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Mission Statement
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Setting: Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (ARCOM) is located on 227 acres of land at Chaffee Crossing in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Date Founded: 2014; Private not-for-profit

Accreditation
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Institutional Affiliation
Arkansas Colleges of Health Education

2015-2016 Enrollment
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Curricular Offerings
Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (ARCOM) utilizes a helical curriculum with an emphasis on active learning and problem solving to prepare its students to meet the competencies established by the profession, and to provide the opportunity for students to obtain the level of knowledge, skills, and attitudes required of osteopathic physicians. Emphasizing an interdisciplinary collaboration, the curriculum guides students to develop a holistic, osteopathic approach to medicine. We continuously correlate basic science information and methodology with fundamental clinical application. The curriculum utilizes early clinical experiences, medical outreach opportunities, classroom lecture demonstration, active and team-based learning presentations, hands-on laboratory sessions, small-group, case-based learning, the use of standardized patients and simulation, as well as guided independent study opportunities to achieve this outcome. Our innovative curriculum is designed to fulfill our mission of providing fully trained and competent students who will be prepared to enter graduate medical education. An emphasis is placed on preparing our students to become primary care physicians.

The goals of the curriculum are to foster not only the acquisition of knowledge and skills, but also the assessment, evaluation, and application of factual knowledge in the clinical context. ARCOM strives to produce graduates who are skilled in the science of patient-centered osteopathic medical care dedicated to the ethical and social principles of the osteopathic profession, committed to lifelong learning, and focused on service to the underserved. ARCOM seeks to teach students the techniques they will require to continue to learn and grow professionally and personally throughout their lifetime.

Combined Degree Programs
None

Special Programs
None

Preparatory Programs
None

Facilities
The campus features a 102,000 square foot facility in the second largest city in Arkansas. Nestled in the river valley region, the building promotes the highest level in information technology.

Our team-based learning curriculum is supported by 19 student conference/study rooms, and 10 standardized patient/OSCE rooms. The Simulation Lab will offer students the opportunity to experience real life, hands-on training. The Anatomy Lab and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Lab will each accommodate 80 students with the latest technology including raised floor podium for the instructor. Over 7,000 square feet has been designated as research space.

Student Learning Centers:
• Library with 25 private study carrels and two multipurpose student rooms
• Two 200-seat auditorium lecture halls
• Outdoor spaces for studying and relaxing in the natural state

Application Information
Primary application service: AACOMAS
Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS
Latest filing date: 3/15/2017
*For timely consideration, applicants should submit their AACOMAS application as early as possible and four weeks prior to the latest filing date. ARCOM conducts a rolling admissions process.

Academic year/orientation for first-year students start date: 7/24/2017
International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: Yes

Supplemental Application
Supplemental application required: Yes
Sent to: Screened applicants
Supplemental application fee: $50 (Non-refundable)
Fee waiver available: Yes
Waiver conditions, if offered: AACOMAS waiver
Supplemental earliest filing date: 7/1/2016
Supplemental latest filing date: 4/15/2017

Supplemental Application Requirements
The Secondary Application will be made available to those students who are best suited to fulfill the mission, values, and goals of ARCOM. Eligible applicants will receive an email containing login information for the Secondary Application.

The Secondary Application should be completed and returned electronically along with the payment of a non-refundable application fee of $50, completion of the waiver/non-waiver statement, and submission of two letters of recommendation not written by a relative (blood or through marriage). One recommendation must be from an osteopathic physician (DO). A letter from an allopathic physician (MD) in lieu of a recommendation from a DO is not accepted; however, a letter(s) of recommendation from a MD in addition to your letter of recommendation from an osteopathic physician is acceptable. The second required letter must be from a

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pre-medical or pre-health professions advisory committee, or instead, letters from two science faculty members familiar with the academic work of the applicant. ARCOM welcomes additional letters of recommendation from those who are acquainted with the student's academic or professional ability.

**MCAT**

Oldest MCAT considered: Scores are accepted three years from original test date.

Accept September 2015 MCAT scores: Yes

Accept January 2016 MCAT scores: Yes

**Send Letters of Recommendation by:**

Virtual Evals: Yes
Interfolio: Yes
Paper: Yes
Email: Yes

**Regular Acceptance Notice**

Applicants will be asked to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following schedule:

- **Those accepted prior to November 15** will have until December 15 for first deposit and until January 15 for second deposit.
- **Those accepted between November 15 and February 15** will have 30 days to submit each deposit.
- **Those accepted after February 15** will have 30 days to pay total deposit.
- **Earliest acceptance date:** 10/1/2016
- **Latest acceptance date:** Until class is filled; up to first week of matriculation
- **Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** By initial deposit deadline
- **Deferred entrance requests considered:** Yes

**Early Decision Program (EDP)**

ARCOM does not have an EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

**COM Interview Format**

ARCOM will conduct interviews beginning in August. The schedule includes interviews with faculty, administrators, and/or community physicians. Prospective students will receive information about ARCOM campus life, curriculum, financial aid resources, research opportunities, medical outreach programs, clinical rotation sites, and residency programs affiliated with ARCOM. Applicants will also receive a tour of the campus.

**Selection Factors**

Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, religion, national origin, age, disability or veteran status in the recruiting and selection of students for admission.

ARCOM seeks to recruit and admit students from Arkansas and the surrounding regions who are committed to serving the rural and medically underserved areas of the state and region.

All qualified applicants are considered for admission. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or hold a Permanent Resident Visa.

Admission to ARCOM is competitive, selective and designed to advance ARCOM’s mission and values. Any undergraduate major is acceptable as long as prerequisites are completed and taken for credit at an accredited college or university. Completed applications are reviewed by the Admissions Committee to evaluate a candidate’s academic ability, knowledge of and commitment to the tenets of osteopathic medicine, community service, professionalism, communication skills and personal integrity. Competitive applicants are scheduled for an on-campus interview.

Admissions Committee decisions are made at regular intervals during the admissions cycle. Candidates who submit an application early and return all required documents promptly will be at an advantage in the admissions process.

The recommendations of the Admissions Committee are reviewed and acted upon by the Dean in writing to the candidate.

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**Financial Information**

**Tuition and Fees**

Source: 2017–2018 tuition. Fees subject to change at any time.

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**Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs:** $22,430

**Average graduate indebtedness:** N/A

**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: $2,000

Deposit due: AACOMAS traffic guidelines

**Applied to tuition:** Yes

**Deposit refundable:** No

**Financial Aid**

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: N/A

**Scholarships:** N/A

**Average scholarship/grant:** N/A

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**Premedical Coursework**

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**Non-Science Course**

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*Faculty recommend courses in Anatomy, Physiology, Cellular Biology, Immunology, Microbiology, or Genetics.