PNWU CME Program Mission Statement

Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences educates and trains health care professionals emphasizing service among rural and medically underserved communities throughout the Northwest. Consistent with this mission, the role of PNWU’s Continuing Medical Education (CME) Program is to enhance the health care professional’s ability to care for patients by addressing their medical education needs and supporting their career-long professional development with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of healthcare in the populations served by the providers we educate.

Education is the heartbeat of Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences. As such, PNWU’s CME Program is dedicated to serving as a leader in the continuum of medical education in the Northwest. PNWU’s CME Program shall offer relevant, effective, and independent educational activities to achieve the following expected results:

- To advance provider competence
- To enhance practice performance, with an emphasis on the application of osteopathic principles, practice, and research, as appropriate
- To promote patient safety and patient-centered care
- To improve patient outcomes

PNWU’s CME Program develops local, regional, and national educational activities that are primarily designed to meet the needs of osteopathic and allopathic physicians, academic faculties, preceptors, and PNWU alumni. Activity participants also include physicians in training, allied health professionals, as well as professional administrators and managers.

The broad scope of PNWU’s CME Program includes both clinical and non-clinical settings. Subject matter experts select the content and learning methodologies to best assure that the activity’s educational needs and learning objectives are met. The educational content of PNWU’s CME Program includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Faculty Development
- Osteopathic Medical Teaching and Precepting
- Basic and Clinical Science
- Clinical Practice and Research
- Practice Management
- Risk Management and Medical/Legal Aspects of Practice
- Ethics and End of Life Care
- Technological Skills Competence

PNWU’s CME Program is committed to continuous quality improvement. The CME Committee, faculty members, and activity planners assess the impact of the overall CME Program and each CME activity, obtaining feedback from observations, surveys, evaluations, and examinations. Information gathered is used to assure continuous efficacy, identify learning gaps, and plan future educational activities and interventions.