ATSU’s new osteopathic medical school will open on the University’s Mesa, Arizona Campus in July 2007. Leaders in medical education, public health, patient care, technology, and business are working with ATSU in developing this innovative, learning-centered school.

Creating a learning-centered community to educate and mentor tomorrow’s physician leaders is what drives COM-Mesa’s dedicated faculty, staff, and administration. ATSU’s latest school is looking for future physicians dedicated to serving those in need and who desire to be part of a new and exciting medical education experience.

The new school will host students on the Mesa Campus during year one. In years two through four, students will learn in one of 10 Community Health Center campuses across the nation. Community Health Centers are independent organizations serving as the nation’s high-quality healthcare safety net. These health centers provide comprehensive, coordinated primary care services through 5,000 clinics in the United States and its territories.

ATSU and the National Association of Community Health Centers are partnering together to deliver one of the most exciting innovations in medical education, including early contextual learning experiences in an interdisciplinary, community-focused environment. Studies indicate students learn best when educated in an environment where acquired knowledge and skills will be used.

Preference will be given to applicants interested in the primary care specialties (family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology), and who have a history of community service, public health involvement, and/or a commitment to underserved communities and populations.

Community Health Centers anticipate a need for an additional 14,000 physicians by 2020 and are working with ATSU to identify, educate, and mentor high-quality, community-minded physicians.