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Description

Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCUMB-COM) is a private, four-year osteopathic medical school. Founded in 1916, KCUMB-COM is one of the oldest and largest of the nation's 30 colleges of osteopathic medicine. The university is known as a leader in osteopathic medical education, with an education environment emphasizing both academic excellence and the education of caring physicians who place their patients' needs above all else.

Mission Statement

Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences is a community of professionals committed to excellence in the education of highly qualified students in osteopathic medicine, the biosciences, bioethics and the health professions. Through lifelong learning, research and service, KCUMB challenges faculty, staff, students and alumni to improve the well-being of the diverse community it serves. Our Core Values: Integrity, Compassion, Excellence, Collaboration, Intellectual Curiosity, Innovation, and Heritage.

Setting: Kansas City, MO; Urban

Date Founded: 1916; Private

Accreditation

KCUMB-COM is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Institutional Affiliation

Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences

2010-2011 Enrollment

Total medical school enrollment: 985
Total male: 527
Total female: 458
First-year enrollment: 245
First-year male: 148
First-year female: 97
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 1,039

Curricular Offerings

- Beginning with students' first days on campus, KCUMB-COM puts the patient at the center of the learning process. Our innovative curriculum integrates clinical relevance with a solid foundation in the basic sciences.
- Through an emphasis on the importance of the physician-patient relationship, students take part in hands-on early clinical experiences that prepare them to become more effective physicians.
- Clinical enhancements, such as patient simulators and standardized patient encounters, teach vital communication skills.
- Since 1996, KCUMB osteopathic medical students have provided thousands of free health screenings to children in need through the University's sponsorship of Score 1 for Health. It is a win-win scenario through which KCUMB medical students gain valuable clinical experience while providing care for children who might not otherwise have access.
- During the third and fourth years of study, students receive advanced clinical training in a wide variety of medical settings, both in Kansas City and throughout the United States. Thanks to the guidance of highly qualified preceptors, students transform their classroom knowledge into read-world clinical experiences.

Combined Degree Programs

Baccalaureate/DO – KCUMB-COM established an early matriculation program, called the Partnership Plan, with several outstanding undergraduate institutions. As a prospective Partnership Plan student, you will apply early in the fall semester of your sophomore year. An interview takes place on your undergraduate campus with representatives of the Pre-Health Advisor Committee and one representative from KCUMB. www.kcumb.edu/Adm2/com_programs.asp

DO/MA – The degree program provides a broad orientation to the interdisciplinary field of bioethics, including an in-depth examination of philosophical and religious ethics. Students can complete both the DO and Master of Arts in Bioethics at the end of four years. www.kcumb.edu/Adm2/com_programs.asp
The KCUMB College of Biosciences **Master of Arts in Bioethics** program provides students with a broad orientation to the interdisciplinary field of bioethics, including philosophical and religious ethics, as well as contributions from the social

sciences and medicine. www.kcumb.edu/Adm2/cob_home.asp

DO/MS – The KCUMB College of Biosciences **Master of Science in the Biomedical Sciences** prepares students for careers as research associates in major laboratories or advanced study in the health care profession, including the studies of medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine. Students can enroll in either a 12-month or a 24-month track. www.kcumb.edu/Adm2/cob_home.asp

DO/MBA – Students in the DO/MBA in Healthcare Leadership dual-degree program, which is unique among U.S. medical schools, will learn how business practices and processes work together to create efficient health-care managerial systems. MBA coursework is carefully integrated into the KCUMB curriculum, allowing you to complete both programs on time and graduate with other members of your KCUMB class. www.kcumb.edu/Adm2/com_programs.asp

Special Programs

- **International Medicine Programs:** No

Preparatory Programs

None

Facilities

- The Kesselheim Center for Clinical Competence provides KCUMB medical students with access to state-of-the-art human patient simulators, enabling them to experience medical scenarios and to link those experiences with standardized patient interactions.
- Strickland Education Pavilion, where students typically spend much of their time, was designed specifically to meet the changing demands of educating future physicians. The building features an auditorium with easily accessible power strips and data jacks for computers, an anatomy laboratory with high-definition cameras and nearly two dozen flat-screen monitors, a recently renovated osteopathic clinical skills laboratory and much more.
- Leonard Smith Hall offers space for the university's tutoring programs, individual and small-group study rooms, a computer lab, a student study lounge and more.
- The Dybedal Center for Research is the epicenter of research activities at KCUMB. Equipped for Biosafety Levels I and II research, the Dybedal Center includes more than 20,000 square feet of basic science laboratories and is home to the Dybedal Clinical Research Center, which conducts Phase I-IV studies in various disease states.
- The 1,500-seat Weaver Auditorium provides a magnificent venue for university events, as well as academic lectures and other campus gatherings. Adjacent to the auditorium, a new library and student activities center are scheduled to open in early 2011.

Residence

Many KCUMB students take advantage of the close proximity of Century Towers, located directly across the street. A former teaching hospital, Century Towers now houses 224 one- and two-bedroom apartments with amenities designed specifically for KCUMB students, including a library, 24-hour fitness facility, secure parking and abundant Internet access. The building's first three floors are occupied by offices, including the city's fire, police, dispatch and emergency-preparedness departments.

Application Information

Primary application service: AACOMAS

Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS

Latest filing date:* 2-1-2012

*For best consideration, applicants should submit their AACOMAS application at least 4 weeks prior to this school's latest filing date.

Academic year/orientation for first-year students

start date: 8-6-2012 (tentative)

International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: Yes. KCUMB's International Student policy can be found in our current academic catalog (www.kcumb.edu/registrar).

Supplemental Application

Supplemental application required: Yes

Sent to: Screened Applicants

Supplemental Application Fee: \$50

Fee waiver available: Yes

Waiver conditions, if offered: AACOMAS waiver

Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 7-18-2011

Supplemental app. latest filing date: 4-1-2012

Supplemental Application Requirements

Supplemental application fee is waived if AACOMAS fee is waived. Three letters of evaluation: one from a premedical advisor or committee, one from a science faculty member and one from a physician (DO or MD). "Minimum Technical Standards Certification" form.

MCAT

Oldest MCAT considered: 8-1-2009

Accept September 2011 MCAT Scores: Yes

Accept January 2012 MCAT scores: Considered

Additional Comments: File must be complete to consider January MCAT.

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:** 10-15-2011
- **Latest acceptance date:** Until class is filled
- **Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** Normally 30 days
- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** Yes

Early Decision Program (EDP)

KCUMB-COM does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

COM Interview Format

The KCUMB interview process is open file with two members at the same time. The interview team consists of one of the following: basis science faculty, clinical science faculty, department head or alumni. Regional interviews are not available.

First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

KCUMB-COM attracts the best and brightest students each year. Each admitted COM student reflects the diversity of accomplishments, talents, interests and background valued by KCUMB. They also demonstrate academic excellence. A bachelor's degree and the MCAT are required for admission.

The admissions team evaluates applicants on a number of criteria, ranging from academic records and test scores to commitment toward osteopathic medicine and service.

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: <1%

Asian: 14%

Black or African American: <1%

Hispanic/Latino: 1%

White: 82%

Pacific Islander: <1%

Other/No Answer: 1%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:

Science Majors: 65%

Non-Science Majors: 35%

Graduate degree(s): 24%

Premedical Coursework

| Science Course | Req. | Rec. | Lab | Sem. Hrs |
|---------------------|------|------|-----|----------|
| Biology/Zoology | X | | | 12 |
| Biochemistry | X | | | 3 |
| Molecular Biology | | | | |
| Genetics | X | | | 3 |
| Inorganic Chemistry | X | | X | 8 |
| Organic Chemistry | X | | X | 5 |
| Physics | X | | X | 8 |
| Non-Science Course | Req. | Rec. | Lab | Sem. Hrs |
| College English | X | | | 6 |
| Behavioral Sciences | | | | |
| Humanities | | | | |
| Math/Statistics | | | | |
| Other | | | | |

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

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

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| Resident tuition: | \$41,188 |
| Non-Resident tuition: | \$41,188 |
| Supplemental Application fee: | \$50 |
| Resident fees: | N/A |
| Non-Resident fees: | N/A |
| Health Insurance: | N/A |

Fees Include:

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

Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: \$22,800/year

Average 2010 graduate indebtedness: \$214,853

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: 12-15-2011

Additional Deposit: \$1,000

Matriculation Fee in March

Applied to tuition: Yes

Deposit refundable: No

Financial Aid

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 97%

Scholarships: Yes

Average scholarship/grant: \$2,500