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Description
The Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine (ACOM), established to help address the physician workforce shortage in the state of Alabama and surrounding region is Alabama's first osteopathic medical school and the academic division of a regional facility, the Southeast Alabama Medical Center.

Mission Statement
ACOM's mission is to provide quality, learner-centered osteopathic education, research and service, while promoting graduate medical education, with emphasis on patient-centered, team-based primary care to serve the medically underserved areas of Alabama, the Tri-State area and the nation.

Setting: Dothan, Alabama; Located a few short miles from the state lines of Florida and Georgia, Dothan is a primary gateway to the Gulf's majestic white sandy beaches, with excellent travel access through daily-scheduled non-stop jet service to Atlanta provided by Delta at the Dothan Regional Airport serving Southeast Alabama, Southwest Georgia and the Florida Panhandle. Dothan is the center for a recreation, business, fine arts, industry and agriculture, healthcare and retail trade area covering a 60-mile radius. As the sixth largest city in the state, Dothan is an economically healthy and growing community built around the landmarks of its past, and has become a melting pot known for its friendly atmosphere of southern hospitality.

Date Founded: 2010; Private not-for-profit

Accreditation
The Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine holds provisional accreditation status by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

Institutional Affiliation
ACOM is an academic division of the Houston County Health Care Authority (Southeast Alabama Medical Center (SAMCI)) in Dothan, AL.

2015-2016 Enrollment
Total medical school enrollment: 460
Total male: 286
Total female: 174
First-year enrollment: 162
First-year male: 96
First-year female: 66
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: N/A

Curricular Offerings
The ACOM curriculum is a hybrid model utilizing discipline- and system-based delivery. Initially, the curriculum will present core concept knowledge in the traditional discipline-based manner, which includes a full first semester of basic foundational sciences and anatomy with cadaver dissection. Additional pre-clinical instruction is delivered in a systems-based format, concentrating on clinical integration with a patient-centered focus. This curriculum delivery model is complemented by longitudinal instruction in osteopathic principles and practice, high-fidelity patient simulation, and early standardized patient encounters. ACOM's third and fourth year clinical curriculum is delivered throughout the state of Alabama and beyond at community-based hospitals and clinics utilizing a network of physicians with almost 10 years of osteopathic clinical training experience. Students are assigned to a core clerkship site for their clinical training. In addition to the core curriculum, numerous electives will allow students to travel to locations that offer them the opportunity to develop residency training applications for a successful transition to graduate medical education.

Combined Degree Programs
DO/MBA with Troy University, Dothan
DO/MPH with Samford University

Special Programs
None

Preparatory Programs
None

Facilities
The ACOM campus is designed to provide the full student experience. The 110,000-square-foot facility is equipped with the latest technology, creating a productive learning environment for students. The auditoria and laboratories are designed to provide increased visibility for each student during learning sessions. The college features a primarily electronic library, and the 5,500 sq. ft. Clinical Competency Center resembles the testing environment students will encounter during the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) exam. There are study spaces available throughout the facility with 18 specially-designated group rooms located on the third floor. The ACOM Bistro, conveniently located in the student lounge, features a daily selection of salads, sandwiches and specials. Students, faculty, staff and visitors can get the latest ACOM merchandise from the gift shop located next to the Bistro. The student lounge provides a perfect space for students to interact and relax between classes. The campus grounds are thoughtfully landscaped with acres of outdoor space for students to explore. The community green provides a great place for studying and relaxing between classes, as well as ample space for student activities and special events. The 5,000 sq. ft. osteopathic principles and practice (OPP) lab is equipped with 46 hydraulic examination tables and an overhead projection system that displays on large monitors. The anatomy lab is equipped with 20 dissection tables, an overhead projection system, and 2 monitors.

Residence
ACOM is partnered with Corvias Campus Living to provide on-campus housing options for students. Summerfield Square, an apartment-style community, offers studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments with private bathrooms, ample storage and spacious floor plans, with amenities including a clubhouse with a fitness center, pool and fire pit. In addition, Dothan provides an array of affordable housing opportunities for ACOM students within a short distance of the college. Private apartment and townhome complexes with amenities desirable to students and young professionals are conveniently located throughout the area and in neighboring communities.

Application Information
Primary application service: ACOMAS
Earliest filing date: Opening date of ACOMAS
Latest filing date: * 3/1/2017
*For timely consideration, applicants should submit their ACOMAS application as early as possible and 4 weeks prior to the latest filing date, as ACOM conducts a rolling admissions process.

Academic year/orientation for first-year students
start date: July 2017
International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: No

Supplemental Application
Supplemental application required: Yes
Sent to: Screened applicants
Supplemental application fee: $50
Fee waiver available: Yes
Waiver conditions, if offered: Students receiving ACOMAS waiver are automatically eligible for ACOM waiver. Fees are paid at time of Supplemental submission and refunded once ACOMAS waiver is verified.
Supplemental Application Requirements
In order to be accepted for a Supplemental Application, candidates must present a competitive science GPA, overall GPA and MCAT score. Two letters of recommendation are required: a pre-medical advisor or committee (or letters from two science professors who taught the required sciences) on official letterhead with credentials; and letter of recommendation from a physician (DO preferred).

MCAT
Oldest MCAT considered: 2013
Accept September 2014 MCAT scores: Yes
Accept January 2015 MCAT scores: Yes
Additional comments: Older MCATs may be considered on an individual basis.

Send Letters of Recommendation by:
Virtual Evals: Yes
Interfolio: Yes
Paper: Yes

Regular Acceptance Notice
Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule:
• Those accepted prior to November 15 will have until December 14
• Those accepted between November 15 and January 14 will have 30 days
• Those accepted between January 15 and May 14 will have 14 days
• Those accepted after May 15 may be asked for an immediate deposit
• Earliest acceptance date: September 15
• Latest acceptance date: Until class is filled
• Minimum time for applicant to accept offer: AACOMAS traffic guidelines
• Deferred entrance requests considered: Yes

Financial Information
Tuition and Fees
Resident tuition: $44,280
Non-Resident tuition: $44,280
Supplemental Application fee: $50
Resident fees: N/A
Non-Resident fees: N/A
Health Insurance: Required for all students

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Early Decision Program (EDP)
ACOM does not have an EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

COM Interview Format
The interview agenda consists of a full-day program with college and curriculum overviews, an in-depth campus tour and one 30-minute open-file interview with two ACOM faculty members. Candidates will have the opportunity to meet and have lunch with ACOM students on the interview day. Applicant interviews are held from August through April.

First-Year Class Matriculants’ Selection Factors
ACOM seeks to recruit and admit students from Alabama and the surrounding regions who are committed to serving the rural and medically underserved areas of the state and region. Although ACOM seeks students from this region, all qualified applicants are considered. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or hold a Permanent Resident Visa.

Admission to ACOM is competitive and selective. All ACOMAS applications are screened within two weeks of receipt. Qualified candidates are then invited to submit a secondary application. Any undergraduate major is acceptable, as long as prerequisites are passed and taken for credit at an accredited college or university.

Completed applications are reviewed by the admissions staff to evaluate a candidate’s academic ability, knowledge of and commitment to the tenets of osteopathic medicine, experience in healthcare and human services, community service, professionalism, communication skills and personal integrity. Competitive applicants are scheduled for an on-campus interview.

ACOM uses a rolling admissions process in which applications are reviewed and Admissions Committee decisions are made at regular intervals during the admissions cycle. Candidates who submit an application early and return all required documents promptly will be at an advantage in the admissions process.

In addition to the personal interview, the Admissions Committee considers each applicant’s academic and service history, along with MCAT scores and letters of recommendation. Students will be notified of a decision within approximately two weeks of the interview.

ACOM does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religion or creed, national or ethnic origin, or disability in its programs, activities, hiring or the admission of students. This policy applies in recruitment and admission of students, employment of faculty and staff, and scholarship and loan programs. This policy is also followed in the operation of all other programs, activities and services of the College.

First-Year Class Matriculants’ Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity:
Percentages are based on self-reported data and therefore may not equal 100%.
American Indian or Alaska Native: 1%
Asian: 19%
Black or African American: 6.8%
Hispanic/Latino: 1%
Pacific Islander: 0
White: 74%
Other/No Answer: 0

First-Year Class Matriculants with:
Science Majors: 76%
Non-Science Majors: 24%
Graduate degree(s): 21%

Premedical Coursework

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