

Sam Houston State
University
Proposal for a Doctor
of Osteopathic
Medicine



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Weaknesses of the SHSU proposal

- Graduate Medical Education (GME) positions
 - Lack of identified GME positions in accordance with SB1066, 85th Texas Legislature
- Budget model
 - High-cost tuition and fees
 - Requires students to rely on loans and loan repayment
 - No scholarships identified
- Enrollment projection does not align with accreditation standards
- Amount budgeted for escrow does not align with accreditation standards
 - \$19 million v. ~\$40 million



Weaknesses of the SHSU proposal

- Limited institutional experience in the health professions
- SHSU offers no closely related doctoral or special professional programs
- The institution has no track record at the doctoral level in health-related programs
- Few support staff
- Distinct administrative structure in Conroe, 30 miles from main SHSU, will be required
- No explanation of how delays or other setbacks would be addressed



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External Reviewers Identified Similar Concerns

- Cost of tuition and high student debt affect the mission
- Graduate Medical Education position development
- Student rotation coordination not well documented
- Faculty levels are low given the responsibilities for teaching and course development
- Little administrative support for clinical and basic science faculty
- Clinical faculty without teaching experience



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State Prioritized GME

- House Concurrent Resolution 102, 2017, prioritizes GME over the establishment of additional medical schools
- Senate Bill 1066 (TEC, 61.0512) requires a plan for matching number of medical school graduates to number of available residency positions

GME Positions

As submitted in the proposal to THECB

- Proposal accounts for the *potential* of establishing residency positions for only half of the proposed graduating class
- Proposal does not include:
 - Affiliation Agreements (drafts or signed)
 - Contracts (drafts or signed)
 - Letters that provide a firm commitment from any hospital
 - Timeline for securing residency positions
 - Budget for securing residency positions

GME Positions

As submitted in the proposal to THECB

Proposal includes a list of *potential* hospitals

Specialty	Affiliated Institution Name	City	Year 4 (Fall 2023)
Emergency Medicine	Total		6
Family Medicine	Total		35
Internal Medicine	Total		22
OB/GYN	Total		4
Surgical Specialty TBD Total			6
Grand Total			73

Enrollment, Tuition and Fees

As submitted in the feasibility study to the Commission on Osteopathic Accreditation (COCA)

Admits 150/No Attrition	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
MS1	150	150	150	150	150	
MS2		150	150	150	150	
MS3			150	150	150	
MS4				150	150	
Total Enrollment:	150	300	450	600	600	2,100
Tuition and Fees per student:	\$55,000	\$57,200	\$57,200	\$59,488	\$59,488	
Total:	\$8,250,000	\$17,160,000	\$25,740,000	\$35,692,800	\$35,692,800	\$122,535,600

Enrollment, Tuition and Fees

As submitted in the proposal to THECB

Estimate projects 60 more students and generates \$3,460,512 more than the estimate in the Feasibility Study

Admits 162/with 8% Attrition	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
MS1	162	162	162	162	162	
MS2		150	150	150	150	
MS3			150	150	150	
MS4				150	150	
Total Enrollment:	162	312	462	612	612	2,160
Tuition and Fees per student:	\$55,000	\$57,200	\$57,200	\$59,488	\$59,488	
Total:	\$8,910,000	\$17,846,400	\$26,426,400	\$36,406,656	\$36,406,656	\$125,996,112

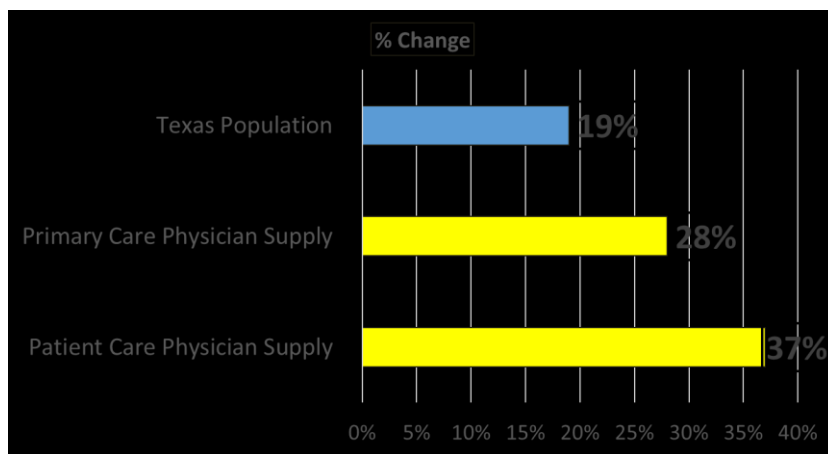
Enrollment, Tuition and Fees

Adheres to COCA Accreditation Standards

Estimate projects 508 fewer students and generates \$29,262,024 less than the estimate in the proposal to the THECB

Admission Adheres to New COCA Requirements/No Attrition	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Total
MS1	75	113	150	150	150	
MS2		75	113	150	150	
MS3			75	113	150	
MS4				75	113	
Total Enrollment:	75	188	338	488	563	1,652
Tuition and Fees per student:	\$55,000	\$57,200	\$57,200	\$59,488	\$59,488	
Total:	\$4,125,000	\$10,753,600	\$19,333,600	\$29,030,144	\$33,491,744	\$96,734,088

Physician Supply Growing Faster Than Population 2007-2016



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Conclusion

- SHSU's proposal did not provide sufficient evidence that its proposed osteopathic medical school would have adequate funding
- SHSU's proposal plans for only half the number of residency positions needed
- SHSU did not provide evidence that hospital interest would translate into action
- SHSU offers no closely related doctoral programs or special professional programs and has no track record at the doctoral level in health-related programs



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