Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine (TUNCOM)

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Description
Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine (TUNCOM) is Nevada’s first osteopathic medical school and the state’s second medical school. TUNCOM is a branch campus of TUCOM and was established in 2004 to help address the health-care disparity in Nevada by providing graduates for expanding GME programs and an increased physician workforce. TUNCOM has the largest medical school student body in the state of Nevada, and is located in Henderson, a suburb of the Las Vegas Valley.

Mission Statement
TUNCOM 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: Henderson, Nevada; Urban (Las Vegas Valley)

Date Founded: 2004; Private

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

Institutional Affiliation
TUNCOM is part of a larger system of higher education, Touro College, which was established in 1971 by Dr. Bernard Lander and has more than 26 undergraduate, graduate and professional programs.

2015–2016 Enrollment
Total medical school enrollment: 549
Total male: 353
Total female: 196
First-year male: 95
First-year female: 40
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 19,000

Curricular Offerings
TUNCOM offers an integrated curriculum that encompasses interactive lectures, small-group PBL tutorials, and self-study modules. Clinical integration is emphasized throughout the basic science portion of the first two years, with students having an opportunity to connect with the community through early clinical experiences. Osteopathic principles and practice, clinical skills training, and physician-patient communication are highlighted throughout all four years of study. TUNCOM has created a curriculum model that reflects the world in which our students will practice. Collaboration and ethical and professional behavior enhance the TUNCOM community.

Combined Degree Programs
None

Special Programs
• TUNCOM has developed an Objective Structured Clinical Examination Laboratory (OSCE) with 11 individual spacious examination rooms and a large control room to monitor and record the on-campus clinical experiences of our students. A unique partnership with UNLV uses trained acting students as patients to provide our students with an opportunity to develop their history and physical examination skills and to learn how to address a variety of patient behaviors that may be encountered in clinical practice.
• International Medicine Programs: No

Preparatory Programs
Post baccalaureate program: Yes
Dates: July 2017–June 2018
Tuition: Approximately $30,000
Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications: The Master of Science in Medical Health Sciences is a degree-granting, medically oriented program designed to enrich the academic knowledge base and skills of prospective medical students while strengthening their credentials for admission to medical school.

The program provides students with a rigorous education consisting of 30 credits of graduate level biomedical courses enriched with research experience. The 11-month program is comprised of basic science medical courses, a graduate biomedical science core in advanced cell biology and genetics, and basic science or clinical research experience. Visit our website for more information.

Facilities
TUNCOM is currently housed in a single, 200,000-plus square foot facility in Henderson, Nevada. The site includes ample space for future program growth and development. The university has a full-service patient clinic, staffed by practicing faculty members and open to the community. The state-of-the-art medical clinic provides on-site learning opportunities for students, as well as a venue for future clinical research trials.

TUNCOM is a completely wireless campus, with a virtual library that supports an expansive electronic database for on- and off-campus use. The school’s 3,600 square foot osteopathic manipulative medicine skills laboratory has 38 hydraulic examination tables, ceiling-mounted projectors, and five cameras for an optimal visual experience. The 3,250 sq. ft. gross anatomy laboratory blends state-of-the-art technologies such as high definition cameras and projection screens and uses traditional curriculum atlases and dissectors. Students also have full Internet access and electrical outlets at all seats in the spacious, stadium-style lecture halls. Newly-designed study rooms also offer televisions in each room.

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.
Supplemental Application
Supplemental application required: Yes
Sent to: Screened and qualified applicants
Supplemental Application Fee: $100
Fee waiver available: Yes
Waiver conditions, if offered: AACOMAS waiver
Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 6/15/2016
Supplemental app. latest filing date: 4/15/2017

Supplemental Application Requirements
• Supplemental applications are sent to applicants after they have been pre-screened by the Office of Admissions.
• Letter of recommendation from a premedical advisory committee or letters of recommendation from two science professors.
• MD or DO (preferred) physician letter of recommendation.
• Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions of higher education, domestic and foreign.

MCAT
Oldest MCAT considered: 3 years – June 2013
Accept September 2016 MCAT scores: Yes
Accept January 2017 MCAT scores: Yes

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

Regular Acceptance Notice
Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following schedule:

Early acceptance date: September 2016
Latest acceptance date: May 2017
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, on a case-by-case basis.

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

COM Interview Format
Individual interview with two faculty members.
Open file for 20 minutes.

First-Year Class Matriculants’ Selection Factors
All candidates are required to have obtained a Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education prior to the start of the class for which they are applying. Applicants are required to hold U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Resident status at the time of application. Candidates must earn Science and Cumulative GPAs of 3.0 or greater, and have obtained an MCAT of 25 or better.

The new MCAT score minimum is 500. Throughout the application process, candidates are evaluated based upon a variety of criteria, including, but not limited to, the following:
1) Academic Competence, 2) Personal/Professional Achievements, 3) Demonstrated Leadership Skills, 4) Creative Abilities, 5) Experience in Health Care, 6) Likelihood to Practice in Underserved Primary Care Areas.

To be considered for an on-campus interview, applicants must meet the admissions requirements. After the Office of Admissions receives all the applicant’s materials, the applicant’s file is reviewed to determine if the applicant merits an invitation to interview, based on established criteria of the admissions committee. Applicants who are invited to interview will be contacted by the Office of Admissions. The on-campus interview process typically begins in September and ends in April.

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: 44%
Black or African American: 0.75%
Hispanic/Latino: 4%
Pacific Islander: 0%
White: 45%
Other/No Answer: 7%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:
Science Majors: 95%
Non-Science Majors: 5%
Graduate degree(s): N/A

Premedical Coursework

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