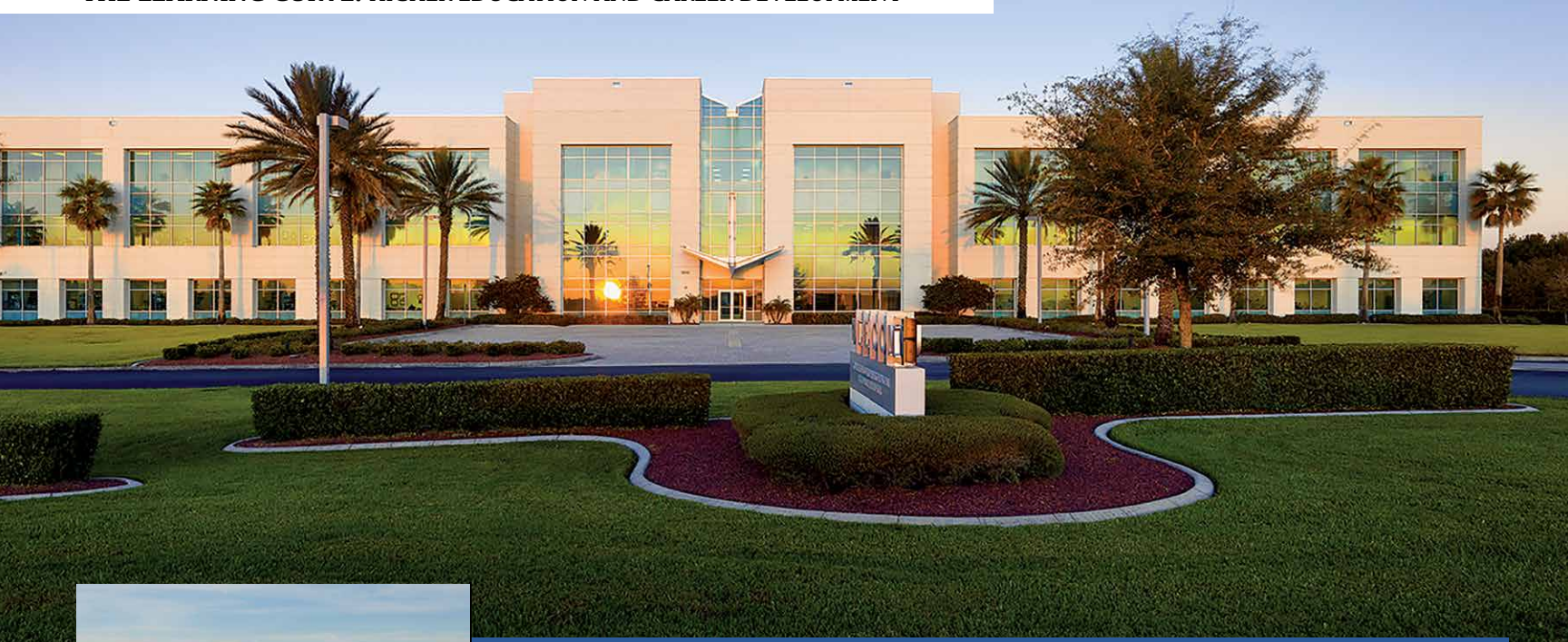


HIGHER EDUCATION AND
CAREER DEVELOPMENT

LEARNING CURVE



From post-secondary education to advanced career training, the Gulf Coast offers significant opportunities for college-bound seniors and professionals to advance their career readiness and job skills.



"For the past quarter-century, LECOM has ever endeavored to build upward from its solid and resolute foundation, anticipating the needs both of the community and of the field of medicine."

— John M. Ferretti,
D.O. President, Lake Erie College
of Osteopathic Medicine

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College of Medicine

The Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine seeks students who will excel in academics, clinical care, research and community service. The College selects applicants who show awareness of osteopathic medicine, which emphasizes total-person healthcare and in which the doctor and the patient are partners. Students work independently and in small groups to develop learning strategies, discussing new information relevant to actual patient cases, diagnosing them and forming treatment options. The majority of LECOM medicine graduates become primary care physicians (family physicians, internal medicine, pediatrics or OB-GYN). *U.S. News & World Report* ranks LECOM in the top five medical colleges for graduating primary care physicians.

School of Pharmacy

The mission of LECOM's School of Pharmacy is to prepare doctors committed to providing high-quality, ethical and empathetic pharmaceutical care to serve the needs of a diverse population. New trends in the Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum have complementary goals with the total-person-care principles as fostered by osteopathic medicine. The School of pharmacy has structured its classroom and experiential curriculum to prepare future pharmacists to provide patient-centered care that ensures optimal therapeutic outcomes. Integrating the sciences with critical-thinking skills and effective communications, LECOM students are better prepared to become strong patient advocates, leaders in their communities and discerning researchers.

School of Dental Medicine

The LECOM School of Dental Medicine prepares students through programs of excellence in clinical care, research and community service to enhance patients' quality of life through improved dental health. Early in the curriculum, dental students gain clinical experience by working directly with patients from the local community. The College has a clinical group practice at the Lakewood Ranch campus that provides treatment for residents who face various challenges in obtaining excellent dental care. After spending their third year in Bradenton, students commit to another year of hands-on clinical training in LECOM dental offices in DeFuniak Springs, FL., or in Erie, PA.