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A Record Number of Central Valley Medical Students Start Class at CHSU this Week

CLOVIS, Calif. – Class is back in session at the California Health Sciences University (CHSU) College of Osteopathic Medicine with a record number of **over 630 new and returning medical students** on campus this week.

162 new student doctors are beginning their first year of medical school at CHSU in the class of 2029.

44% of this new cohort are from the Central Valley, which is the highest percent to date, and about **90% are from California**. The university hopes most of its medical students will complete residencies here and practice locally.

“It is exciting to have a record 44% Central Valley students in this cohort, with Fresno State alum topping the list,” said John Graneto, DO, Dean of the CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Many of the CHSU medical students completed their undergraduate education in California and some of the top feeder schools include **Fresno State, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC San Diego, UCLA, UC Merced, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, and USC**.

CHSU’s own master’s program is also one of the top feeder programs for its medical school. **About 60% of the 2024 and 2025 master’s program graduates are now attending medical school at CHSU.**

Over 3,300 candidates applied, and **several hundred applicants were interviewed** for fall 2025 admission to CHSU-COM. Admission offers were made to carefully selected candidates after a holistic review of their overall portfolio, including MCAT scores, GPA trends, letters of recommendation, personal statement, interview, completion of pre-requisite courses, and many other factors.

Having already graduated its first two cohorts of osteopathic physicians, California Health Sciences University (CHSU) is fulfilling its mission by training and retaining physicians to serve our local community.

CHSU achieved 100% residency match rate for its first two cohorts of physicians that graduated in 2024 and 2025.

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For the class of 2025 graduates:

- **60% of residencies are in Primary Care**

- **23% of residencies are in the Central Valley**
- **71% of residencies are in California**
- **109 medical students graduated**

The university recently hired the first group of CHSU-COM alumni as Adjunct Instructors at its medical school. The second-year resident physicians who are joining the CHSU faculty are practicing in local hospitals.

“Seeing our mission in action with Central Valley students attending medical school here, completing local residencies, and then helping educate future physicians at CHSU is a full circle moment that will help secure better access to healthcare for generations,” stated Dr. Graneto.

Interview opportunities can be scheduled with CHSU students and/or Dr. John Graneto, Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Photos and video clips are also available. Contact Richele Kleiser at rkleiser@chsu.edu or (559) 272-8192 to schedule interviews or obtain access to photos and video clips.

About California Health Sciences University

California Health Sciences University (CHSU) is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). CHSU is the first university of its kind in the Central Valley and offers a local option for medical school and a master’s in biomedical sciences to help remedy the shortage of health care services offered in the Valley.

The CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine (CHSU-COM) is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association’s Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). CHSU-COM now has about 600 medical students in attendance. Both the classes of 2024 and 2025 achieved a 100% residency match rate. The CHSU medical school is accepting applications for its seventh cohort to matriculate in 2026 ([link](#)).

The university also offers a one-year Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS) program at its College of Biosciences and Health Professions. The first two cohorts of MSBS students graduated in 2024 and 2025 with about 60% now attending the CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. The CHSU master’s program is accepting applications for its third cohort of MSBS students to matriculate in August 2025 ([link](#)).

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