University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine (UIWSOM)

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Description
Continuing the Osteopathic medicine tradition of bringing health care to where it is needed most, the UIWSOM provides a student-centered, problem-based learning environment empowering both students and faculty to recognize and address the medical needs of underserved populations, specifically those in South Texas. With a focus on primary care, UIWSOM physicians will be well prepared for the ethical, compassionate and altruistic practice of medicine. Our aim is to ensure quality, equity, relevance and effectiveness in health care delivery.

Mission Statement
UIWSOM’s mission is to empower all members of the medical education community to achieve academic, professional and personal success and develop a commitment to lifelong learning through excellence in learner-centered, patient-focused education, justice-based research and meaningful partnerships of osteopathic clinical service across the spectrum of medical education (UME/GME/CME). The development and application of osteopathic principles of medicine across four years of physician training will promote culturally, linguistically, and community responsive care for all patients to enhance patient safety and improve patient outcomes.

Setting
UIWSOM is located in San Antonio, the country’s 7th largest city, one which enjoys vibrant cultural diversity, reasonable cost of living, and a growing healthcare industry. San Antonio is referred to as “Military City” and is home to Ft. Sam Houston Army Base, Lackland Air Force Base, Randolph Air Force Base and San Antonio Military Medical Center, the busiest inpatient medical facility in the Department of Defense.

The UIWSOM campus is located on Brooks City Base, home of the former Brooks Air Force Base which also served as an aeronautical medical hospital. As his last official act as president, John F. Kennedy commissioned the former base the day before his assassination, November 21, 1963. While the JFK legacy continues to be honored and with its roots grounded in medical innovation and vision, the BCB location provides the perfect environment for medical education in South San Antonio.

Date founded: 2015; Private

Accreditation
As a new school UIWSOM currently holds provisional accreditation status by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). Full accreditation can only be earned only after a school graduates its first class. UIW is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

Institutional Affiliation
The University of the Incarnate Word is the largest Catholic institution in Texas and welcomes to its community persons of diverse backgrounds, in the belief that their respectful interaction advances the discovery of truth, mutual understanding, self-realization, and the common good. UIW enjoys a strong reputation for offering superior health professions education, specifically in nursing, pharmacy, optometry, and physical therapy.

The UIWSOM is located in South San Antonio, approximately 20 minutes from the UIW main campus. This medically underserved area of the city provides endless possibilities for community collaboration and improved patient care.

Partnerships with a variety of health care systems in the community service area of UIWSOM have been established. UIWSOM addresses the health care shortage across the region by expanding and improving a network of institutions delivering high quality graduate medical education for trainees who then provide outstanding medical care to the communities they serve.

2015–2016 Enrollment
UIWSOM will enroll 150 students for the fall 2017 academic year. Further statistics will be available upon graduation of the inaugural class.

Curricular Offerings
The UIWSOM curriculum is integrated and designed to support learners in their acquisition of knowledge, skills and competencies expected at each level of training, and to culminate with entry into graduate medical education programs with the competencies required of an entering PGY1 resident.

The integrated curriculum components and threads support the UIWSOM mission promoting the principles and practices of osteopathic primary care, social accountability and community service. The curriculum is organized by units, starting with a foundational applied biomedical science unit built around national emergency medical technician (EMT) and crisis intervention training (CIT) curricula. Year 1 students will learn the basic clinical skills of an EMT, which will enable them to contextualize biomedical sciences in an authentic patient care setting. The units which follow are organized by system in the order in which they are introduced in the Foundations/EMT/CIT unit. Learning utilizing interactive learner-centered techniques in a variety of settings will allow learners to understand and apply acquired knowledge and skills.

Several threads weave throughout all four phases of the curriculum and include, Mental Health and Wellness, Spirituality, Social Accountability, Service and Scholarship, Student Success, Mentoring and Advising, Board Preparation, and Evidence-based Medicine.

Combined Degree Programs
None at this time.

Special Programs
UIW and UIWSOM offers a direct admit program for highly qualified high school students. Additional information can be found at http://www.uiw.edu/healthprofessions/.

Postbaccalaureate Preparation Program
UIWSOM offers a Master in Biomedical Sciences program. This is an innovative one-year program designed to enhance scientific knowledge and professional preparation for students seeking to attend medical school or other health professions training. Additional information can be found at http://www.uiw.edu/mibs/.

Facilities
The 155,000 square foot renovated campus includes four independent buildings housing administrative services, anatomy suite, student services, and library. Other features of the UIWSOM campus include:

- State-of-the-art anatomy lab with full functioning dissection suite
- Dissection suite has individual student stations with independent computer access
- Anatomage table (virtual anatomy)
- Small group collaboration rooms
- Interprofessional collaborative research space
- Osteopathic clinical skills learning studio
Application Information:
Primary application service: AACOMAS
Earliest filing date: 6/1/16
Latest filing date: 4/1/17

Academic year/orientation for first-year students
start date: Orientation held July 24-28. Start of class is August 1, 2017.
International students (non-US citizen/temporary residents) considered: Not at this time.

Supplemental Application
Supplemental Application required: Yes
Sent to: Invited applicants who pass initial screening
Supplement Application fee required: $50
Waiver conditions: AACOMAS waiver accepted
Supplemental earliest filing date: 7/1/16
Supplemental latest filing date: 4/15/17

Supplemental Application Requirements
Three letters of recommendation: One from a health care provider (preferably DO), one from a premed advisor or health professions admissions committee (HPAC), and one from a science faculty member. Non-traditional students can substitute one faculty or HPAC letter with a more recent reference (employer, volunteer/community service supervisor, etc.)

MCAT
Oldest MCAT considered: Three years prior to matriculation
Accepted September 2016 MCAT scores: Yes
Accepted January 2017 MCAT scores: Yes, if seats are available
Additional comments: Highest MCAT

Send Letters of Recommendation by:
AACOMAS: Yes
Virtual Evals: Yes
Interfolio: Yes
Email: Yes
Paper: No

Regular Acceptance Notice
Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following schedule:
• Those accepted prior to November 15 will have 30 days
• Those accepted between November 15 and April 30 will have 30 days
• Those accepted after April 30 may be asked for an immediate deposit
• Earliest acceptance date: October 1st
• Latest acceptance date: Until class fills
• Requests for deferred entrance considered: Yes

COM Interview Format
UIWSOM follows the multiple-mini interview model. Interviews are scheduled on a continuous basis beginning in September.

Selection Factors
UIWSOM seeks to attract qualified applicants who demonstrate a commitment to serving the needs of underserved communities, particularly those in South Texas, through primary care practice. As part of a holistic review process, the UIWSOM admissions committee will consider the following:
• Motivation, dedication, and passion for the osteopathic medical profession
• Commitment to social accountability and alignment with UIW mission
• Academic achievement and scholarship
• Life experience

The Office of Admission reviews and screens all AACOMAS applications. Qualified candidates are then invited to complete a supplemental application. Competitive applicants will be invited to campus to participate in multiple mini-interviews.

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees
Source: 2016–2017 tuition

Resident tuition: $52,600
Non-Resident tuition: $52,600
Supplemental Application fee: $50
Resident fees: $2,000
Non-Resident fees: $2,000
Health Insurance: $950

Fees Include:

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Deposit
Amount of deposit to hold place in class: $1,000
Deposit due: Follow AACOMAS traffic guidelines
Additional Deposit: No
Applied to tuition: Yes
Deposit refundable: No

Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: $21,243/yr

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Pre-Medical Coursework

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