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Application Materials  
*2011-2012*

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Please submit application by  
June 1st.

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## *Health Policy Fellowship 2011-2012*



Health Policy Fellowship will accept a maximum of 12 Fellows for its eighteenth class beginning in August 2011. Applications will be accepted April 1 through June 1. The program is offered by the New York Institute of Technology/New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine in collaboration with colleges in the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and the government relations offices of the AOA and AACOM.

The program is designed for practicing or teaching osteopathic physicians who are preparing for leadership roles in the profession and positions of influence in health policy. Applications will also be considered from individuals with an established professional connection with the osteopathic profession (for example: directors of medical education, hospital administrators, executive directors of state osteopathic associations).





*HPF Class of 2011 at AACOM December 2010: Front Row: Nancy Cooper, HPF Coordinator; Bill Blazey, D.O., Robert Schneider, D.O.; Joseph Coffman, D.O.; Moses Mukai, D.O.; Alissa Craft, D.O. MBA; David Coffey, D.O.; Pamela Murphy, Director of Government Relations for AACOM; Back row: Kathy Jackson, D.O.; Michele Dodman, D.O., MBA; Gregg Silberg, D.O., R.Ph.; Brian Kessler, D.O.; Jonathon Kirsch, D.O. and Michelle Mendez, D.O.*

Fellows attend an intensive five-day academic orientation at New York Institute of Technology before entering the regimen of nine three-day weekend seminars, usually beginning Friday at 8:00 a.m. and finishing Sunday at noon. Seminars are rotated among osteopathic colleges and the Washington, DC area offices of the AOA and AACOM. Between monthly seminars, Fellows are expected to devote a minimum of 20 hours to reading, research, and completing written assignments.

In order to enhance the Fellows' ability to evaluate, articulate, and formulate concise and objective assessments of health policy issues, Fellows will complete two health policy issue analysis briefs. Program faculty and staff provide research, writing, and editing support. Graduation, held in conjunction with the fall meeting of the AOA Council on Federal Health Programs, provides the opportunity for the Fellows to present outstanding briefs to the conference attendees.

Graduates of the program join a cadre of health policy experts from which the profession can draw to staff committees and task forces at the federal and state levels, testify on issues relevant to osteopathic medicine/education, and develop policy positions.



*HPF Class of 2009-2010 at Orientation, NYCOM*

## CURRICULUM

The curriculum in health policy offers a broad range of analytic and communication tools applicable to health policy, including:

- Foundations of health policy
- Information systems for research and communication
- Policy analysis and formulation
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Interpretation of statistical reporting
- Writing skills for presentation and publication

In addition, guest seminar leaders from policymaking agencies present an overview and history of policy issues in their fields and serve as resources for group assignments that form the basis of the interactive weekend seminars throughout the year. Policy areas for the study of issues have included

- Federal and state health policy
- Uninsured populations
- Healthcare workforce
- Vulnerable populations
- Quality of care and patient safety
- Economics of health policy
- Rural health
- Multicultural medicine

- Medical education



*Barbara Ross-Lee, D.O., HPF Director, and Norman Gevitz, Ph.D., HPF Faculty (2011)*

## CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

To remain in good standing and earn an AOA certificate as a Health Policy Fellow, participants must attend and participate in all scheduled seminars and complete all assignments. The health policy issue analysis briefs developed in the program must be submitted by December 30, 2011 and July 1, 2012 for evaluation.



*HPF Class of 2008-2009 at TCOM, Fort Worth*

## **THE SELECTION PROCESS**

Application for 12 Fellowship positions is competitive. Applicants are expected to demonstrate five or more years of experience in professional settings in addition to their practice, and to have a career-long interest in health policy. Sponsorship by an organization is preferred.

Individuals who have an established professional connection with the osteopathic profession may be selected to fill Fellowship positions (not to exceed two). The minimum requirements for these applicants are a graduate degree and a demonstrated history of interest and involvement in health policy.

A complete application with a personal statement is required along with three recommendations. Recommendations from sponsoring organizations and institutions should be included. A nationwide panel of health policy experts evaluates applicants on prior academic and professional experience as well as level of commitment. Reviewers will seek evidence that the applicant can successfully combine a rigorous course of study with practice or teaching commitments.

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

There is no tuition fee for the program. Extensive in-kind contributions from participating universities and the osteopathic associations' offices, including the AOA and AACOM, are committed to the program each year.

## ACCOMMODATIONS AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Program staff select all hotel accommodations for all participants at each seminar location. However, reservations and payment for travel, room and board for weekend seminars are the responsibility of the Fellow or sponsoring agency (average \$1000 per seminar). The program provides continental breakfasts and lunches during the seminars.

## ACADEMIC CREDIT

Participants in the Health Policy Fellowship may earn academic credit for their studies. NYIT/NYCOM and Ohio University award graduate credit to participants who elect to apply for non-degree admission and pay a fee. The Des Moines University Masters of Public Health Program will apply up to 13 graduate credits towards their on-line Master of Public Health degree. The A.T. Still University School of Health Management will accept transfer credit (up to six courses) towards their on-line MPH and MHA degrees. Credit hours may be transferable to other graduate programs (subject to approval by each program).

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