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## Description

The Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine (TouroCOM) is committed to increasing the number of underrepresented minorities in medicine and to training physicians who are committed to practicing in underserved communities.

## Mission Statement

TouroCOM is committed to preparing students to become outstanding osteopathic physicians who uphold the values, philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine. TouroCOM places special emphasis on teaching and learning in the areas of primary care and the holistic approach to the patient. TouroCOM is committed to indentifying and recruiting students who have specific interest in practicing in underserved communities, such as Harlem. The college advances the osteopathic profession and serves students and society by providing an integrated educational foundation, encouraging research and scholarly activity, and participating in community service.

TouroCOM functions as an integral part of the New York City/Harlem community and works with the community, local schools and other colleges and universities to promote the study of medicine, encourage continuing development, increase educational opportunities and deliver osteopathic medical services in a variety of community settings.

Students learn the latest strategies for the management and treatment of patients in a broad range of social and economic settings. In addition to focusing on primary care, the school emphasizes the promotion of wellness from prenatal through geriatric care.

**Setting:** New York City, NY—Harlem; Urban

**Date Founded:** 2006; Private

## Accreditation

- TouroCOM holds provisional accreditation from the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA)
- TouroCOM is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

## Institutional Affiliation

Touro College

## 2010-2011 Enrollment

**Total medical school enrollment:** 509

**Total male:** 255

**Total female:** 254

**First-year enrollment:** 135

**First-year male:** 60

**First-year female:** 75

**Total enrollment affiliate institutions:** 17,800

## Curricular Offerings

TouroCOM's pre-clinical curriculum uses an integrated, system-based format that incorporates multiple learning strategies such as lecture format, interactive labs and small learning groups. Early clinical exposures and Health Policy lectures are used to enhance the classroom curriculum to address emerging issues in health care.

## Combined Degree Programs

**DO/MS** – Masters of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. This is a full-time, one-year program offered at the TouroCOM of Harlem. The curriculum is a lecture-based format which focuses on core basic medical sciences. Courses include Physiology, Histology, Biochemistry, Anatomy and Microbiology as well as lectures on clinical medicine. Students finishing this Masters Program with a 3.5 average or above, and passing administered shelf exams, will be granted admission into Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine. e-mail: [masters.tourcom@touro.edu](mailto:masters.tourcom@touro.edu)

## Special Programs

- **International Medicine Programs:** No

## Preparatory Programs

**Post baccalaureate program:** Yes

See Master of Science in Interdisciplinary studies above.

## Facilities

- The medical school buildings in central Harlem are across the street from the famous Apollo Theatre.
- Lecture halls and classrooms are equipped to accommodate laptop computers, with wireless Internet access available throughout the building. Professors present at "smart podiums" accommodating any electronic format.

- The OMM lab on the second floor has hydraulic tables. There are Striker Cameras located throughout the lab.
- There are breakout rooms adjacent to the amphitheatres for student study.
- The cadaver lab has 33 tables. The lab is temperature controlled, with frequent air exchange.
- The beautiful glass library houses computers with extensive electronic offerings.
- There is a wellness center and student lounge.
- State-of-the-art research facilities
- Clinical sites are located throughout the NYC metropolitan area.

## Residence

Housing is not provided, but rental housing is available in the Harlem and NYC area, with easy access by train and subway.

## Application Information

**Primary application service:** AACOMAS

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

**Latest filing date:**\* 4-1-2012

\*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:** August 2012

**International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered:** Yes  
 Asylum applicants will provide documentation from their attorney. This documentation is provided to our Registrar department, which handles international student affairs. Other international students are required to provide proof of their I-20 status or begin application to obtain the I-20.

## Supplemental Application

**Supplemental application required:** Yes

**Sent to:** Screened Applicants

**Supplemental Application Fee:** \$200

**Fee waiver available:** Yes

**Waiver conditions, if offered:** AACOMAS waiver

**Supplemental app. earliest filing date:** 7-1-2011

**Supplemental app. latest filing date:** 4-21-2012

## Supplemental Application Requirements

- Supplemental applications are sent to students after they have been pre-screened by Admissions.
- Letter of recommendation from premedical advisory committee or from two science professors.
- Letter of recommendation from a physician (either DO or MD).
- Signed Technical Standards Certificate form.

## MCAT

**Oldest MCAT considered:** 4-15-2009

**Accept September 2011 MCAT scores:** Yes

**Accept January 2012 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:

**Earliest acceptance date:** 10-1-2011

**Latest acceptance date:** 8-2-2012 or until class is filled.

**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

## Early Decision Program (EDP)

TouroCOM has rolling admissions.

## COM Interview Format

TouroCOM interview days have the following agenda: Review and presentation, Interview (open file, two science faculty, 30 min.), Financial Aid and Admission/Tour of Facility. Light breakfast and lunch are provided.

## First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

The applicant applying to TouroCOM must have earned a bachelor's degree by no later than August 2012, which is the year of matriculation. In addition, the student should have at least a B average in the sciences and overall, and an MCAT score of at least 24. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or hold a permanent resident visa. The applicant also is required to have taken the MCAT examination within three years of the date of the AACOMAS application. The student must also submit a pre-professional committee evaluation or provide two letters

of recommendation from two science faculty. TouroCOM also requires a non-academic letter of recommendation from a DO or MD. It is strongly advised that the student obtain the recommendation from a DO.

TouroCOM is looking for candidates who are interested in becoming outstanding osteopathic physicians. We are seeking students who are interested in working in urban settings and also in primary care. The student must be able to present an understanding of osteopathic medicine and display a passion to become a doctor in such an environment. The primary applications are pre-screened by the committee, and only students who meet the admissions standards are offered a supplemental application and then an



interview offer. The interview response is within six weeks via e-mail. TouroCOM does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability.

## 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:** 8%

**Hispanic/Latino:** 5%

**White:** 43%

**Pacific Islander:** 0%

**Other/No Answer:** 0%

## First-Year Class Matriculants with:

**Science Majors:** 81%

**Non-Science Majors:** 19%

**Graduate degree(s):** 38%

## Premedical Coursework

| Science Course      | Req. | Rec. | Lab | Sem. Hrs |
|---------------------|------|------|-----|----------|
| Biology/Zoology     | X    |      | X   | 8        |
| Biochemistry        |      | X*   |     |          |
| Molecular Biology   |      |      |     |          |
| Genetics            |      |      |     |          |
| Inorganic Chemistry | X    |      | X   | 8        |
| Organic Chemistry   | X    |      | X   | 8        |
| Physics             | X    |      | X   | 8        |
| Non-Science Course  | Req. | Rec. | Lab | Sem. Hrs |
| College English     | X    |      |     | 6        |
| Behavioral Sciences | X    |      |     | 6        |
| Humanities          |      |      |     |          |
| Math/Statistics     | X    |      |     | 4        |
| Other               |      |      |     |          |

\* highly recommended

## Financial Information

### Tuition and Fees

Source: 2010-2011 tuition. Data subject to change.

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Resident tuition:</b>             | \$36,910 |
| <b>Non-Resident tuition:</b>         | N/A      |
| <b>Supplemental Application fee:</b> | \$200    |
| <b>Resident fees:</b>                | N/A      |
| <b>Non-Resident fees:</b>            | N/A      |
| <b>Health Insurance:</b>             | \$1,430  |

### Fees Include:

|                    |   |                   |   |
|--------------------|---|-------------------|---|
| Student Services   | X | Technology        | X |
| Lab                | X | Microscope Rental | X |
| Computer           |   | Health Service    |   |
| Student Activities | X |                   |   |

### Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs:

\$20,086-\$31,487/year

**Average 2010 graduate indebtedness:** N/A

### Deposit

Applicants who are notified of admissions offer are asked to respond within two weeks of receiving their letter of acceptance.

**Amount of deposit to hold place in class:** \$2,000

**Deposit due:** Within two weeks of receiving acceptance letter

**Additional Deposit:** \$1,000 (tuition deposit)

**Applied to tuition:** Yes

**Deposit refundable:** Yes; tuition deposit only.

**Refundable by:**

The tuition deposit is refundable with written notice prior to the first day of class.

### Financial Aid

**Enrolled students with federal financial aid:** 90%

**Scholarships:** No

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