

New Partnership with AACOM

Last week, the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) announced a [partnership](#) that grants AACOM members access to several AAMC programs, including the AAMC Curriculum Inventory (CI)! Here's the official announcement from the AAMC communications team about the collaboration:

Expanding Access to AAMC Resources for Next Generation of DOs

The AAMC and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) have a shared goal of ensuring a qualified and highly trained future physician workforce, and have collaborated for many years to ensure future medical students have the training and tools they need to be successful health care providers, researchers, and educators. The two organizations have concluded a collaborative business agreement that expands access to several AAMC services and resources to the osteopathic medical education community, including students, faculty, and deans. As early as July 15, the DO community will have access to Careers in Medicine® (CiM), FIRST, VSLO®, and Curriculum Inventory. The directors of each included AAMC program will participate in a webinar on July 21 to help new users from the nation's colleges of osteopathic medicine understand and engage with each program.

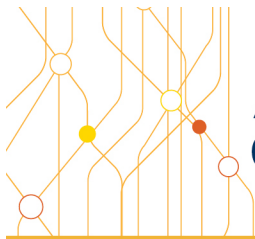


Welcome osteopathic professionals and future physicians!

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) are united in their shared goal of supporting medical students and the medical education community.

Through an expanded collaboration with AACOM, the AAMC is pleased to offer access to several services and resources to the osteopathic medical education community.

Effective with the 2021 upload season, AACOM member schools will be eligible to upload their curriculum data. We are excited about this new partnership and the new data it will bring to the AAMC CI – the future possibilities for reporting and benchmarking for MD and DO schools are a unique resource for the AAMC, and some good news we can all celebrate.



Over the next 12 months, the AAMC CI team will be working to onboard AACOM member schools. Because we feel this information is valuable to all AAMC CI participants, we will begin a special feature in the CI newsletter highlighting the tips and tasks we are sharing with AACOM member schools. If you are a new MD school, a school new to CI, or have an existing CI but want to take a fresh look at your data, this month-by-month approach may be useful in helping to begin or refresh your CI.

CI Upload 2020

For CI upload 2020, the CI Portal will open for data submissions beginning August 1, 2020. **All participating schools will be automatically given an extension to submit their data through Friday, October 23, 2020.** The CI upload season would normally close September 30, 2020, and while you may receive automatic emails stating the due date is September 30, the deadline is October 23 this year – we made this adjustment because of the very unique circumstances COVID-19 has caused.

We are recommending the use of the “keywords” field to document which learning events were delivered remotely, and which learning events were altered (e.g., learning objectives were changed, instructional methods were changed), due to COVID-19. The work you do now regarding keywords will pay off in your Verification Report when you upload your CI data this summer, as keywords are included in Table 9 of your 2020 Verification Report.

You can read more about documenting your curriculum given COVID-19 in this [past CI newsletter](#). Also, the [July 8, 2020 Building Better Curriculum webinar](#), towards the end of the recording, also may be helpful as it provides an example of how you may be able to organize your courses for fall 2019 and spring 2020 to represent curriculum that was delivered as planned in the fall, and the change due to COVID-19 in the spring.

You do not need to include curriculum which was canceled due to COVID-19, sessions never delivered, in your CI submission. However, it may be helpful for you to track canceled sessions data internally.

As always, if you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to ci@aamc.org.

Onward!

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