Graduate Success

OCOM’s master’s and doctoral programs help alumni succeed in their chosen career.

Grading our work:
“Would you recommend the MAcOM degree program?”

95% agreed OCOM training was “essential preparation for work I now do for a living”

Mentor programs
The Alumni Mentor Program connects a carefully curated group of our top graduates with current students and recent graduates. The New Student Mentor Program matches incoming OCOM students with upper-classmates to help in the transition to OCOM, Portland, and medical school study.

Where and How Our Graduates Work

81% working in the field; 15% in practice + other pursuits; 4% not currently practicing*

88% of alumni are self-employed.
Twenty-five percent of graduates employ others (e.g. a receptionist).

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**Where and How Our Graduates Work**

56% of OCOM graduates have established a solo practice. 44% are working in group practices, often collaborating with practitioners of other health care disciplines.*

Among graduates who collaborate in group practices with other disciplines...

- work with other acupuncturists
- with massage therapists
- with naturopaths
- with chiropractors
- work with physicians
- with nurse practitioners
- with physical therapists
- with occupational therapists

**Hours**

- 73% Full Time
- 27% Part Time

Average: 35 hours/week

**Expected salary range**

(OCOM/NCCAOM JTA data/workforce data)

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*Based on an annual gross income estimate, calculated as: weekly income estimate = (new patient/week x fee) + (return patients/week x fee) x 85%. Weekly income estimate x 46 weeks = annual income estimate.

**What makes a graduate successful?**

In representative samples of graduates in practice (3-13 years), statistically significant relationships were seen between prescribing herbs and very successful practices. Effective treatment planning and patient retention was also significantly related to the most “successful.” Expecting to engage in entrepreneurial behaviors (patient recruitment, marketing, and small business management) also contributes to practitioner “satisfaction.”

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http://www.healthcaresalaries.com/allied-health-professionals/ acupuncturist-salary