

Fast Facts About Osteopathic Medical Education

AACOMAS Osteopathic Medical School Applications Reach Record Highs for Third Year

Applications to U.S. colleges of osteopathic medicine (COMs) again reached record highs in 2009. The growth in applications shown in the chart below reflects a seven-year period during which several new osteopathic medical schools have opened their doors and thousands of additional potential medical students have applied to enter one of the fastest-growing health care disciplines.

Some 12,617 individuals applied to fill one of the 4,693 total fall 2009 seats available through AACOMAS application services' 24 participating COMs and their branch campuses, compared with last year's record-setting 11,849. (The University Of North Texas Health Science Center-Texas College Of Osteopathic Medicine and the Émigré Physician Program at NYCOM do not use AACOMAS to process applications.) The growth represents an increase of more than 6 percent over last year.

