



# Touro University Nevada

## Graduate Medical Education

### Making a Difference in Nevada

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## Residents

- medical school graduates
- physicians
- completing their specialty-specific training
- Hands-on education required for independent licensure by states
- varies from 3 – 7 years
- residents provide direct patient care
- median 1<sup>st</sup> year salary of \$49,651 (direct costs of training and support \$110K)

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## Residents

- Care for the underserved
- Teaching hospitals more likely to do community outreach
- Provide complex & acute care
- GME programs are the pipeline for patient access to healthcare
- Training residents is beneficial for communities

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**The physician workforce  
issue is entirely a GME  
matter (quality & quantity)**

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## Nevada

- Low ratio of physicians to population
- Among the lowest ratios of Residents to population
- Insufficient numbers of specialty & subspecialty providers
- Fastest way to add physicians is to import them; difficult and expensive, and hasn't worked in NV
- Doctors practice where they complete their GME training (not necessarily where they went to medical school) – “Train & Retain”

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GME programs do even more:

- Attract physicians

According to Merritt Hawkins, an Irving, Texas-based physician recruiting firm: “Nevada suffers from a chronic physician shortage partly due to a lack of residency and training programs.”

- Improve quality of care
- Generate clinical, basic science, and translational research

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**Whether a DO or MD program**

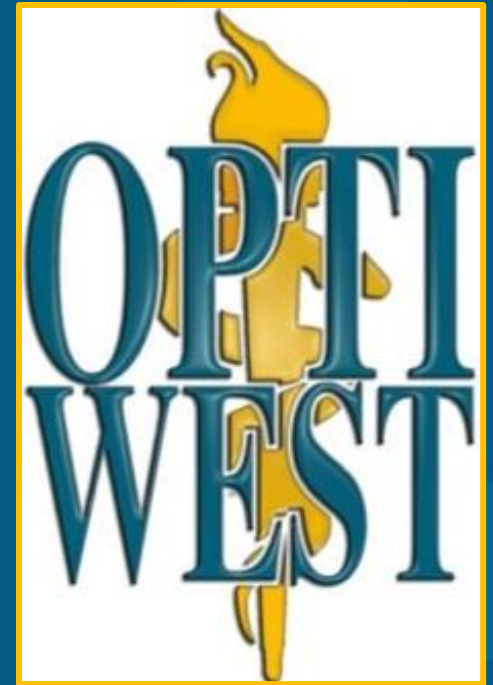
- **Same practice rights**
- **Same scope of practice**
- **DO's are active in Nevada:**
  - **Chief of Staff of UMC**
  - **Faculty at UNSOM**
  - **Past President of CCMS**
  - **President Elect NSMA**



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**Touro University Nevada sponsors the residency programs at Valley Hospital**

- **Mission is to provide quality trained physicians who remain in the community**
- **83 residents and fellows in programs**





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## 8 training programs at Valley Hospital:

- Traditional Rotating Internship
- Residencies:
  - Family Medicine
  - Internal Medicine
  - Neurology
  - Ophthalmology
  - Orthopedic Surgery
- Fellowships:
  - Gastroenterology
  - Pulmonary Medicine/Critical Care

# Nevada's GME Future

- Touro University Nevada recognizes that the solution to Nevada's physician workforce shortage is Graduate Medical Education
- We encourage the State to invest in the development and expansion of GME
- We look forward to collaborating with all stakeholders in moving forward