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Description
At Des Moines University, students learn in a supportive community where classroom learning is enhanced by numerous simulated patient encounters, the use of highly lifelike medical mannequins, a unique basic surgical skills laboratory and a first-rate program in osteopathic manual medicine. A DMU medical education can be enriched and individualized through involvement in a Rural Medicine Educational Pathway, expanding opportunities in global medicine, basic science and clinical research experiences, opportunities to develop teaching skills while helping fellow students learn, as well as enrollment in a wide array of elective courses and dual-degree master’s programs.

Mission Statement
To improve lives in our global community by educating diverse groups of highly competent and compassionate health professionals.

Setting: Des Moines, Iowa’s capital, offering affordable metropolitan living

Date Founded: 1898, private

Accreditation
Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). The university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Institutional Affiliation
Des Moines University

2015–2016 Enrollment
Total medical school enrollment: 873
Total male: 526
Total female: 347
First-year enrollment: 221
First-year male: 126
First-year female: 95
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: N/A

Curricular Offerings
• State-of-the-art human simulation laboratory where students hone their clinical skills.
• Standardized Performance Assessment Laboratory where students practice their physical diagnosis skills on individuals trained to play the role of actual patients.
• Extensive training in osteopathic manual medicine.
• State-of-the-art basic surgical skills training, providing a strong foundation in clinical/surgical skills prior to rotations.
• Wide range of elective offerings to individualize each student’s medical education.
• Global health opportunities ranging from short service trips to extended-length international clerkships.
• Lecture and laboratory encounters coupled with experiences in teaching hospitals, clinics and community service agencies.
• Courses in preventive medicine and evidence-based medicine, geriatrics and chronic care.
• Integration of medical humanities and bioethics throughout the curriculum.
• Technical support for students’ portable computers (included in tuition).
• Ultra Sound Technology integrated within the curriculum

Combined Degree Programs
DO/MS: Yes
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences—Program is designed to enable students to further develop their careers in medical and scientific research and academic medicine, with the goal of improving human health. www.dmu.edu/msb

DO/MHA: Yes
Master of Science in Anatomy—Provides advanced training in anatomy and is designed to prepare students for a professional career in academic teaching or research. Educators and scientists who wish to further enhance their careers as teachers of the anatomical discipline will also benefit from this program. www.dmu.edu/msa

Preparatory Programs
Pathways of Distinction program offers tuition support to select students, integrates clinical and basic science research and gives participants rich experiences in teaching, presenting and publishing.

Special Programs
DMU Health Professions
• Extensive research opportunities. www.dmu.edu/research
• International medicine programs: Opportunities range from short service trips to extended-length international clerkships for credit in the third and fourth years. Limited travel reimbursement is available. Numerous electives offered at DMU support a track or emphasis in global health. Des Moines University also hosts several student clubs that focus on global health issues. To learn more about where our students have served, visit our website. www.dmu.edu/globalhealth
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Preparatory Programs
Summer program(s): DMU Health Professions Advanced Summer Scholars Program, or Health P.A.S.S., is a three-week immersion for promising college sophomores and juniors to prepare for and enhance their chances of getting into medical school and other health professions programs. Participants experience presentations, hands-on learning and shadowing of healthcare providers, and gain insights on planning and applying for medical school. www.dmu.edu/healthpass

Facilities
• Located on a safe, 25-acre metropolitan campus near the Des Moines Art Center, the governor’s mansion and downtown Des Moines.
• 143,000 square-foot student education center houses classrooms, student commons, library, wellness center and coffee bar/cafeteria.
• On-campus medical clinic complete with osteopathic manual medicine facilities.
• Campus-wide wireless Internet access.
Application Information
Primary filing service: ACOMAS
Earliest filing date: Opening date of ACOMAS
Latest filing date:* 2/1/2017

*For best consideration, applicants should submit their ACOMAS application at least 8 weeks prior to this school’s latest filing date.

Academic year/orientation for first-year students
start date: August 2017
International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: No
Des Moines University’s policy for non-U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and Canadian citizens can be found at www.dmu.edu/admission/international-students

Supplemental Application
Supplemental application required: Yes
Sent to: Screened applicants
Supplemental Application Fee: $60
Fee waiver available: Yes
Waiver conditions, if offered: ACOMAS waiver
Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 7/1/2016
Supplemental app. latest filing date: 3/1/2017

Supplemental Application Requirements
Minimum recommended science and cumulative GPA of 2.80. Completed online supplemental application. MCAT is required. Scores older than three years are not accepted. Medical exposure letter written by a physician, DO or MD, describing patient exposure experiences. Academic letter(s): Two letters of recommendation from hard science faculty members who have taught you in class OR one pre-medical committee recommendation including the names of the committee members. Criminal background check and drug screen.

MCAT
Oldest MCAT considered: 3 years prior to matriculation
Accept September 2016 MCAT scores: Yes
Accept January 2017 MCAT scores: Only if January exam is a retake.

Financial Information
Tuition and Fees

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Fee Schedule

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Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: $24,006/yr
Average 2015 graduate indebtedness: $212,509

Deposit
Applicants should submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following ACOMAS 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 1
- Latest acceptance date: Until class is filled
- Maximum time for applicant to accept offer: 90 days
- Requests for deferred entrance considered: Yes

Other
Requests for deferred entrance considered: Yes
Requests for deferred entrance due to: Other
Requests for deferred entrance schedule: 90 days

Regular Acceptance Notice
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Send Letters of Recommendation by:
Virtual Evaluations: Yes
Interfolio: Yes
Paper: Yes, but encouraged to upload directly to DMU at www.dmu.edu/letters

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Early Decision Program (EDP)
DMU-COM does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admission.

COM Interview Format
One 30-45 minute, open file interview with a three-person (faculty, clinician and current student) panel.

First-Year Class Matriculants’ Selection Factors
DMU seeks to enroll candidates who demonstrate the greatest potential for success in our rigorous medical education curriculum. Candidates should have successfully completed or be working toward successful completion of a bachelor’s degree (any major is acceptable) as well as all required coursework. The MCAT should be taken for the first time no later than September; however, it is advisable to take prior to the start of the application cycle (spring). Successful applicants will have extensive exposure to the medical field in a role that involves direct patient contact. An on-campus interview will explore the applicant’s personal characteristics (integrity, professionalism, compassion, work ethic, etc.) as well as the motivation required to pursue a career in medicine. DMU-COM operates under a rolling admission policy; thus, timely submission of the ACOMAS application and supporting materials is to the candidate’s advantage. DMU-COM does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, creed, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

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: 18%
Black or African American: 0%
Hispanic/Latino: 4%
Pacific Islander: 0%
White: 79%
Other/No Answer: 3%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:
Science Majors: 84%
Non-Science Majors: 16%
Graduate degree(s): 11%

Premedical Coursework

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Non-Science Course

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*May substitute up to 3 semester hours of Statistics for up to 3 hours of Physics.