West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM)

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**Description**

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) has the feel of a small school with a national reputation. WVSOM’s excellence has earned the school national recognition for 17 consecutive years as a leader in primary care, family medicine and rural medicine in the highly regarded U.S. News & World Report’s annual “Best Graduate Schools” rankings. WVSOM provides a cutting-edge, 21st century, clinically integrated approach to medical education. Students learn the practice of patient-centered medicine and develop lifelong learning and leadership skills in a caring family atmosphere. Graduates are well-prepared to succeed in any field of medicine they choose to pursue.

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) is to educate students from diverse backgrounds as lifelong learners in osteopathic medicine and complementary health-related programs; to support and develop graduate medical education training; to advance scientific knowledge through academic, clinical and basic science research; and to promote patient-centered, evidence-based medicine. WVSOM is dedicated to serve, first and foremost, the state of West Virginia and the health care needs of its residents, emphasizing primary care in rural areas.

**Setting:** Lewisburg, West Virginia; Rural

**Date Founded:** 1972; Public

**Accreditation**

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

**Institutional Affiliation**

Freestanding; falls under the governance of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

**2015–2016 Enrollment**

- **Total medical school enrollment:** 827
- **Total male:** 428
- **Total female:** 399
- **First-year enrollment:** 215
- **First-year male:** 110
- **First-year female:** 105
- **Total enrollment affiliate institutions:** N/A

**Curricular Offerings**

The WVSOM Patient Presentation curriculum is carefully constructed to thoroughly prepare graduates for practice in any setting. However, the WVSOM educational program is tailored to meet the unique needs of patients in rural, medically underserved areas. Faculty members are particularly committed to teaching in a student-friendly atmosphere. Specialty clinics and health screenings allow students to develop clinical skills and bedside manner. The common thread of osteopathic principles and holistic medicine ties together all elements of WVSOM’s curriculum. WVSOM offers one integrated curricular track for its osteopathic medical students.

**Combined Degree Programs**

None

**Special Programs**

- Student organizations are active in many civic and health-related activities in the community.

**International Medicine Programs:** WVSOM’s Center for International Medicine and Cultural Concern (CIMCC) works with individual students and small groups to travel to remote, underserved communities in Central and Latin America, Southern and Western Africa and India. Traditional European placements are also available. First- and second-year students may participate in spring break and summer time-off trips; for third- and fourth-year students, 4- to 12-week clinical rotations are offered. WVSOM-CIMCC provides students opportunities to learn experientially about both practical and specialized medicine on a global scale in both clinical and research settings. WVSOM’s CIMCC offers one of the most diverse international medical studies programs among osteopathic medical schools.

**Rural Health Initiative:** During the third and fourth years, students participate in unique rural experiences which provide an opportunity to learn about local industries and daily life in the mountain state and how these factors affect healthy and treatment within those communities.

- Graduate Teaching Assistant programs for Clinical Sciences, Anatomy and Osteopathic Medical Education Departments.

**Preparatory Programs**

None

**Facilities**

Located in historic Lewisburg, WVSOM’s 68-acre campus combines green spaces and tree-shaded areas with new and recently renovated buildings. WVSOM’s state-of-the-art Clinical Evaluation Center includes 24 examination rooms, 21 patient simulator robots, a standardized patient area and an integrated, computerized digital recording system that records students’ clinical encounters. It is being expanded to include emergency, birthing and additional general simulation labs, and a grand conference hall.

The Center for Rural Medicine and Technology is a cutting-edge instructional facility housing two modern 200-seat lecture halls, a commons area and office space.

Other WVSOM facilities include: the Fredric W. Smith Science Building; the Robert C. Byrd Clinic, an on-campus primary care clinic that provides varied clinical training opportunities; the Admissions Center; and the Founders’ Activity Center, a recreation and fitness facility for students, faculty, staff and their families. The Roland P. Sharp Alumni and Conference Center, used by on-campus and off-campus groups for programs, meetings and events.

Under construction is a 55,000 square foot Student Center which will include student recreation area, SGA offices, open and quiet student study space, the campus store, a food service area and a 1,000-seat meeting hall. The Student Center will also include a clock tower and is expected to be completed in 2016.

**Application Information**

**Primary application service:** AACOMAS

**Earliest filing date:** Opening date of AACOMAS

**Latest filing date:** 2/15/2017

*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: Late July 2017
International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: No

Supplemental Application
Supplemental application required: Yes
Sent to: Screened Applicants
Supplemental Application Fee: $40 in-state; $80 out-of-state
Fee waiver available: No
Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 7/1/2016
Supplemental app. latest filing date: Rolling

Supplemental Application Requirements
Supplemental application and fee. Letters of recommendation from an osteopathic physician and from a premed advisor, a premed advisory committee or an approved basic science faculty member. WVSOM “Statement of Past or Pending Professional Disciplinary” form. Verification form for classification as a West Virginia resident student for West Virginia residents only. WVSOM “Health and Technical Standards for Admission and Graduation” form.

MCAT
Oldest MCAT considered: 2014
Accept September 2016 MCAT scores: Yes
Accept January 2017 MCAT scores: Considered

Send Letters of Recommendation by:
Virtual Evals: Yes
Interfolio: Yes
Paper: Yes
Other: E-mail letters, if originals follow by mail, WebAdmit

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: September 2016
- Latest acceptance date: Until class is filled
- Maximum time for applicant to accept offer: AACOMAS traffic guidelines
- Requests for deferred entrance considered: Yes

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

Premedical Coursework

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*We require a total of 12 hours of any combination of chemistry that must include a minimum of 3 hours of Biochemistry.
**We require 2 hours of biology labs and any combination of chemistry, physics or biology for the additional 4 hours of lab.
**Can be writing intensive courses

Deposit
Applicants should submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule above.
- Amount of deposit to hold place in class: Special note: Deposit amount differs depending on residency status.
  - Deposit (resident): $500
  - Deposit (non-resident): $2,000
- Deposit due: AACOMAS traffic guidelines
- Additional Deposit:
  - 2nd deposit for WV residents: $500
  - 2nd deposit for out-of-state: $2,000
- Applied to tuition: Yes
- Deposit refundable: No

Financial Aid
Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 85%
- Scholarships: Yes
- Average scholarship/grant: $29,940

Tuition and Fees
- Resident tuition: $20,450
- Non-Resident tuition: $50,200
- Supplemental Application fee: $40 in-state; $80 out-of-state
- Resident fees: $40
- Non-Resident fees: $80
- Health Insurance: $3,299
- Fees Include: Technology (not computer), Microscope Rental, Health Service

Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: $28,915/yr
Average 2015 graduate indebtedness: $201,679

Financial Information