



Health Careers Fact Sheet

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Osteopathic Medicine

Interested in a more "holistic" approach to the practice of medicine? Choosing osteopathic medicine as your specialty puts you in partnership with your patients. Like all medical doctors, DOs are marked by their integrity, leadership and perseverance, but the osteopathic specialty is especially focused on humanitarian concerns. Emphasizing preventative medicine, osteopathic practitioners consider the impact that lifestyle and community have on the health of each individual, and they work to break down barriers to promote wellness and disease prevention. There are many opportunities for DOs and MDs to work in the same settings as equals.

Degree

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)

Program Length

4 years
(Plus an additional 3-7 years for residency)

Professional Schools' Organization

[American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine](#) (AACOM)

Application Service

[American Association of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service](#) (AACOMAS)

Academic Admission Requirements

An undergraduate degree. One year each: Biology, Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physics, English. Some schools may also require a full year of Calculus, it is recommended to discuss your math plans with the premedical advisor.

Note: Some schools have very specific requirements often including Microbiology, Statistics, and Biochemistry. For a more comprehensive list of requirements visit the [Osteopathic Medical College Information Book](#).

Admission Exam

[Medical Admissions Test](#) (MCAT)

Applications

AACOMAS opens in May and closes the following April. Deadlines vary by college so be sure to confirm deadlines for the schools to which you are applying. [Transcript requests](#) should be sent to the Registrar's office ASAP.

The [AACOMAS Fee Waiver Program](#) is available for qualified applicants until available funds run out for the cycle.

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