To address Colorado’s critical and growing physician shortage, the University of Northern Colorado is establishing a new College of Osteopathic Medicine. This bold initiative will directly address the challenges of access to healthcare—especially in primary care—for all of Colorado’s populations, create new career paths for students seeking to make a difference, and actively benefit our communities and state for generations to come.

- **65.4%** percentage of Colorado’s physician needs going unmet
- **61 of 64** Colorado counties designated as Primary Care Health Professional shortage areas (as of 2023)
- **150** new Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) trained annually by UNC
- **57%** percentage of D.O.’s practicing in primary care (compared to 28% of M.D.’s)

**20-YEAR IMPACT**

- **$1.4 billion** total economic impact to Colorado
- **$501 million** total economic impact to Weld County
- **$83.3 million** in additional Colorado tax revenue

**LONG TERM IMPACT**

- **$197.2 million** in added statewide income, equivalent to supporting 4,161 jobs*
- **$43.2 million** in added income for Weld County, equivalent to supporting 763 jobs*

**SUPPORT THE COLLEGE**

- **2026** planned college opening / first student cohort
- **$31M+** already committed from donors to UNC for this project
- **$200M+** investment needed to open the college (from state, philanthropy and other sources)

*Throughout the 20 years of analysis, UNC’s College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) will have created 4,161 jobs (763 located in Weld County) that will continue to be supported year over year, even after FY 2042. These jobs not only include college employees but also jobs created in other industries throughout the state, due to increased daily spending on business activities, products, and services from the college’s employees, faculty and students.