Mission
The OSU Center for Rural Health supports the mission of the OSU Center for Health Sciences by seeking to improve healthcare in Oklahoma through osteopathic medical student education and residency training, research, program applications, advocacy, and alliances with others who share our goals.

Osteopathic Medical Student Education
- Maintains a network of more than 92 physician preceptors and 22 hospital coordinators in 49 rural and small communities in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri.
- Coordinates, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Area Health Education Centers (AHEC), 409 individual rural clinical rotations for over 80 osteopathic medical students every year.
- Only program in the country to require competency in telemedicine and distance learning skills for graduation.

Program Applications, Advocacy and Other Activities
- Partners with Oklahoma Office of Rural Health (OORH) to support 33 critical access hospitals (hospitals with 25 or fewer beds) in the state.
- Along with the OORH, the Center administers the small hospital improvement program (SHIP) grant which in 2007, distributed $8,700 to over 60 eligible hospitals.
- Partners with the OSU Cooperative Extension Service and the OORH to conduct the community health engagement process, which enables communities to develop strategic plans for enhancing their local healthcare infrastructures.
- Works with the OSU Telemedicine Center to distribute telemedicine and distance learning services to hospitals and physicians across the state, thus increasing the availability of specialty care to rural Oklahomans.

Footprint of the OSU Center for Rural Health's Services and Activities
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Legend
- Rural Medical Education Site
- Critical Access & SHIP Eligible Hospital
- SHIP Eligible Hospital
- Telemedicine Site
- Distance Learning Site
- Future Telemedicine Site
- Mobile Telemedicine Clinic Visit Site
- Northwest AHEC (Enid)
- Northeast AHEC (Tulsa)
- Southwest AHEC (Lawton)
- Southeast AHEC (Poteau)

Note
Distance learning sites and telemedicine sites in Oklahoma City and Tulsa are omitted for clarity.

All information current as of 11/2007