Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM)

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Description
The Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) is the nation’s largest medical college and the only academic health center among the osteopathic colleges. With Millcreek Community Hospital and Medical Associates of Erie, the College is the core of LECOM Health, an innovative medical education and healthcare system.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine provides students with an affordable, high-quality education and offers the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and a post-baccalaureate certificate.

U.S. News & World Report ranks LECOM among the top five medical colleges in the graduation of primary care physicians and reports that the College offers one of the lowest tuitions among all private medical colleges in the United States.

Mission Statement
The mission of the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine is to prepare students to become osteopathic physicians, pharmacy practitioners and dentists through programs of excellence in education, research, clinical care and community service to enhance the quality of life through improved health for all humanity.

Setting: Erie, PA; Greensburg, PA; Urban/Suburban
Date Founded: 1992; Private

Accreditation
Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Institutional Affiliation
LECOM School of Pharmacy
LECOM School of Dental Medicine
LECOM School of Graduate Studies
LECOM Bradenton – Branch Campus
Millcreek Community Hospital
Medical Associates of Erie

2015–2016 Enrollment
Total medical school enrollment: 1,481
Total male: 879
Total female: 602
First-year enrollment: 379
First-year male: 227
First-year female: 152
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 4,003

Curricular Offerings
LECOM offers its medical students a choice of student-centered pathways that match the learning styles of individual students. Five pathways are available in Erie: Lecture/Discussion (LDP), Problem-Based Learning (PBL), Directed Study (DSP) and two three-year osteopathic medical degree programs: the Primary Care Scholars (PCSP) and the Accelerated Physician Assistant (APAP) Pathways. LDP provides a systems-based, classroom approach to medicine; PBL emphasizes self-directed study in small groups using a team approach through faculty-facilitated, patient-centered, case-based study; DSP allows students to learn on their own in a structured pre-clinical curriculum; PSCP students follow a DSP curriculum with targeted clinical experience; and APAP students choose from PBL, LDP or DSP along with targeted clinical rotations. LECOM at Seton Hill offers the PBL pathway and APAP.

Combined Degree Programs
Baccalaureate/DO – LECOM offers Early Acceptance Programs with more than 80 undergraduate colleges and universities. Visit the LECOM website, lecom.edu, for a listing of colleges and universities and details about the various programs.
DO/MHSA – students may pursue the Masters in Health Services Administration through distance education in their third and fourth years.
DO/DO/MSMEd – students may pursue the Master of Science in Medical Education degree during their third and fourth years.

The college admissions staff will guarantee an interview to students who successfully complete the program and meet all other admissions standards and requirements.

Special Programs
• Hospitals and clinics in nine states provide clinical training in the third and fourth years.
• Masters in Health Services Administration program, designed to prepare leaders to plan, direct, and coordinate medical and health service organizations.
• Master of Science in Medical Education, designed to develop medical educators who are dedicated to providing quality preclinical and post graduate education.

Preparatory Programs
Post Baccalaureate program: Yes (Erie)
Start Date: 9/6/2017
Tuition: $13,459
Application Deadline: 8/1/2017
Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications: Applicants must earn an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college/university. The LECOM Health Sciences Post Baccalaureate Program is designed to enhance the basic science credentials of students interested in applying to medical, dental medicine and pharmacy schools. This linked program has proven successful with 94 percent of students matriculating to further educational opportunities. The college admissions office will guarantee an interview to students who are successful in the Health Sciences Post Baccalaureate program and who meet all other admissions standards and requirements. Students may also elect to enter the Master of Science in Biomedical Science Program, a two-year degree program that prepares individuals for health science careers and professional studies in medicine, education and research.

Facilities
LECOM has designed its campuses with the latest educational technology where each and every detail lends itself to the mission of teaching students how to care for patients. Lecture halls use smart classroom technology, and smaller classrooms provide ideal environments for small-group study sessions. In Erie, students learn in fully equipped anatomy and microbiology labs. Students receive Clinical Assessment Training with standardized patients in a working physician’s office. LECOM remains the only osteopathic medical school with its own teaching hospital: Millcreek Community Hospital. Students receive memberships at the LECOM Medical Fitness and Wellness Center that is designed to focus on total well-being for students and the public. LECOM at Seton Hill provides classrooms, labs and student services on the campus of Seton Hill University near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The LECOM Research Centers offer facilities for faculty and student-assisted research.

Residence
LECOM does not provide campus housing. The college assists students in securing appropriate housing within a close walk or commute to campus.

Application Information
Primary application service: AACOMAS
Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS
Latest filing date: 4/1/2017

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM).
Academic year/orientation for first-year students start date: 7/22/2017

International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: Yes
International students (non-U.S. citizens or non-permanent residents) will be considered on an individual basis. Non-U.S. citizens must provide documentation verifying that sufficient funds are available in a U.S. bank to cover all expenses to complete the program at LECOM. Additional requirements and information are available by contacting the Admissions Office.

Supplemental Application
Supplemental application required: Yes
Sent to: Qualified Applicants
URL: http://lecom.edu/admissions
Supplemental Application Fee: $50
Fee waiver available: No
Supplemental application earliest filing date: 7/1/2016
Supplemental application latest filing date: 4/1/2017

Supplemental Application Requirements
Qualified applicants will be notified to complete an online supplemental application and must submit the application fee at that time. LECOM requires a letter of recommendation from a premedical or prehealth committee or two letters from science professors from the applicant's undergraduate school. MCAT Scores are considered; in lieu of MCAT Scores, LECOM may use an Academic Index Score that uses undergraduate and graduate GPAs in a formula calculation with ACT and/or SAT Critical Reading and Math scores. Interviews are offered based on completion of the supplemental application.

MCAT
Oldest MCAT considered: 3 years
Accept September 2015 MCAT scores: Yes
Accept January 2017 MCAT scores: Yes

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

Financial Information

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Estimated Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: $24,000/yr
Average 2014 graduate indebtedness: $158,153

Deposit
Applicants should submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the schedule above.

Amount of deposit to hold place in class: $1,500
Deposit due: See schedule above.
Additional Deposit: No
Applied to tuition: Yes
Deposit refundable: No

Financial Aid
Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 87%
Scholarships: Yes
Average scholarship/grant: $7,317

First-Year Class Matriculants’ Selection Factors
LECOM seeks candidates who exemplify the LECOM mission to prepare students to become competent osteopathic physicians who partner with their patients on the pathway to health and well-being. Applicants should not only demonstrate success in their science courses, but also have proven themselves as well-rounded individuals who have been successful overall in their academic careers. LECOM is also looking for students who meet the ethical and professional standards that the public expects of high-quality healthcare professionals and who demonstrate an interest in community service and leadership.

LECOM encourages applicants to learn more about the profession by getting to know an osteopathic physician. Receiving exposure to the osteopathic profession will enhance awareness of the osteopathic medical philosophy. Working with a physician will prepare the applicant for the required admissions interview.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their application materials early to ensure consideration for an interview.

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: 0%
Asian: 22%
Black or African American: 1%
Hispanic/Latino: 3%
Pacific Islander: 0%
White: 70%
Other/No Answer: 3%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:
Science Majors: 78.3%
Non-Science Majors: 21.7%
Graduate degree(s): 12.1%

Premedical Coursework

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*may substitute 3 credits biochemistry for 4 credits of organic chemistry

Additional Coursework: LECOM recommends that prospective students consider taking advanced coursework, such as biochemistry, physiology, microbiology and/or anatomy.