

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

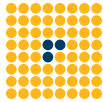
IMPACT FOR COLORADO

To address Colorado’s critical and growing physician shortage, **the University of Northern Colorado is establishing a new College of Osteopathic Medicine.** This bold initiative will directly address the challenges of access to healthcare—especially in primary care—for all of Colorado’s populations, create new career paths for students seeking to make a difference, and actively benefit our communities and state for generations to come.



65.4%

percentage of Colorado’s physician needs going unmet



61 of 64

Colorado counties designated as Primary Care Health Professional shortage areas (as of 2023)



150

new Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) trained annually by UNC



57%

percentage of D.O.’s practicing in primary care (compared to 28% of M.D.’s)




20-YEAR IMPACT

FY2023–2042

\$1.4 billion
total economic impact to Colorado

\$501 million
total economic impact to Weld County

\$83.3 million
in additional Colorado tax revenue



LONG TERM IMPACT*

FY2042 and beyond (annually)

\$197.2 million
in added statewide income, equivalent to supporting 4,161 jobs*

\$43.2 million
in added income for Weld County, equivalent to supporting 763 jobs*



2026

planned college opening / first student cohort



\$31M+

already committed from donors to UNC for this project



\$200M+

investment needed to open the college (from state, philanthropy and other sources)

* Throughout the 20 years of analysis, UNC’s College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) will have created 4,161 jobs (763 located in Weld County) that will continue to be supported year over year, even after FY 2042. These jobs not only include college employees but also jobs created in other industries throughout the state, due to increased daily spending on business activities, products, and services from the college’s employees, faculty and students.