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College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (Western U/COMP)

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Description
COMP and COMP-Northwest support WesternU in its mission to increase the availability of physicians to serve the needs of the people living in the western region of the United States. The College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific provides the educational basis for internship and residencies in all medical specialties. The academic environment fosters respect for the uniqueness of each human being. Students are prepared to function as competent, caring, lifelong learners with the distinctive osteopathic philosophy and as leaders in interprofessional healthcare delivery.

The COMP-Northwest campus addresses the healthcare needs of residents throughout the Northwest. We will achieve our goal of educating osteopathic physicians from the Northwest, in the Northwest, for the Northwest by attracting students with outstanding personal and academic qualities, and teaching them to recognize and develop the knowledge, behaviors, and skills necessary for the effective and compassionate practice of medicine.

Mission Statement
The Mission of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) is to prepare students to become technically competent, culturally sensitive, professional and compassionate physicians who are prepared for graduate medical education, who are lifelong learners and will serve society by providing comprehensive, patient-centered health care with the distinctive osteopathic philosophy. This is accomplished through excellence in curriculum, translational research, service and osteopathic clinical practice, and the enhancement of osteopathic graduate medical education.

Setting: Pomona, California; Urban area in Southern California. COMP-Northwest: Lebanon, OR; Rural/small town setting in Willamette Valley of Oregon.

Date Founded: 1977; Private.

Accreditation
Western University is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (WesternU/COMP) is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

Institutional affiliation
Western University of Health Sciences

2015–2016 Enrollment (Both campuses)
Total medical school enrollment: 1,332
Total male: 718
Total female: 614
First-year enrollment: 346
First-year male: 178
First-year female: 168
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 3,876

Curricular Offerings
The curriculum at COMP is a four-year, full-time academic program leading to the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO). The curriculum stresses the interdependence of the biological, clinical, behavioral and social sciences. The curriculum prepares students to practice osteopathic medicine across a full spectrum of specialties, with special emphasis on the maintenance of health and treatment of disease. The integrated and early clinical experience has proven to be extremely successful based on student assessments and national licensing exams.

Combined Degree Programs
Baccalaureate/DO
DO/MSHS

Special Programs
• International Medicine Programs: Students can complete up to two elective rotations in their fourth year.
• Interprofessional Education: WesternU has developed a comprehensive program that is designed to help students from nine health professions work as a cohesive healthcare team through problem-based learning, clinical experiences and simulation.

Preparatory Programs
Post baccalaureate program: Master of Science in Medical Sciences (MSMS)
Summer program(s): Intensive Summer Anatomy Course (ISAC)

Tuition: Included in OMSI tuition

Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications: Selected students who have accepted our offer are invited to participate in the Intensive Summer Anatomy Course (ISAC). Students who successfully complete this program are exempt from taking the first semester anatomy course. They participate as facilitators during the dissection labs and receive a stipend.

Summer program(s): Summer Preparedness and Readiness Program (SPaRc)

Tuition: $750 (subject to change)

Program Details: The purpose of this program is to prepare incoming DO students for medical school by providing an introduction to Gross Anatomy, Biochemistry and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. This program is offered through our Learning Enhancement and Academic Development Office (LEAD). www.westernu.edu/lead/lead-about

Facilities
Western University/COMP is housed in a 180,000 sq. ft. Health Education Center (HEC). It features auditoriums, classrooms, breakout rooms, teaching and research laboratories, conference rooms, and faculty offices. The 75,000 sq. ft. Patient Care Center (PCC) meets the needs of residents of the Pomona Valley and serves as a training facility for the university’s students. Faculty and students from all health professions form an interprofessional healthcare team that evaluates patients with chronic systemic conditions such as diabetes mellitus, metabolic syndrome, and neurological rehabilitative conditions, to name a few. COMP students complete their rotations at some of the top hospitals in Southern California and the Pacific Northwest, including the University’s primary rotation sites: Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton, Downey Regional Medical Center in Downey, Pacific Hospital of Long Beach, Garfield Medical Center of Monterey Park and Riverside County Regional Medical Center in Riverside. In the Northwest, students train at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis; Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg, OR; Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford; St. Charles in Bend, OR; Legacy Health System in Portland; and Franciscan Health System in Tacoma.

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 early.
Academic year/orientation for first-year students

Start date: 8/1/2017

International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: Yes, Pomona campus only. Applicants who are not U.S. citizens and who are living in the U.S. should be prepared to provide proof of legal U.S. residency at the time of interview. If eligible, Form I-20 will be issued only after living in the U.S. should be prepared to provide proof of legal U.S. residency at the time of interview. If eligible, Form I-20 will be issued only after living in the U.S. should be prepared to provide proof of legal U.S. residency at the time of interview.

Supplemental Application

Supplemental application required: Yes
Sent to: Screened Applicants
Supplemental Application Fee: $65
Fee waiver available: No/Refund available
Waiver conditions, if offered: N/A
Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 7/1/2016
Supplemental app. latest filing date: 2/15/2017

Supplemental Application Requirements

Applicants may apply to one or both campuses. Each campus will independently consider applications. Supplemental Application, letter of recommendation from premedical advisory committee preferred, or letter of recommendation from one classroom professor, who must be in the sciences. Letter of recommendation from a physician, preferably a DO. Interviews and acceptances are offered on a rolling basis from September through February or until the class is filled. Apply early, as meeting the AACOMAS deadline is not a guarantee of consideration for admission.

MCAT

Oldest MCAT considered: 2013
Accept September 2015 MCAT scores: Yes
Accept January 2016 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 AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule:

- Those accepted prior to November 15 will have until December 1
- 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: September 2016
Latest acceptance date: August 2017
Maximum time for applicant to accept offer: 3 months
Requests for deferred entrance considered: Yes

Early Decision Program (EDP)

Western U/COMP does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

COM Interview Format

Individual interview with a panel of up to three: physician, faculty, staff, or student. Interviews are a half-hour long. Interviewer has the option of reviewing the application beforehand. In addition to the traditional interview, students will also participate in two Multiple Mini Interview stations. Students will have one minute to read a scenario and five minutes to speak with a standardized patient at each station. Students should expect to spend the day on campus.

First-Year Class Matriculants’ Selection Factors

We seek well-rounded, achievement-oriented, lifelong learners whose character, maturity and sense of dedication will establish the foundation for a graduate who will lead a successful and productive life as an osteopathic physician. A baccalaureate degree is a requirement for matriculation.

Academic success documented by a challenging undergraduate curriculum and supported by above-average grades and Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) scores are important in selecting candidates for admission and may suggest future academic success. However, the admissions committee recognizes that these statistics, by themselves, do not guarantee later success as a physician. Therefore, non-academic criteria significantly impact the selection decision. Western University/COMP seeks a diverse and balanced student population and considers factors such as work experiences, volunteer leadership, knowledge of osteopathic medicine and professional promise. Preference will be given to highly qualified applicants who understand the healthcare needs of residents throughout the Northwestern Region.

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: 28%
Black or African American: 1%
Hispanic/Latino: 6%
Pacific Islander: 0%
White: 54%
Other/No Answer: 11%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:

Science Majors: 73%
Non-Science Majors: 22%
Graduate degree(s): 5%

Premedical Coursework

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Additional Coursework: Immunology, Anatomy and Physiology are recommended.

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees


- Resident tuition: $53,570
- Non-Resident tuition: $53,570
- Supplemental Application fee: $65
- Resident fees: N/A
- Non-Resident fees: N/A
- Health Insurance: Required

Fees Include:

- Student Services
- Technology (not computer)
- Lab
- Microscope Rental
- Computer
- Health Service
- Student Activities
- Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: $26,683/yr (Pomona); $23,311 (Lebanon)
- Average 2015 graduate indebtedness: $235,004 (Pomona); $254,254 (Lebanon)

Deposit

Applicants should submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule.

- Amount of deposit to hold place in class: $1,000
- Deposit due: AACOMAS traffic guidelines

Additional Deposit: $1,000
Western University/COMP requires acceptance deposits in two parts.

Applied to tuition: Credited to student’s account after matriculation
Deposit refundable: No

Financial Aid

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 83%
Scholarships: Yes
Average scholarship/grant: $47,639