OUR MISSION

is to improve lives in our global community by educating diverse groups of highly competent and compassionate health professionals.

ONE UNIVERSITY
OVER 120 YEARS STRONG

Founded in 1898, Des Moines University is a premier medical and health sciences institution comprising three colleges offering eight graduate degrees. The programs share a collective strength — a collaborative campus community where students and faculty come together in the pursuit of knowledge and innovation.

Des Moines University creates opportunity by building on its long legacy of providing an outstanding education to the nation’s health care professionals and excellent patient care in the DMU Clinic.
DMU QUICK FACTS

The University is a community of diverse and talented people. Some key indicators tell the story of the University’s exceptional quality.

- **3 GRADUATE COLLEGES**
  - Osteopathic Medicine
  - Podiatric Medicine and Surgery
  - Health Sciences

- **1,500+ GRADUATE STUDENTS** enrolled in the University’s 8 degree programs

- **NEARLY 100% MATCH RATES**
  - Three-year average for D.O. and D.P.M.

- **ONE OF THE TOP 10 MEDICAL SCHOOLS**
  - Whose graduates land their top-choice residency according to U.S. News & World Report

- **ONE OF THE TOP 25 LARGEST MEDICAL SCHOOLS**
  - (for D.O. or M.D.) among the nation’s 181 accredited schools

- **14,000+ ALUMNI**
  - In all 50 states, including more than 3,100 in Iowa

- **FIRST MEDICAL PROVIDER TRAINING PROGRAM**
  - Of the National Alliance on Mental Illness at a medical school

- **100%**
  - Three-year averages of the licensure exam pass rate for D.O., D.P.M., D.P.T. and M.S.P.A.S.
For more than 120 years, doctors of osteopathic medicine, or D.O.s, have practiced a philosophy of patient care that focuses on the whole person, not just specific symptoms or injuries.

DMU is one of the institutions producing most of the primary care physicians in the nation (M.D. or D.O.).

DMU’s D.O. students consistently outperform the national pass rates for board examinations. For example, the Class of 2019 achieved a 99.55% pass rate on Level 1 of COMLEX, the licensure exam for U.S. osteopathic physicians. That made the class the top scorer in the nation.

“We are given the tools, resources and opportunities to become compassionate and competent clinicians to serve on local, national and even global levels.”
NEEL PATEL, D.O. CLASS OF 2020

The College of Health Sciences was established in 1980 and enrolled its first students in the physician assistant program in 1981. Graduates work and serve in numerous health care roles, from providing patient care to leading health care organizations to safeguarding and enhancing the health of communities and populations.

The college’s clinical students take some courses with DMU’s D.O. and D.P.M. students, fostering interprofessional experiences and understanding. Its two master’s degree programs can be completed online, ideal for working professionals.

“What I enjoy most about being a student at DMU is the variety of opportunities to get involved with campus organizations and faculty research as well as volunteering with the community.”
TAYLOR WOODS, D.P.T. CLASS OF 2020
The College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery at Des Moines University offers students an exceptional education, scholarly research opportunities and community service opportunities. The college was the first podiatric medical school to be affiliated with an academic health science center and is one of only nine podiatric medical schools in the nation.

Students in the college have achieved a 100% residency match rate during the last five years, and they have outperformed the national average on their first-time national board exam pass rates.

“Stepping onto campus for the first time, I immediately felt part of the community. Half a year later, I am proud to be part of the DMU family.”

ERSTA FERRYANTO, D.P.M. CLASS OF 2021

**THE DMU CLINIC**

In the 10-story, state-of-the-art DMU Clinic on campus, Des Moines University clinicians and students provide patient care and public health education. On average, the DMU Clinic supports nearly 40,000 patient visits each year.

The DMU Clinic is conveniently located on Grand Avenue and has a free parking ramp providing easy access for patients and visitors.

**DEGREE PROGRAM**

Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (D.P.M.)

**PATIENT SERVICES**

- Family Medicine
- Foot and Ankle
- Physical Therapy
- Osteopathic Manual Medicine
- Women’s Health
- Rehabilitation
- Radiology
- Running and Cycling
Thanks to the community engagement that DMU encourages of its students, faculty and staff every year, hundreds of citizens receive free screenings, services and health care education during events such as the IMT Des Moines Marathon, Iowa State Fair and local back-to-school physicals. The University also offers annual events on campus that benefit the community, including its Mini Medical School, Girls Exploring Medicine and Science, Boys Reaching for Opportunities in Science and Senior Health Fair.

DMU representatives often deliver science and health-related presentations to area schools and invites elementary and high school students to campus.

DMU PARTNERS WITH REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING:
American Diabetes Association, American Parkinson’s Disease Association, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Children and Families Urban Movement, Des Moines Public Schools, Easter Seals of Iowa, Gigi’s Playhouse, House of Mercy, Latinos Unidos, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, LifeServe Blood Center, Meals from the Heartland, ONE Iowa and Toys for Tots

DMU’S GROWING RESEARCH ENTERPRISE

University faculty and students work closely together on a wide variety of research projects. DMU maintains laboratories for basic, clinical and applied research. Every day, dedicated faculty, staff and students create and apply knowledge as they work to provide solutions to some of the world’s most pressing health problems.

DMU researchers are attracting an increasing number of external research grants, including from the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation and National Institute of Justice. The annual DMU Research Symposium draws hundreds of students and scientists for an exciting day of poster presentations, oral abstracts and nationally recognized keynote speakers.
DMU’s strong reputation in medicine and health sciences is built on the commitment of our faculty who are passionate about training tomorrow’s health care leaders. Our graduates enter their professional careers in health sciences with confidence, expertise, compassion and the determination to improve the lives of others on a daily basis.