Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM)

Date Founded: 2006; Private

Accreditation
Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). Rocky Vista University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

2015–2016 Enrollment
Total medical school enrollment: 619
   Total male: 348
   Total female: 271
   First-year enrollment: 161
      First-year male: 87
      First-year female: 74
   Total enrollment affiliate institutions: N/A

Curricular Offering
- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) Degree.
- RVUCOM has a dedicated faculty; established affiliations with medical centers, hospitals and healthcare systems; a structured and supported rural medicine program; and a mission to educate the finest osteopathic physicians possible.
- The design of the curriculum is based on a proven systems-based integrated academic models. It emphasizes interdisciplinary collaboration, guiding students to develop a holistic, and more importantly, an osteopathic approach to medicine. In utilizing a systems approach to medical education, basic biomedical science disciplines are integrated with clinical sciences in a fashion that reflects clinical relevancy, rather than broken down into individual segregated disciplines. RVUCOM continually correlates basic scientific information and methodology with fundamental clinical application.
- Students are exposed to clinical settings in their first semester, which gives them the opportunity to prepare for the “real world” of medicine. We believe that by adding early clinical exposure and active learning in a team or small-group setting early in the curriculum, we will strengthen the students’ ability to think critically, solve clinical problems and develop the skills they will require to continue to learn throughout their career.
- Professionalism and ethics are key components for a physician and are emphasized throughout the entire curriculum experience at RVUCOM.
- Third and fourth-year students are placed at one of our regional centers throughout the state and region to ensure continuity and coordination of clinical education within RVU's vast and growing clinical training network. The competency-based curriculum is designed to fulfill our mission of training students who are competent and ready to enter graduate medical education and training, with an emphasis on preparing students to become primary care physicians.

Combined Degree Programs
None

Special Programs
Educational Tracks offered in:
- Military Medicine
- Global Medicine
- Rural/Wilderness Medicine
- Academic Medicine Physician-Scientist

Preparatory Programs
Colorado State University Masters of Biomedical Sciences Program; Utah Rural Health Scholars Early Acceptance Program.

Facilities
The Colorado campus includes a state-of-the-art 145,000 sq. foot educational facility has been constructed to advance the education of RVUCOM students and graduates. RVUCOM has designed and equipped a standardized patient lab that is based on the requirements established for the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners as well as the United States Medical Licensing Examination. An extensive simulator laboratory is available to provide students with the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills, competencies and confidence. The auditoriums, laboratories, and study and learning areas of the college have been engineered to develop a positive learning environment.

The Utah campus will open in the summer of 2017 and will feature a new 107,000 sq. ft. medical education facility, including a full simulation center featuring an emergency room, OR, ICU, and labor and delivery suite.

Application Information
- Primary application service: AACOMAS
- Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS
- Latest filing date: 7/25/2017 (tentative)
- For best consideration, applicants should submit their AACOMAS application as early in the cycle as possible, and at least four weeks prior to this school's latest filing date.
- Academic year/orientation for first-year students start date: 7/25/2017 (tentative)
- International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: No

Supplemental Application
- Supplemental application required: Yes
- Sent to: Screened Applicants
- Supplemental Application Fee: $50
- Fee waiver available: Yes
- Waiver conditions, if offered: AACOMAS waiver.
- Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 7/1/2016
- Supplemental app. latest filing date: 4/15/2017

Supplemental Application Requirements
- To be eligible to receive a supplemental application, candidates’ AACOMAS application must reflect a minimum 3.0 science and overall GPA. MCAT scores cannot be lower than 6 in any section (for the old MCAT exam), or 500 for the new MCAT.
- The supplemental application fee is $50. The fee is non-refundable and non-waivable (except if the
applicant provides documentation that they have been awarded an AACOMAS fee waiver).

- Prerequisite information, by subject in semester hours: A minimum of a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university.
- To complete their file, applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a pre-health advisor or committee. In the event the applicant attends a university which does not have an advisor, two (2) letters from science instructors may be substituted. Applicants are also required to provide a letter of recommendation from a physician (a letter from a DO is preferred).
- All candidates must meet health and technical standards as outlined in the university catalog to be admitted and to participate in the medical education programs of RVUCOM.
- Criminal background check and a drug screen are required for accepted students.

MCAT
- Oldest MCAT considered: April 2014
- Accept September 2016 MCAT scores: Yes
- Accept January 2017 MCAT scores: Yes
- Additional Comments: In the event of multiple scores, the highest composite score will be considered, provided no individual scores are below a 6 (for MCATs taken prior to January 31, 2015).

Send Letters of Recommendation by:
- AACOMAS: Yes (Preferred)
- Virtual Eval: Yes
- Interfolio: Yes
- Paper: No
- Note: All letters must contain the evaluator email address and course taught by science faculty.

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: 9/16/2016
- Latest acceptance date: Until class is filled
- Maximum time for applicant to accept offer: AACOMAS traffic guidelines
- Requests for deferred entrance considered: Yes, for extreme situations only

Early Decision Program (EDP)
- EDP available for: Both residents and non-residents
- EDP applications due (must be received from AACOMAS): 9/2/2016
- Supplemental materials due: 9/23/2016
- Applicants notified: 10/21/2016

COM Interview Format
Low-stress, 35-minute interview with two-member panel. Interviewers have access to personal statement, supplemental application and letters of recommendation. Academics have been prescreened and will be evaluated post interview by the admissions committee.

First-Year Class Matriculants’ Selection Factors
Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Supplemental applications will be sent only to candidates possessing a minimum of 3.00 science and overall GPAs and no individual score lower than a 6 on any section for old MCAT. A composite score of 500 or greater is required for the new MCAT. A letter of recommendation from a physician (DO or MD) is required along with a committee/advisor letter (two letters from science instructors may be substituted in the event the university does not have a pre-health advisor or committee). RVUCOM seeks well-rounded, service-oriented individuals who can complete an academically rigorous curriculum and will help the college fulfill its mission.

RVUCOM assures equal opportunity to all students and applicants, regardless of gender, age, race, color, non-disqualifying disability, religion or creed, sexual orientation or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs or other school-administered programs.

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: 3%
- Asian: 10%
- Black or African American: 2%
- Hispanic/Latino: 6%
- Pacific Islander: 1%
- White: 76%
- Other/No Answer: 2%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:
- Science Majors: 94%
- Non-Science Majors: 6%
- Graduate degree(s): 17%

Premedical Coursework

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Non-Science Course
- College English | X | 6 |
- Behavioral Sciences | X | 6 |
- Humanities | X |
- Math/Statistics | X |
- Other |

Additional Coursework: Students are strongly encouraged to take additional coursework including: Anatomy/Physiology, Microcellular Biology, Genetics, Medical Terminology, and Biostatistics.

Financial Information

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*Students may opt out, with proof of other insurance

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Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: $25,270/yr
Average 2015 graduate indebtedness: $251,768

Deposit
RVUCOM has developed a 3-tiered deposit structure designed to provide accepted candidates with ample time to make an informed decision on which school will best meet their needs. Applicants should submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule.

Amount of deposit to hold place in class:
- 1st deposit: $250, 2nd deposit: $750, 3rd deposit: $1,000

Deposit Due: AACOMAS traffic guidelines
Applied to tuition: Yes
Deposit refundable: No

Financial Aid
Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 75%
Scholarships: Please contact the student financial services office for specific information.
Average scholarship/grant: Please contact the student financial services office for specific information.