

New and Developing COMs

Candidate Status

Candidate status is the second step in seeking accreditation by an applicant COM and is conferred with the privilege of recognition by the COCA, which will be publicly announced. Candidate status may be granted to COMs that demonstrate the planning and resources necessary to be expected to be able to proceed to Pre-Accreditation Status within two (2) years.

Proposed COMs holding candidate status may not recruit, accept applications or fees, admit prospective students, or begin instruction.

The listing of candidate status institutions does not imply any opinion on the part of the COCA regarding progression into the accreditation process.

Proposed COM	Location	Candidate Status Achieved
Proposed Meritus School of Osteopathic Medicine	Hagerstown, MD	August 2023

