Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) at New Mexico State University

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Description
Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine at New Mexico State University (BCOM) is one of the nation’s newest medical colleges. BCOM is student-centered, utilizing the most advanced technologies and learning methods to assure student and professional practice success in all fields of medicine, from primary care to subspecialties.

Mission Statement
Para la gente y el futuro: For the people and the future, BCOM is dedicated to improving the health of the Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico through culturally competent undergraduate, graduate and continuing osteopathic medical education, research and clinical service to the community. BCOM is focused on increasing diversity in the physician workforce and fostering a practice of life-long learning, compassion, respect and excellence in its students.

Setting
BCOM is located in Las Cruces, NM. A beautiful, temperate and vibrant area that is experiencing strong economic growth and a recipient of numerous recognitions as a top place for work, recreation, tourism, retirement and raising a family.

Date founded: 2013; Private

Accreditation
BCOM is provisionally accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation and licensed by the State of New Mexico Higher Education Department. This is the highest level of accreditation awarded to any new college of osteopathic medicine and becomes full accreditation just before graduation of the first class.

Institutional Affiliation
Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine at New Mexico State University is a new, freestanding medical school. It is located on the campus of New Mexico State University, and is contractually affiliated with NMSU, but is a privately funded, separately licensed and independently operated entity. It is not part of New Mexico State University. This unique public-private partnership with NMSU maximizes the value of both governance models, while maintaining a strong focus on the overall mission.

BCOM has developed a large network for clinical education, with major tertiary hospitals and medical centers in Las Cruces, NM / El Paso, TX and Albuquerque, NM / Santa Fe, NM. This includes a comprehensive selection of generalist and specialty clinical clerkships and residency opportunities.

Clinical affiliations with large medical centers in Chihuahua, Mexico for students desiring international medicine elective experience, including clerkships and residency components are available. Additional international rotations and residencies in other approved countries can be considered upon request.

2015–2016 Enrollment
BCOM will enroll 162 students for the fall 2016 academic year. Further statistics will be available upon graduation of inaugural class.

Curricular Offerings
BCOM employs an integrated, systems-based, applications-oriented approach, and is designed to provide graduates with the knowledge, skills and competencies necessary to succeed as osteopathic physicians. The curriculum uses several educational approaches, including: traditional lectures, integrative sessions (using electronic response systems), laboratory and skills instruction, active learning (adult and interactive techniques), team-based learning, and large and small group sessions, directed study and clinical case presentations. These learning formats foster comprehension, promotes the application of knowledge, emphasizes competency in osteopathic philosophy, develops clinical skills, and stimulates critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Combined Degree Programs
The College of Business at New Mexico State University offers an MBA program in an executive style format designed specifically for medical students of Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine. The program consists of 36 hours of graduate course work plus background knowledge courses for those students who do not have an undergraduate degree in business.

The MBA program provided by NMSU is separate from the BCOM program in osteopathic medicine, and is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission under the authority of NMSU. The MBA degree is awarded by NMSU.

The NMSU’s Graduate School admission requirements must be met before applicants may be admitted to the MBA program. NMSU’s Graduate School admission requirements can be found at http://business.nmsu.edu/academics/graduate-programs/mba/online/.

Special Programs
International Experience Elective: The leadership team has developed important international collaborations with central health institutions in Chihuahua, Mexico for students desiring international medicine elective experience, including clerkships and residency components.

Preparatory Program
Post Baccalaureate Program: This program will allow students interested in pursuing a career in the health professions the opportunity to become better prepared to begin professional programs such as medicine and other health-related careers. More information can be found at http://bcomnm.org/foundations-in-biomedical-science/.

Facilities
BCOM sits on the New Mexico State University campus, near the football stadium. A seven acre, eighty thousand square foot, three story facility contains the new osteopathic medical school.

Academic spaces include the following:
• A state of the art Simulation Center.
• Standardized Patient suite with 10 exam rooms, a control room, patient lounge, changing rooms and tech workspace.
• Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine lab with 30 stations and a raised instructor station.
• Gross and virtual anatomy labs.
• Two tiered lecture halls providing visibility for all students that can be used for traditional lectures and be converted for collaborative learning.
• Eleven seminar rooms for small group work.

Student support spaces include the following:
• Learning Center with library and quiet study areas, textbook storage, five group study rooms and a student work room.
• Student locker facilities.
• Two student lounges, each with access to the courtyard. The larger lounge is planned to have a future café.
• Student fitness center at NMSU.
Application Information:
Primary application service: AACOMAS
Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS
Latest filing date: *April 1, 2017
* For best consideration, applicants should submit their application at least 4 weeks prior to BCOM’s latest filing date.
Academic year/orientation for first-year students
start date: Late July/Early August 2017
International students (non-US citizens/ temporary residents) considered: Yes

Supplemental Application
Supplemental Application required: Yes
Sent to: Screened applicants
Supplemental Application fee required: $75 (fee waiver can be considered)
Waiver conditions: AACOMAS fee waiver received.
Fees are paid at the time of submission of supplemental application and are refunded once AACOMAS waiver is verified.
Supplemental earliest filing date: 6/1/2016
Supplemental latest filing date: 4/15/2017

Supplemental Application Requirements
Letter of recommendation: Highly preferred from a DO physician, 1 from premed advisory committee or 2 from Science professors. Will take up to 6 letters maximum.

MCAT
Oldest MCAT considered: 2014
Accepted September 2014 MCAT scores: Yes
Accepted January 2015 MCAT scores: Yes

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

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees
Source: 2016-2017 tuition. Data subject to change. Fees subject to change at any time.
Tuition: $48,050
Supplemental Application fee: $75
Resident fees: N/A
Non-Resident fees: N/A
Health Insurance: Required for all students

Deposit
Applicants should submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following guidelines:
- Those accepted prior to November 15 will have 30 days
- Those accepted between November 15 and April 30 will have 15 days
- Those accepted after April 30 may be asked for an immediate deposit

Early Decision Program (EDP)
BCOM does not have an EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions at this time. BCOM has a rolling admissions process, with interviews scheduled from July to May.

COM Interview Format
Every interview candidate will be scheduled for a minimum 30 min interview session with BCOM faculty. Candidates will attend a presentation on the curriculum, take a campus tour of BCOM and NMSU facilities, and have the opportunity to have lunch on campus.

Selection Factors
BCOM seeks to recruit and admit students from the Borderplex region, from New Mexico and the surrounding regions who have shown commitment in serving the medically underserved, rural areas of the state and the region. Part of BCOM’s Mission is to recruit students from Hispanic and Native American ancestry, however, all qualified applicants will be considered.

Premedical Coursework

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Additional Coursework: Human Anatomy /Human Physiology and Biostatistics are recommended.