

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE (D.O.)

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Legal Authority Code of Iowa, Chapters 147, 148, 150-150A

Job Description Doctors of osteopathic medicine diagnose, prescribe for, and treat diseases of the human body, relying upon accepted medical and surgical procedures. They examine patients to determine symptoms attributable to impairments in musculoskeletal system; correct disorders and affections of bones, muscles, nerves, and other body systems by medicinal and surgical procedures and, when deemed beneficial, manipulative therapy; and, employ x-rays, drugs, and other aids to diagnose and treat bodily impairments. They may practice any of the known medical and surgical specialties.

Education & Experience Required An applicant must be a graduate of an approved college of osteopathic medicine and surgery and have completed one year of post-graduate training in an approved hospital in the United States or Canada. If a physician is a foreign medical graduate, he or she must have a current Educational Commission Foreign Medical Graduate (ECFMG) certificate. Each applicant must also have a passing score on a medical licensing examination: United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Steps 1-3, National Boards, Federal Licensing Examination (FLEX), Licentiate of Medical Council of Canada (LMCC), Comprehensive Osteopathic medical Licensing Exam (COMLEX), or a state structured qualifying exam.

Applications are open for 120 days from the date the application is received in office. After 120 days (if documents are outstanding), applicants shall update credentials and submit a non-refundable reactivation of application fee of \$150, unless granted an extension in writing by the license and examination committee or board. The period for requesting an extension in writing is limited to one year (365 days) from the date the application form is received by the board. Once the reactivation period has expired, applicants must reapply and submit a new, non-refundable initial application fee of \$300.

Continuing Education Forty hours of category 1 continuing education are required biennially for license renewal.

Examination Each applicant must have a passing score on a medical licensing examination (USMLE Steps 1-3, Nation Board, FLEX, LMCC, COMLEX, or a state structured qualifying exam).

Fees Application: \$400
Duration: Two years
Renewal: \$325
Exam: \$450
Other: \$75 (Resident)

SOC Code, Title, & Avg. Hourly Wage 29-1062 – Anesthesiologists (\$39.31)
29-1062 – Family and General Practitioners (\$58.02)
29-1063 – Internists, General (\$59.70)
29-1064 – Obstetricians and Gynecologists (N/A)
29-1065 – Pediatricians, General (N/A)
29-1067 – Surgeons (> \$70.00)
29-1199 – All Other Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners (\$53.54)

Number of Licenses Issued Total number of licenses active as of December 31,
2001: 1,268
2000: N/A

For Additional Information American Osteopathic Association
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