseling services provided by full-time, licensed psychologists and therapists is available to all students. KCU also offers an external student assistance program that provides 24/7 mental health support.

### PHYSICAL FITNESS

All KCU students have access to either an on-campus fitness center (Kansas City campus) or a complimentary local YMCA membership (Joplin campus) to help you keep active, alleviate stress and stay healthy.

### STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

The University has partnered with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City to offer a Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) to all students. All KCU students are enrolled in the plan during an open enrollment period at the beginning of the academic year.



striving to *D.O.* good

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
 KCU COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE



## BRIDGING MEDICINE & COMMUNITY

KCU student doctors take an active role in changing health care for good starting on day one. With collaborative classroom experiences structured to expand and deepen your medical knowledge and hands-on learning, clinical service and outreach activities refining your skills, a KCU medical education is student-centered, patient-focused and mission-driven.

As a KCU student doctor, you'll apply theoretical knowledge to practical situations starting in your first year.

- *Simulated clinical experiences, including training scenarios with high-fidelity medical manikins and simulated patient encounters that pair you with patient-actors, provide you with extensive opportunities to practice delivery of care without risk to real patients.*
- *'Score 1 for Health', a KCU clinical outreach program, provides free, in-school health assessments to more than 13,000 area school children each year. For many kids, the health screenings they receive from a KCU student doctor are the only annual check-up they'll experience all year.*

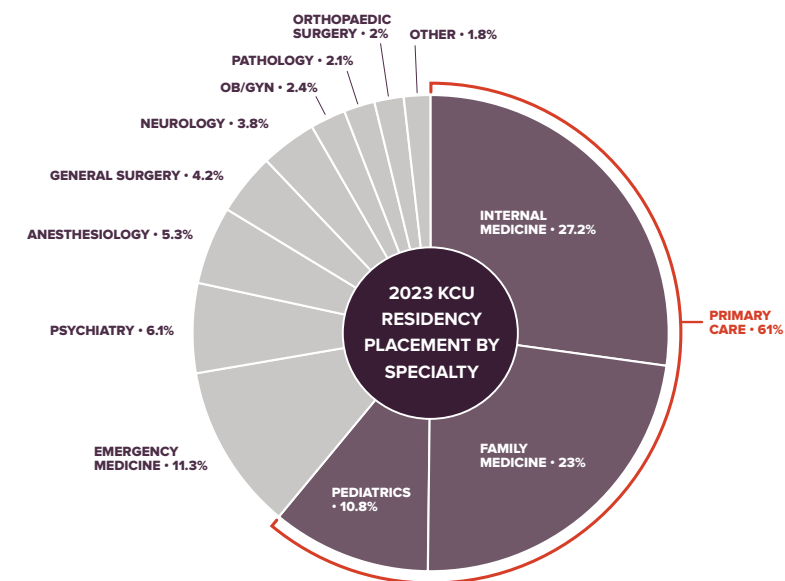
KCU's focus on public and population health prepares you to better understand the issues facing today's patients by strengthening your sense of responsibility and compassion with knowledge of the health disparities diverse communities and marginalized communities continue to face from renowned leaders in the field – fostering excellence, equity and empathy within the next generation of physicians.

## WHOLE PERSON CARE

KCU's heritage of osteopathic medicine is more than a proud history – it's also key to learning how to change health care for good. Osteopathic medicine believes in holistic care, prioritizing a "whole person" approach to medicine over the treatment of individual symptoms. While all osteopathic (DO) and allopathic (MD) programs are built on a traditional medical curriculum, osteopathic student doctors receive additional training on the relationship between the neuromusculoskeletal system and the rest of the body to identify barriers to healing and provide more effective treatment.

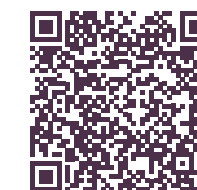
Approaching health care from an osteopathic perspective is more important than ever before. As negative social determinants of health, substance-use disorders and complex presentations continue to increase, physicians will need to understand how to identify and address systemic dysfunction – both of the human body and of society.

## RESIDENCY PLACEMENT



99%

average placement rate  
 over the past five years



To view the all current placement data, scan the QR code above.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCED STUDY

### SPECIALTY AND HONORS TRACKS



#### Global Health Track

Learn the challenges and possibilities of international health care through medical missions and international clerkships to areas of need including Guatemala, Kenya and the Dominican Republic.



#### Military Medicine Track

The Military Medicine Track is designed to equip Health Professions Scholarship Program recipients and National Guard members with the skills to serve as commissioned military physicians after graduation.

### FELLOWSHIPS

Student doctors who have achieved outstanding performance may apply for a fellowship to pursue advanced study in one of two specialties. Fellowships are completed in addition to the standard curriculum.



#### Clinical Anatomy

The fellowship in Clinical Anatomy is an 11-month program that takes place during your third or fourth year. Anatomy fellows assist in teaching courses, manage anatomy lab management and complete a research project for publication.



#### Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine

The fellowship in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) gives you the ability to practice your skills while working with experienced osteopathic physicians. The OMM fellowship is a twelve-month training program that takes place between your third- and fourth-year clinical clerkship assignments, with a fifth year added to your KCU education to accommodate both your clerkship and fellowship obligations.

### Dual-Degree Programs

Master of Arts in Bioethics (DO/MA)

Master of Public Health (DO/MPH)

Master of Business Administration in Health Care Leadership (DO/MBA)

### MAKING THE ROUNDS

KCU has partnered with some of the best hospitals and preceptors across the country to provide you with clerkship opportunities best suited to your passions.

Choose from one of our many core sites to practice anything from family medicine to neurology.

**20** core clerkship sites in **8** states nationwide



Scan this QR code to see a full list of our clerkship core sites.

### PARTNER PROGRAMS: GET A JUMP ON YOUR FUTURE

The KCU College of Osteopathic Medicine offers early admissions opportunities to outstanding undergraduate students at select educational institutions. Pre-health advisors at each participating institution help manage the process, meeting with potential applicants and providing access to the online application in December of the applicant's sophomore year.

To view eligibility requirements and an up-to-date list of partner program institutions, scan this QR code:



## ADMISSIONS AT A GLANCE

Like with osteopathic medicine, KCU takes a holistic approach to the admissions process to gain a better understanding of your potential for success as a student doctor.

However, there are certain admission criteria that all applicants must have:

- Completed undergraduate degree from an accredited university
- AACOMAS Application
- MCAT Score
- 2 Letters of Recommendation:
  - One from a physician (DO or MD)
  - One from a pre-med advisor or committee; may substitute a science faculty member
- The following coursework with a grade of C or higher:
  - 12 semester hours of Biology
  - 13 semester hours of Chemistry
  - 8 semester hours of Physics
  - 3 semester hours of Biochemistry (in addition to Chemistry)

The following optional qualifications will increase the competitiveness of your application:

- 100+ hours shadowing a physician
- Volunteer experience in a health care setting
- Work experience in a health care field (EMT, nurse, etc.)
- Two or more leadership roles in clubs/community organizations/work
- Involvement with community service organizations
- Research experience
- Participation in a domestic or international health mission trip
- Commitment of more than two years to an organization/club/job





more reasons to *smile*

DOCTOR OF DENTAL MEDICINE  
 KCU COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

### COMMUNITY-CENTERED EARLY CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

As a dental student doctors, you'll learn how to address the oral health needs of the Joplin regional community and beyond through both classroom and clinical experiences. Beginning in your first year, you'll provide comprehensive oral health care using a team-based model in the KCU Oral Health Center, our community-focused oral health facility. During your fourth year, you'll have experiential opportunities to provide patient care in off-campus, community-based dental facilities throughout the region, including federally qualified health centers, community health centers, Tribal facilities and other outpatient-based programs.



### LEVERAGING LEADING-EDGE DENTAL TECHNOLOGY

Our new state-of-the-science College of Dental Medicine introduces students to the most advanced dental technologies, reshaping your dental education and preparing you to be a leader in dentistry. Inside the dental simulation lab, you'll train with new technology such as intraoral digital scanners that eliminate the discomfort associated with traditional impressions and enable precise design of dental solutions in collaboration with patients, virtual reality dental trainers that hone your practical skills, advanced radiography machinery that captures detailed images for accurate diagnoses and 3D printers and digital milling devices that transform patients' smiles in ways never before possible. And, with two floors of dental operatories custom-built for KCU in the Oral Health Center, you'll partner with patients in a clinical environment like no other. empower patients to actively participate in treatment planning, fostering informed decisions.



### Dual-Degree Programs

*Master of Public Health (DMD/MPH)*

*Master of Business Administration in  
 Health Care Leadership (DMD/MBA)*

## A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT MADE FOR PIONEERS

The College of Dental Medicine is located on the KCU Farber-McIntire Campus in Joplin, Missouri, and is home to two newly constructed facilities: the Dental Education Center and the Oral Health Center. The KCU College of Dental Medicine was created to address oral health disparities, but it was built to ensure student access to the best learning environments imaginable.

The Dental Education Center houses plentiful classroom and study space as well as a new Campus Commons, which includes a coffee shop, mini-market and grab-and-go dining options.

The Oral Health Center includes an active community clinic with custom dental operatories and imaging rooms, as well as dental simulation labs, 3D printing and digital milling technology, wet labs, clinical collaboration rooms and offices for faculty and clinic administration.



Top: Entrance to the KCU Dental Education Center  
Bottom Left: Exterior of the KCU Oral Health Center  
Bottom Right: Dental Simulation Lab

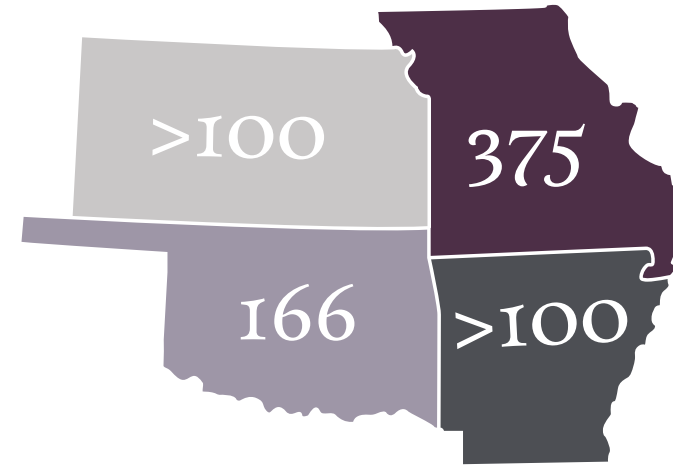
## SERVING THE FOUR-STATE REGION

Nearly all counties within a 125-mile radius of Joplin, Missouri, qualify as Dental Health Professional Shortage Areas (DHPSA) by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. With fewer dentists per capita than most areas in the United States, this four-state region has an immediate and critical need for more dentists.

As a dental student doctor, you'll be integral in correcting this urgent issue and other oral health disparities during your time at KCU and throughout your career as a dentist.

### DENTISTS NEEDED IN THE REGION

NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL DENTISTS CURRENTLY NEEDED TO REMOVE DHPSA DESIGNATIONS FOR EACH STATE IN THE REGION:



### DENTISTS NEEDED ACROSS THE NATION

**>46M** NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THE U.S. WHO LIVE IN A DHPSA & LACK BASIC ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE.

**2025** YEAR THE NATIONAL DEMAND FOR DENTISTS WILL OUTPACE GROWTH IN SUPPLY.

**7K+** NUMBER OF DENTISTS NEEDED TO ELIMINATE CURRENT DENTAL SHORTAGES NATIONWIDE (WITH ANOTHER 8,600 NEEDED BY 2025).

Data Source: Tripp Umbach

## ADMISSIONS AT A GLANCE

The KCU admissions process takes a holistic look at applicants to gain a better understanding of your potential for success as a dental student doctor.

However, there are certain admission requirements all applicants must have:

- Completed undergraduate degree from an accredited university
- AADSAS Application
- U.S. DAT score (must be dated no more than 3 years prior to application date)
- 3 Letters of Recommendation:
  - One from a dentist
  - One from a pre-med advisor or committee; may substitute a science faculty member
  - One from an individual who can attest to your academic strengths, abilities and fit for dental school
- The following coursework with a grade of C or higher:
  - 8 semester hours of Biology
  - 4 semester hours of Microbiology or Biochemistry
  - 8 semester hours of Chemistry
  - 8 semester hours of Organic Chemistry
  - 12 additional semester hours of Biology, Chemistry and/or Physics
  - Human Anatomy strongly recommended
  - 6 semester hours of English Composition or Technical Writing
- Demonstrated community service through volunteerism and/or service-oriented employment
- Clinical dental experience (shadowing or practice)





# the science of behavior

DOCTOR OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY  
 KCU COLLEGE OF BIOSCIENCES



## HEALTH SERVICE PSYCHOLOGY

Access to high-quality, compassionate mental and emotional health care has never been more important. KCU's clinical psychology program prepares students to be practicing psychologists through a curriculum focused on a comprehensive approach to studying human development across the lifespan. The five-year PsyD program includes coursework focused on working with a diverse range of age groups, the importance of understanding the unique needs and challenges faced by marginalized groups – including people of color and LGBTQ+ individuals – and experiential learning opportunities that help you gain knowledge and skills to provide culturally sensitive care to individuals from all backgrounds. Beginning in your third year, you'll begin to synthesize your classroom knowledge with your growing clinical skills by engaging in practicum experiences, dissertation work and a pre-doctoral internship.

## MEDICAL SCHOOL SYNERGIES

As a PsyD student, you are part of a skilled team within the College of Biosciences, but you also benefit from the KCU Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine and Dental Medicine. The doctoral curriculum in each college are built to work together, creating opportunities for interprofessional education and training that will prepare you to effectively collaborate on integrated health care teams and improve outcomes for your future patients.

# 5 YEARS

OF STUDY PROVIDES EVERYTHING FROM FOUNDATIONAL KNOWLEDGE TO HANDS-ON TRAINING IN ALL ASPECTS OF PATIENT CARE

# 9:1

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO CREATES CLOSE MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS

# 19%

EMPLOYMENT GROWTH FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS EXPECTED BY 2024\*

\*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

## EARN YOUR MASTERS WHILE EARNING YOUR PSYD

Included as part of the program curriculum, PsyD students will earn a Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology degree after their second year of study – a major milestone that highlights your commitment to clinical psychology and helps you stand out as a candidate for pre- and post-doctoral internships as well as future job applications.

The non-terminal degree will be added as a notation on your transcript and is formally awarded when all the following criteria have been met:

- Successful completion of all coursework in the first two years;
- Successful completion of the qualifying examination; and
- Student is in good academic standing



## DIVERSE PRACTICUM SITES

The practicum experience provides you with the opportunity to develop and demonstrate the necessary clinical competencies needed for your future internship. Practicums are part-time, off-campus commitments that typically average 20 hours per week, and last between 9-12 months.

# 56

PRACTICUM SITES  
ARE AVAILABLE TO  
KCU PSYD STUDENTS



To view our full list of practicum sites, scan the QR code.



## ADMISSIONS AT A GLANCE

The KCU admissions process takes a holistic look at applicants in order to gain a better understanding of your potential for success as a student.

However, there are certain admission requirements all applicants must have:

- A completed undergraduate degree from an accredited university
- GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- A GRE Test Score (must be dated no more than 3 years prior to application date)
- Motivation for and commitment to mental health care as demonstrated by previous work, volunteer work or other life experiences
- 18 semester hours of prerequisite coursework in psychology with a grade of C or better and must include the following courses:
  - Introduction to General Psychology
  - Human Growth & Development or Personality Theory
  - Statistics or Tests and Measurements

# 100%

PLACEMENT RATE INTO  
APA-ACCREDITED  
INTERNSHIP SITES  
DURING THE  
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES  
KCU COLLEGE OF BIOSCIENCES

Whether you're looking to prepare for future advanced training in medical or health science education or ready to join to one of many rapidly growing health science fields, KCU's biomedical sciences professional program has a track made to help you reach your goals.

### 1-YEAR ACCELERATED TRACK

Designed for students interested in pursuing an advanced degree in health care fields such as medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or other allied health-training programs, the 1-year track includes intensive coursework in areas such as anatomy, biochemistry, cell biology, epidemiology, genetics, immunology, molecular biology, physiology and research design & methodology. This one-year master's program will sharpen your skills and deepen your knowledge base, helping best prepare you for future advanced training.

### 2-YEAR RESEACH TRACK

Designed for students primarily interested in a career in research, bioinformatics, biotech, and other science fields; enrolling in PhD programs in the biomedical sciences; or wanting more intensive preparation for future pursuit of admission in a doctoral program, the two-year research track includes additional emphasis on advanced courses and dedicated opportunities to work side-by-side with faculty researchers and/or researchers at partner institutions.

### UNLOCKING BIOINFORMATICS

Advancements in technology are drastically changing research, health care and our understanding of what is possible. Bioinformatics bridges the divide between biology and technology, revealing immense potential for scientific advancement. Students enrolled in the two-year research track, particularly those who are interested in a career in biotech, can choose a research emphasis in bioinformatics.

As a bioinformatics student you'll focus on using computer technology to solve real-world biomedical research questions, training with a variety of bioinformatic tools and concepts used for big data analysis such as database design, software design and bioanalytical computer coding (like Python). And, you'll conduct bioinformatics research with KCU faculty and/or with researchers at partner institutions including Children's Mercy Hospital, MRI Global and Likarda.



### FACULTY + STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

KCU's Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences offers a two-year research program which includes research opportunities on campus and around Kansas City. We'll work closely with you to match you to your area of interest with our faculty or one of our many research partners. Through these partnerships, you'll gain hands-on experience as well as build relationships that will benefit you following our program.

To view current KCU faculty research activity, scan the QR code:



### ADMISSIONS AT A GLANCE

The KCU admissions process takes a holistic look at applicants in order to gain a better understanding of your potential for success as a student dentist.

However, there are certain admission requirements all applicants must have:

- A completed undergraduate degree
- A submitted application to the Biomedical Sciences Program
- Official College Transcripts
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- Graduate Admissions Test Results (optional)



# finance your future

## FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS AT KCU

Your ability to pursue a career in the health sciences shouldn't be limited by financial barriers, and KCU is committed to helping you find opportunities that empower you to achieve your dream. Our financial aid team is committed to helping you navigate the financial aid process, explore scholarship opportunities and find tailored solutions to fund your education.

Whether you're pursuing a degree in osteopathic medicine, clinical psychology, dental medicine or biomedical sciences, KCU is here to support you every step of the way.

To view the most up-to-date information on financial aid and scholarship opportunities, visit [KANSASCITY.EDU/ADMISSIONS/FINANCIAL-AID](https://kansascity.edu/admissions/financial-aid) or scan this QR code:



## ACCREDITATION

### THE UNIVERSITY

Kansas City University is a private university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and recognized by the Coordinating Board of Higher Education for the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.

### COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

The Kansas City University College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) at the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). The AOA is the official accrediting agency for osteopathic medicine approved by the United States Department of Education and by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation.

### COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

The Kansas City University College of Dental Medicine program in predoctoral dental education is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and has been granted the accreditation status of "initial accreditation." The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at 213-440-4653 or at 211 E Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission's website is: [coda.ada.org/en](https://coda.ada.org/en).

### COLLEGE OF BIOSCIENCES - PSYD PROGRAM

The Kansas City University PsyD program is accredited on contingency by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Psychological Association as of April 11, 2021. A program that is accredited on contingency is an APA-accredited program. The program is accredited on contingency through the following date: May 1, 2024. The program will apply for full accreditation in 2024.



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