Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine—California (TUCOM-CA)

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Description
TUCOM-CA is located in the northeast part of San Francisco Bay. The university occupies a spectacular 44-acre site on Mare Island, which is only 40 minutes from downtown San Francisco, only minutes away from wine country, and a four-hour drive from Lake Tahoe. The Mare Island campus provides a spacious, protected and tranquil environment consistent with the rigors and demands of a serious medical training facility.

Mission Statement
TUCOM-CA prepares students to become outstanding osteopathic physicians who uphold the values, philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine and who are committed to primary care and a holistic approach to the patient. The college advances the profession and serves its students and society through innovative education, research and community service.

Setting: Mare Island, Vallejo, CA; San Francisco Bay Area

Date Founded: 1997; Private

Accreditation
Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine—California is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and by the Accrediting Commission for Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Institutional Affiliation
Touro University—California is a branch campus of Touro College, New York.

2015–2016 Enrollment
Total medical school enrollment: 546
Total male: 304
Total female: 242
First-year enrollment: 134
First-year male: 79
First-year female: 55
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 1,386

Curricular Offerings
The curriculum of TUCOM is competency-based and executed in an active learning educational environment. The pre-clinical curriculum uses an integrated, systems-based/PBL format that incorporates multiple learning strategies such as lecture, interactive labs and small-group learning. The Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) engages each student to reach a significant level of skill in OMM. Early clinical exposures and medical electives are used to enhance the classroom curriculum and address the emerging issues in healthcare.

Combined Degree Programs
DO/MPH – Students accepted to TUCOM-CA are eligible to declare candidacy for the dual DO/MPH. To declare the dual degree, students must submit an MPH application and transcripts of all colleges previously attended. No fees or deposits are required. http://admissions.tu.edu/mph

Special Programs
• Funded by multiple NIH R01 grants, TUC research includes drug development for HIV, cancer vaccine development, human metabolism, lipid disorders and atherosclerosis, aging, inflammation, neurological and chronic diseases, and many other areas of interest. TUC researchers enjoy solid partnerships at the local academic level (UCSF, Buck Institute, UC Berkeley, UC Davis), with industry, and at the international academic level (Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Showa University, Tokyo Medical Center). For further information, please visit our researchers website http://research.tu.edu
• International Medicine Programs: International rotations are available in places such as Tanzania, Ethiopia and Uruguay.

Preparatory Programs
Touro University California offers different options designed for use as a strategy to become more competitive when applying to medical school. These options include an Independent MPH degree program and a Master of Science in Medical Health Sciences degree program. Start dates and tuition vary by program. Details are available on our website (http://admissions.tu.edu/mph for Public Health, and http://com.tu.edu/academics/msmhs/ for Medical Health Sciences).

Facilities
• The Office of Student Services interacts with students to promote an environment that enriches all facets of student life.
• Campus facilities include, but are not limited to, racquetball courts, full sized gymnasium, and an exercise/weight room.
• In addition to an 18 hole, city-owned golf course within walking distance of campus, students experience all that the San Francisco Bay Area has to offer, including social, recreational, cultural, and community service activities.

Application Information
Primary application service: AACOMAS
Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS
Latest filing date: * 3/15/2017
*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: August 2017
International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: No

Supplemental Application
Supplemental application required: Yes
Sent to: Screened Applicants
URL: http://admissions.tu.edu/com
Supplemental Application Fee: $100
Fee waiver available: Yes
Waiver conditions, if offered: AACOMAS waiver. A copy of the AACOMAS fee waiver must be attached to the supplemental application.

Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 6/1/2016
Supplemental app. latest filing date: 4/15/2017

Supplemental Application Requirements
• Complete the primary application with AACOMAS. TUCOM-CA’s code number is 618.
• Qualified applicants will be invited to complete TUCOM’s on-line secondary application.
• Submit an evaluation from a pre-professional advisory committee or letters of recommendation from two science faculty from whom you’ve received a letter grade.
• Submit a physician (DO or MD) letter of recommendation.
• If invited to do so, schedule a formal interview.

MCAT
Oldest MCAT considered: 1/1/2013
Accept January 2017 MCAT scores: Yes
Send Letters of Recommendation by:
For instructions on how to submit letters of recommendation, applicants are encouraged to review our website, http://admissions.tu.edu/com.

Regular Acceptance Notice
Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following schedule:
Earliest acceptance date: 10/1/2016
Latest acceptance date: Until class is full
Maximum time for applicant to accept offer: Applicants are to respond within two weeks of the date on the letter of acceptance.
Requests for deferred entrance considered: Yes

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

COM Interview Format
TUCOM-CA employs a panel style, group interview format. The panel is typically composed of one clinician, one basic science faculty member and one second-year medical student. Interviews are open file and last one hour.

First-Year Class Matriculants’ Selection Factors
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Asian or Pacific Islander: 49%
Black or African American: 0%
Hispanic/Latino: 2%
White: 38%
Other/No Answer: 12%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:
Science Majors: 70%
Non-Science Majors: 30%
Graduate degree(s): 25%

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