Nova Southeastern University
College of Osteopathic Medicine (NSU-COM)

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First-year enrollment: 248
First-year male: 135
First-year female: 113
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: N/A

Curricular Offerings
The Health Professions Division is unique in that it has been developed as an interdisciplinary educational center from its inception. The division was founded on the concept that the interdisciplinary approach to education is beneficial to students of all professions and that by preparing students to work effectively with healthcare providers from different fields, barriers are broken and patient care is enhanced. Over the past 35 years, NSU’s Health Professions Division has developed into a multidisciplinary academic health center of international stature. Comprising the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, Dental Medicine, Optometry, Health Care Sciences, Nursing, and Medical Sciences, the Health Professions Division has redoubled its commitment to academic excellence, innovation, and community service while expanding its mission in research and scholarship. Together as a team, the distinguished faculty prepares students for an exciting career on tomorrow’s dynamic healthcare team.

The Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) is a professional degree that requires four years of professional study. Our innovative curriculum is designed to fulfill our mission to produce exemplary osteopathic physicians known for competent and compassionate care.

Dual Degree Programs
Baccalaureate/DO – Students in both the 3+4 and the 4+4 programs will receive a bachelor’s degree after successfully completing their first year in Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine and will receive their DO degree after successfully completing four years of education in the program. http://www.nova.edu/undergraduate/academics/dual-admission/osteopathic-medicine.html
DO/MPH – The Master of Public Health program is designed to prepare students to define, critically assess, and resolve public health problems. The program emphasizes acquisition of knowledge and skills for promoting health, preventing disease, conducting research, as well as develop and evaluating concurrent degree programs. www.nova.edu/ph
DO/MBA – The Master of Business Administration program runs in conjunction with the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business. www.huizenga.nova.edu
DO/MSDEM – The Master of Science in Disaster and Emergency Management trains future leaders in the field of emergency management and is designed to provide students with the theoretical knowledge and applied skills needed to work in this rapidly growing field. www.nova.edu/idep
DO/MSBI – The Master of Science in Biomedical Informatics trains future leaders in the development, dissemination, and evaluation of information technology as it relates to the health care environment, which includes hospitals, healthcare delivery systems, health information technology system vendors, eHealth companies, insurers, pharmaceutical companies, and academic institutions. http://medicine.nova.edu/msbi
DO/Nutrition – Based upon the 2010 Patient Protection and Health Care Affordability Act Congress has put an increased demand on the health care delivery system for preventive services, which includes nutrition in almost all areas in primary care. NSU’s new Master of Science in Nutrition provides an excellent interprofessional graduate degree for student leaders who want to integrate nutrition into the field of osteopathic medicine and to enable those who want to practice in the profession of nutrition and dietetics to meet their academic requirements so they can enter the field.
DO/JD – This program allows students to earn a Juris Doctoral degree in a complementary discipline and in a compressed time frame.

Special Programs
A notable aspect of our clinical training program is a three-month clinical rotation at a rural or urban underserved area. You will have the opportunity to learn about the health care needs of various cultural and ethnic groups whose lifestyles and attitudes toward healthcare differ from those you will see in more traditional training sites. It is an enriching educational experience, in which students may select an international site for one of the three months.

Other Special Programs
- Osteopathic Principles and Practice Fellowship with a scholarship
- Research Fellowship with a scholarship
- International Medical Programs
- Required Community Service

Preparatory Programs
Post baccalaureate program: Yes
Master of Biomedical Sciences Degree
Dates: August 2017
Tuition: $37,140 for the 2015-16 academic year, $1,090 fees per year
Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications: Eight semester hours with a 2.0 GPA in each of the following Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Physics, and Biology

Facilities
Located on a beautiful 314-acre campus in Fort Lauderdale, NSU has more than 24,000 students. It is the second largest, private, nonprofit university in the Southeast and 1 of only 37 universities (out of more than 4,000) that have earned designations for both High Research Activity and Community Engagement from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The university comprises undergraduate, graduate, and professional schools of osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, optometry, health care sciences, nursing, medical sciences, dental medicine, law, marine biology and oceanography, business and entrepreneurship, education, engineering and
Applicants are required to take the Medical College Admission Test. A recommendation letter from a physician is required with your application. A letter of recommendation from the pre-professional committee is required unless such a committee does not exist, then three letters of evaluation: two from science professors and one from a non-science professor. (If the applicant has been out of school for at least two years, and his or her professors are no longer available, the applicant should contact a College of Osteopathic Medicine admissions counselor.) If such a committee does not exist, then three letters of evaluation: two from science professors and one from a non-science professor. The college receives more than 7,400 applications each year, from which only 230 students are chosen. These students have varied backgrounds, and while many enter the college directly from an undergraduate program, other students come from successful careers. Entering students have included pharmacists, physician assistants, nurses, teachers, pilots and engineers.

**MCAT**

Oldest MCAT considered: Three years from the date that the AACOMAS application is submitted

Accept September 2016 MCAT scores: Yes

Accept January 2017 MCAT scores: Not for first attempt

*Note: MCAT scores must be submitted in sufficient time to schedule an interview.

**Send Letters of Recommendation by:**

- Virtual Evals: No
- 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: October 1
- Latest acceptance date: Until class is filled
- Maximum time for applicant to accept offer: See traffic guidelines
- Requests for deferred entrance considered: Yes

**Early Decision Program (EDP)**

NSU-COM does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

**COM Interview Format**

Open file interview with two faculty members.

**First-Year Class Matriculants’ Selection Factors**

A bachelor’s degree is preferred and must be from a regionally accredited college or university. A minimum of 90 semester hours of accepted work from a regionally accredited college or university is required for admission. The MCAT is required and cannot be more than three years old from the date the AACOMAS application is submitted.

The committee on admissions recommends applicants to the dean on the basis of demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, compassion and commitment to the osteopathic medical profession.

**First-Year Class Matriculants’ Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity:**

Percentages are based on self-reported data and therefore may not equal 100%.

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**Premedical Coursework**

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*Three semester hours of biochemistry will be required for the 2018 entering class*