Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-HCOM)

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Institutional Affiliation
Ohio University

2015–2016 Enrollment
Total medical school enrollment: 716
Total male: 383
Total female: 333
First-year enrollment: 242
First-year male: 132
First-year female: 110
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 23,306

Curricular Offerings
Students may enroll in one of three campus locations, Athens, Dublin or Cleveland, Ohio. OU-HCOM offers state-of-the-art live, synchronous video conferencing/distance learning capabilities along with live, full-time faculty at each site.

OU-HCOM offers the Clinical Presentation Continuum (CPC) curriculum at all three campus locations. The CPC consists of two course tracks: medical knowledge and clinical skills.

Medical knowledge courses are organized around clinical presentations that reflect common and/or important patient encounters in primary care medicine, with the clinical presentations grouped together around organ systems. Clinical skills course-work covers the fundamentals of patient care, including hands-on labs and live patient encounters. In both the medical knowledge and clinical skills courses, students are given an extensive list of specific faculty-identified learning topics that provide explicit direction to guide student study. The CPC emphasizes learning in a clinical context and strives to encourage active, engaged, and independent learning to prepare students for a career of lifelong learning.

OU-HCOM students complete their clinical rotation years at one of our clinical campus sites within Ohio. These clinical campus sites include outstanding hospital systems such as OhioHealth and the Cleveland Clinic.

Combined Degree Programs
OU-HCOM and Ohio University provide the opportunity to combine your medical education with a wide variety of masters level degrees as well as the PhD. The PhD option will require an additional three years and masters programs will require one additional year of study which will be completed after your second year of medical education.

DO/MPH, DO/MBA, DO/MS BME, DO/PhD – www.oucom.ohiou.edu/oas/Dual-Degree.htm

Special Programs
• Research & Scholarly Advancement Fellowship Program. This nine-week summer program provides selected OU-HCOM students with an introduction to basic science and clinical research and scholarly activities under the guidance of an OU-HCOM faculty mentor.
• Primary Care Associateships: These pre-doctoral fellowship programs in Family Medicine or Family Medicine/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine add a fifth year of medical education and are focused on teaching, research and community service.
• International Medicine Programs: OU-HCOM has a wealth of international and global experiences that promote personal and professional growth. www.oucom.ohiou.edu/globalhealth

Preparatory Programs
Post baccalaureate program: Yes
Dates: 8/22/2016 – 4/29/2017
Tuition: None
Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications: Candidates must have been interviewed and placed on the waitlist. Admission to the PB program is by invitation only.
Program Details: An academic year that includes upper level and graduate level biological sciences along with other coursework relevant to the practice of medicine. www.oucom.ohiou.edu/coe-mm/post-bac.htm
Summer program(s): Yes
Tuition: None
Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications: Strong natural science background and research interests, with preference given to rising seniors.
Program Details: The Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program (SURF) is a seven-week program that is research specific. An outstanding opportunity to work with OU-HCOM biomedical science faculty, with the potential for a guaranteed interview for admission to the medical school. www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/SURF.htm
Tuition: None
Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications: A minimum of one year of biology and chemistry. Preference is given to rising seniors.
Program Details: The Summer Scholars Program is a five-week program that provides an experience that replicates the first year of medical school. An outstanding opportunity to learn from OU-HCOM faculty and students, with the potential for a guaranteed interview for admission to the medical school. www.oucom.ohiou.edu/SummerScholars

Facilities
• OU-HCOM provides wireless campuses with streaming video and digitally recorded versions of lectures.
• OhioLINK, a statewide library consortium, offers access to more than 44.8 million volumes and over 100 research data bases.
• University Medical Associates clinic, 17 affiliated teaching hospitals and hundreds of adjunct faculty and preceptors statewide afford comprehensive training opportunities.
• The Dublin site is easily accessible via interstate and is located 14 miles from downtown Columbus. This campus encompasses 65,000 square feet across three buildings.
The Cleveland site is easily accessible via interstate and is located just minutes from downtown Cleveland. This campus encompasses 60,000 square feet and is located adjacent to South Pointe Hospital in Warrensville Heights, Ohio.

Residence
Housing opportunities are available in close proximity to each campus location. Accepted students can find information on housing and roommates on the private Facebook class group page.

Application Information
Primary application service: AACOMAS
Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS
Latest filing date: 2/1/2017
OU-HCOM is on rolling admissions, and early application is suggested for best consideration in the admission 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: $60
Applicants will have an opportunity to indicate a campus preference on the supplemental application.
Fee waiver available: Yes
Waiver conditions, if offered: ACOMAS waiver
Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 7/1/2016
Supplemental app. latest filing date: 3/15/2017

Supplemental Application Requirements
Minimum two letters of recommendation from natural science faculty who have taught the student, i.e., biology, chemistry, physics faculty or a pre-med committee letter.

MCAT
Oldest MCAT considered: January 2014
Accept September 2016 MCAT scores: Yes
Accept January 2017 MCAT scores: Yes

Additional Comments: January 2017 scores accepted if prior current scores on file.

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

Regular Acceptance Notice
Applicants will be requested to 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: 7/1/2016
Latest acceptance date: Until class is filled
Maximum time for applicant to accept offer: ACOMAS traffic guidelines
Requests for deferred entrance considered: Yes

Early Decision Program (EDP)
OU-HCOM does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

COM Interview Format
Three one-on-one 30 minute interviews with members of the Selection Committee. Regional interviews are not available.

First-Year Class Matriculants’ Selection Factors
Applicants to OU-HCOM must be U.S. citizens or hold a permanent visa. We welcome candidates from out-of-state and from any major, with the understanding that all prerequisites must be complete prior to matriculation. Most candidates have their bachelor’s degree, with many having advanced degrees.

Candidates with three years of outstanding academic work and related experiences may also be considered.
In addition to strong academics, applicants should have numerous experiences that reflect maturity, service, clinical experience and exposure, and a commitment to personal and professional growth. Attributes integral to a successful candidate include strong moral character, professional behavior and a commitment to integrity and compassionate care. Early submission of the ACOMAS application and all supporting secondary documents is strongly encouraged and is beneficial in the rolling admissions process. OU-HCOM does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, or military veteran status in its employment practices or in the provision of educational programs and services.

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: 11%
Black or African American: 8%
Hispanic/Latino: 3%
Pacific Islander: included in Asian category
White: 74%
Other/No Answer: 0%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:
Science Majors: 81%
Non-Science Majors: 19%
Graduate degree(s): 16%

Premedical Coursework

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Additional Coursework: Additional upper level biological sciences are recommended to broaden one’s exposure to coursework that may be experienced in the medical school curriculum.