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## New and Developing Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Candidate Status as of August 2025

Candidate status is the second step in seeking accreditation by an applicant college of osteopathic medicine (COM) and is conferred with the privilege of recognition by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA), which will be publicly announced.

Candidate status may be granted to COMs that demonstrate the planning and resources necessary to be expected to be able to proceed to Pre-Accreditation Status within two (2) years.

Proposed COMs holding candidate status may not recruit, accept applications or fees, admit prospective students, or begin instruction.

The listing of candidate status institutions does not imply any opinion on the part of the COCA regarding progression into the accreditation process.

Proposed COM	Location	Candidate Status Achieved
Proposed University of Northern Colorado College of Osteopathic Medicine	Greeley, CO	August 2024
Proposed The Valley College of Osteopathic Medicine	Phoenix, AZ	February 2025
Proposed Indiana University of Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine	Indiana, PA	August 2025
Proposed Xavier University College of Osteopathic Medicine	Cincinnati, OH	August 2025