Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences
College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM)

**Description**
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM) is dedicated to attracting men and women from communities of the Pacific Northwest region (i.e., WA, OR, ID, MT, and AK), and rural or medically underserved areas throughout the United States, offering an excellent osteopathic medical education. PNWU-COM utilizes community-based hospitals and physician preceptor clinics for an integral part of the clinical education in regional campus sites throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The college focuses on medical education utilizing the osteopathic principles and practices in the training of a new generation of physicians who will be encouraged to live, work, and serve in the communities in which they have received their medical education experiences.

**Mission Statement**
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine educates and trains students to become health care professionals with osteopathic values, and conducts research to provide quality care to communities of the Pacific Northwest, particularly rural and medically underserved populations.

**Setting:** Yakima, Washington; Mid-Sized Urban

**Date Founded:** 2005; Private non-profit

**Accreditation**
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM) is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

**Institutional Affiliation**
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences

**2015–2016 Enrollment**
Total medical school enrollment: 495
- Total male: 255
- Total female: 240
- First-year enrollment: 140
- First-year male: 70
- First-year female: 70

**Total enrollment affiliate institutions:** 495

**Curricular Offerings**
The PNWU-COM curriculum is carefully constructed to thoroughly prepare graduates for practice in any setting or specialty. In addition, the PNWU-COM educational program is tailored to meet the unique needs of patients in rural, medically underserved areas. Years I and II are on the Yakima campus. Years III and IV are spent in regional sites throughout the Pacific Northwest five-state region, supported by a regional assistant dean, and Yakima campus staff. The small class size encourages student involvement in many aspects of the university: student/faculty interaction, community clinical experience, activities, development, and community service.

Years I and II have a curriculum structure that combines lecture- and case-based learning with early clinical experiences. After an initial orientation to scientific foundations, this curriculum includes an integrated organ-systems approach to the preclinical sciences. Year III and IV consist of clinical rotations in hospital, clinic, and private practice settings and include required didactic sessions. The curriculum includes:
- Use of standardized patients
- Integrated Osteopathic Principles and Practice
- Human patient simulators
- Student to cadaver ratio of 4:1
- Interprofessional educational experiences

**Combined Degree Programs**
DO/MPH – An online MPH degree program is offered by Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine to qualified PNWU osteopathic medical students.

**Special Programs**
International Medicine Programs: Students may spend elective time during the fourth year at an international rotation site that is approved by the Director for Clinical Education. Non-school sponsored international medical mission trips are available for students to participate in during years I-III.

**Preparatory Programs**
None

**Facilities**
- Butler-Haney Hall is a 68,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility with a large auditorium and numerous classrooms for large- and small-group interaction, a spacious gross anatomy laboratory for pro-section and dissection, a large teaching lab for osteopathic manipulative medicine, research facilities, and a large clinical skills area for patient simulation and standardized patient interaction. Butler-Haney is designed with technology that enhances the student learning environment, and is home to the COM Dean, faculty, Academic Support, Library and Technology Services.
- Cadwell Student Center is a 10,000 sq. ft. facility with classrooms, student lounge and study space.

**Residence**
Students must secure their own housing. PNWU-COM will assist students in their search for appropriate, affordable housing.

**Application Information**
Primary application service: AACOMAS
- Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS
- Latest filing date: * 2/1/2017
  *For best consideration, applicants should submit their AACOMAS application at least four weeks prior to this school's latest filing date.

**Academic year/orientation for first-year students start date:** 8/7/2017

International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: No

**Supplemental Application**
Supplemental application required: Yes
- Sent to: Screened Applicants
- URL: PNWU.edu
- Supplemental Application Fee: $85
- Fee waiver available: Yes
- Waiver conditions, if offered: Fee waiver requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The applicant must have received an AACOMAS fee waiver, and must submit a copy of the federal financial aid SAR along with a letter explaining their extenuating circumstances.

**Supplemental app. earliest filing date:** 6/1/2016
**Supplemental app. latest filing date:** 3/1/2017

**Supplemental Application Requirements**
The PNWU-COM Admissions Committee will review files only after all of the following materials have been received:
- A complete AACOMAS application, including official MCAT scores and a complete PNWU-COM supplemental application.
- A nonrefundable supplemental application fee.
- A letter of recommendation from each of the following:

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Recommendations must be written within the Osteopathic Medical College Information Book, 2017.

Other:
- Paper: Yes
- Interfolio: Yes
- Virtual Evals: Yes

Send Letters of Recommendation by:
- Virtual Evals: Yes
- Interfolio: Yes
- Paper: Yes
- Other: E-mail or fax from recommender.

PNWU-COM looks at the Additional Comments:
- Accept January 2017 MCAT scores: Yes
- Accept September 2016 MCAT scores: Yes
- Oldest MCAT considered: June 2013

The College considers all applicants for admission without respect to age, gender, sexual orientation, race, color, ethnicity, sex, marital status, creed, religion, disabilities, age, gender identity, or national origin. Applicants are considered on their intellectual ability, scholastic achievement, leadership, maturity, record of community service, commitment and suitability to succeed in the study of osteopathic medicine. Applicants from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and rural or medically underserved areas of the United States will be given preference in order to meet the mission of PNWU-COM. A criminal background check, drug screening, completion of physical, and immunization records will be required for matriculation to the university.

**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: 10.71%
- Black or African American: 1.43%
- Hispanic/Latino: 7.86%
- Pacific Islander: 0.71%
- White: 72.14%
- Other/No Answer: 7.14%

**First-Year Class Matriculants with:**
- Science Majors: 85.71%
- Non-Science Majors: 14.29%
- Graduate degree(s): 19.29%

**Premedical Coursework**

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| Additional Coursework  | |
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| 4 credits of Organic Chemistry may be substituted with Biochemistry. |