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## Description

The Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine is one of the most respected medical schools in the nation and offers the continuum of medical training, from our rigorous basic science coursework to top clinical rotation opportunities and competitive postdoctoral specialty programs. Our academic community provides a friendly, family atmosphere with modern facilities designed with students' needs in mind.

## Mission Statement

Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine educates osteopathic physicians to provide quality compassionate care; promotes the practice of osteopathic medicine, lifelong learning, research and service. **CCOM Values:** The Achievement of Educational Excellence Through: Leadership, Teamwork, Commitment, Integrity, Professionalism, Diversity, Osteopathic Philosophy.

**Setting:** Downers Grove, Illinois; Suburban, 25 miles west of Chicago

**Date Founded:** 1900; Private

## Accreditation

The Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM) of Midwestern University (MWU) is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA); MWU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

## Institutional Affiliation

Midwestern University

## 2010-2011 Enrollment

**Total medical school enrollment:** 754  
**Total male:** 400  
**Total female:** 354  
**First-year enrollment:** 204  
**First-year male:** 111  
**First-year female:** 93  
**Total enrollment affiliate institutions:** 4,591

## Curricular Offerings

Rigorous basic science courses with emphasis on case discussions, clinical correlates, and problem-based learning. Early clinical exposure through simulated patients and volunteer experiences. Top clinical rotations at major metropolitan health centers throughout the Chicagoland area, Northwest Indiana, the Midwest region and across the country.

## Combined Degree Programs

**DO/MS** – CCOM students can earn a dual degree through the College of Health Sciences Biomedical Sciences program. Entrance into the dual degree program is competitive. [www.midwestern.edu](http://www.midwestern.edu)

## Special Programs

- **International Medicine Programs:** CCOM and DOCARE Medical Mission to Guatemala for two weeks every year. International rotations are available for fourth-year students with approval of the CCOM Dean's Office.

## Preparatory Programs

**Post baccalaureate program:** Yes

**Start Date:** 9-6-2011

**Tuition:** \$26,882-\$31,000

**Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree and 2.75 minimum overall GPA are required.

**Program Details:** Midwestern University offers a two-year Master of Science degree and a nine-month Master of Arts degree in Biomedical Sciences. The Biomedical Sciences program is designed as a full-time, graduate-level program that provides students with the knowledge, skills and expertise to pursue careers in a variety of biomedical professions. Successful completion of the program may also enhance a student's candidacy for admission to post baccalaureate professional schools. [www.midwestern.edu](http://www.midwestern.edu)

## Facilities

- Littlejohn Hall provides a state-of-the-art auditorium and lecture rooms as well as a comprehensive medical library with group and individual study spaces.
- Alumni Hall features Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Laboratory classrooms and the beautiful Hyde Atrium for student gatherings and special events.
- Science Hall houses the anatomy cadaver

laboratory, classrooms and science labs for faculty and students.

- Centennial Hall provides additional lecture halls and classrooms.
- The Commons offers a large computer center, the campus dining hall, a coffee bar and student recreation/lounge areas.
- Recreation/Wellness Hall features the on-campus health/wellness center as well as a modern gymnasium, aerobic/dance room, handball/racquetball courts, strength training room, craft room and music room.
- Haspel/Hambrick Hall houses the Deans' Offices, the Office of Admissions, the Office of Student Financial Services and several other administrative offices.

## Residence

Midwestern University provides several housing options to meet the needs of today's medical students.

- **Redwoods Hall:** A modern student residence facility features both single- and double-occupancy residence hall rooms with either private bathrooms or bathrooms shared by no more than two students; air conditioning; wiring for internet and cable TV; wall-to-wall carpeting; and built-in closets, dressers, desks and wardrobes. The Hall features a large commuter lounge as well as the Perrin Interfaith Chapel.
- **Pines Apartments:** The Pines apartments are tucked away between two groves of trees, providing both the convenience of on-campus living and the privacy of an apartment. Each of the 48 apartments offers living space of 500 square feet; Internet wiring; cable TV; kitchenette with stove and refrigerator; and central air conditioning and heating units.
- **Traditional Residence Halls:** The Traditional Residence Halls comprise six buildings—Aspen Hall, Birch Hall, Chestnut Hall, Dogwood Hall, Elm Hall, and Forest Lodge, nestled in the wooded section of campus. These units feature single-occupancy rooms; living space of 224 square feet; a shared bathroom; Internet wiring; cable TV; wall-to-wall carpeting; beds; and built-in closets, dressers and desks.

## Application Information

**Primary application service:** AACOMAS

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

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

\*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:** 8-6-2012

**International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered:** Yes

To conclude the matriculation process, a non-U.S. citizen/nonpermanent resident must provide documentation verifying that sufficient funds have been deposited in a U.S. bank to cover all expenses (tuition fees and living) while

attending the university. Additional requirements are posted at [www.midwestern.edu/Programs\\_and\\_Admission/IL\\_Osteopathic\\_Medicine/AdmissionApply.html#international](http://www.midwestern.edu/Programs_and_Admission/IL_Osteopathic_Medicine/AdmissionApply.html#international)

## Supplemental Application

**Supplemental application required:** Yes

**Sent to:** Screened Applicants

Supplemental application will be emailed to all academically eligible applicants who meet the minimum overall and science GPA requirements.

**Supplemental Application Fee:** \$50

**Fee waiver available:** Yes

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

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

**Supplemental app. latest filing date:** 3-1-2012

## Supplemental Application Requirements

Minimum science and total GPA of 2.75.

Supplemental application: Two letters of recommendation; one must be from a physician, strongly recommend a DO, and the other must be from a premedical advisory committee or science faculty member who has taught the applicant.

## MCAT

**Oldest MCAT considered:** 1-1-2009

**Accept September 2011 MCAT Scores:** Yes

**Accept January 2012 MCAT scores:** No

## 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 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:** 10-1-2011
- **Latest acceptance date:** Until class is filled
- **Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** CCOM follows the AACOMAS traffic guidelines.
- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** Yes

## Early Decision Program (EDP)

CCOM does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

## COM Interview Format

Invited candidates meet with members of a three-person interview panel selected from a volunteer group of clinicians, administrators, basic science faculty members and current students for a 30-45 minute interview. Panel members question each applicant about his/her

academic, personal and health care preparedness for medical school. The on-campus interview process typically begins in September and ends in April.

## First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

The Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine considers for admission those students who possess the academic, professional and personal qualities necessary to become exemplary osteopathic physicians. Accepted students must meet all of the admissions requirements as listed on our website at [www.midwestern.edu](http://www.midwestern.edu). CCOM uses a rolling admissions process in which applications are reviewed and interview decisions are made at regular intervals during the admissions cycle. To be competitive within this process, applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early in the admissions cycle.

## 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:** 25%

**Black or African American:** 1%

**Hispanic/Latino:** 1%

**White:** 71%

**Pacific Islander:** 0%

**Other/No Answer:** 2%

## First-Year Class Matriculants with:

**Science Majors:** 70%

**Non-Science Majors:** 30%

**Graduate degree(s):** 15%

## Premedical Coursework

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

## Financial Information

### Tuition and Fees

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

<b>Resident tuition:</b>	\$49,219
<b>Non-Resident tuition:</b>	\$49,219
<b>Supplemental Application fee:</b>	\$50
<b>Resident fees:</b>	\$495
<b>Non-Resident fees:</b>	\$495
<b>Health Insurance (can be waived):</b>	\$3,597

### Fees Include:

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

**Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs:** \$22,500/year

**Average 2010 graduate indebtedness:** \$227,552

### 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:** \$1,000

**Deposit due:** AACOMAS traffic guidelines

**Additional Deposit:** N/A

**Applied to tuition:** Yes

**Deposit refundable:** Yes

**Refundable by:** Partially refundable up until 30 calendar days prior to the first day of new student orientation.

### Financial Aid

**Enrolled students with federal financial aid:** 93%

**Scholarships:** Yes

**Average scholarship/grant:** \$1,000