

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM)

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Description

The Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) is meeting the challenges of 21st Century medical education by providing affordable, high-quality training for future physicians and pharmacists. The College offers the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Doctor of Pharmacy and two Master degrees.

LECOM offers unique and innovative curricula in osteopathic medicine at the main campus in Erie and at an additional location, LECOM at Seton Hill in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Five student-centered pathways are available in Erie: Lecture-Discussion, Problem-Based Learning, Independent Study Pathway, as well as the nation's two three-year osteopathic medical degree programs: the Primary Care Scholars and Accelerated Physician Assistant Pathways.

As one of the fastest growing medical schools, LECOM is cited in a report to the Joseph A. Macy Foundation as an example of the growth of new medical colleges. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks LECOM among the top ten medical colleges for graduating primary care physicians, and the College has ranked among the top ten medical schools graduating Hispanic physicians.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and School of Pharmacy is to prepare students to become osteopathic physicians and pharmacy practitioners through programs of excellence in education, research, clinical care and community service in order to

enhance the quality of life through improved health for all humanity.

Setting: Erie, PA; Urban

Date Founded: 1992; Private

Accreditation

Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

2010-2011 Enrollment

Total medical school enrollment: 1,237

Total male: 682

Total female: 555

First-year enrollment: 391

First-year male: 224

First-year female: 167

Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 1,863

Curricular Offerings

LECOM recognizes students' unique learning styles by offering five distinct learning pathways at the Erie campus: The traditional Lecture-Discussion Pathway (LDP) provides a systems approach to medicine; Problem-Based Learning Pathway (PBL) offers mentored small-group clinical case-based study; Independent Study Pathway (ISP) allows students to learn on their own in a structured pre-clinical curriculum; Primary Care Scholars and Accelerated Physician Assistant Pathways take only three years using independent study modules and specific clinical rotations. LECOM at Seton Hill exclusively offers the PBL pathway. All student clinical rotation experiences are scheduled at top-rated, accredited hospitals.

Combined Degree Programs

Baccalaureate/DO – LECOM has 3 + 4 and 4 + 4 affiliation agreements with select undergraduate colleges and universities. Visit LECOM's website for a listing of colleges and universities and details about the various programs. www.lecom.edu

DO/MS – LECOM offers a Master of Science in Medical Education degree program designed to develop physician educators in post-graduate medical education. www.lecom.edu

Special Programs

- Hospitals and clinics in 10 states provide clinical training in the third and fourth years.
- Opportunities exist for student mentoring and other community service.
- **International Medicine Programs:** International clinical externships and rotations.

Preparatory Programs

Post baccalaureate program: Yes

Start Date: 9-5-2012

Tuition: \$13,000

Application Deadline: 8-1-2012

Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications:

Undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college/university.

The LECOM Health Sciences Post Baccalaureate Program is designed to enhance the basic science credentials of students interested in applying to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Program and the Doctor of Pharmacy Program. Students may also elect to enter the Master of Science in Biomedical Science Program, a two-year degree program that prepares individuals for health science careers and professional studies in medicine, education and research.

Facilities

Modern education centers in Erie and Greensburg provide the latest educational technology for classrooms and laboratories. Students receive Clinical Assessment Training with standardized patients in a working physician's office. LECOM remains the only osteopathic medical school with an active hospital. Millcreek Community Hospital is a growing academic health center offering clinical learning experiences. The LECOM Medical Fitness and Wellness Center is Erie's largest fitness facility with an environment designed to focus on total well-being for students and the public. LECOM at Seton Hill is located on the scenic campus of Seton Hill University near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The LECOM Research Centers offer facilities for faculty and student-assisted research.

Residence

LECOM assists students in securing appropriate housing in the Erie area within a close commute to campus. Campus housing is not available.

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: 7-28-2012

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

International students (non-U.S. citizens or non-permanent residents) will be considered on an individual basis. International students will only be considered for the LECOM at Seton Hill PBL Program. Non-U.S. citizen/permanent resident applicants must provide documentation verifying that sufficient funds are available in a U.S. bank to cover all expenses to complete the program at LECOM. Additional requirements and information are available by contacting the Admissions Office.

Supplemental Application

Supplemental application required: Yes

Sent to: All Applicants

URL: www.lecom.edu

Supplemental Application Fee: \$50

Fee waiver available: No

Supplemental application earliest filing date:

6-1-2011

Supplemental application latest filing date: 4-1-2012

Supplemental Application Requirements

Complete an undergraduate degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Competitive applicants typically have a cumulative GPA of 3.4 or above; MCAT Medical College Admissions Test is required. MCAT scores older than three years are not accepted. Complete online supplemental application and submit \$50 application fee. Letter of recommendation from a premedical or prehealth committee, or two letters from science professors. Letter of recommendation from a non-related osteopathic physician.

MCAT

Oldest MCAT considered: 3 years

Accept September 2011 MCAT Scores: Yes

Accept January 2012 MCAT scores: Yes

Additional Comments: Competitive applicants typically have an MCAT score of 25 or above.

Send Letters of Recommendation by:

Virtual Evals: Yes

Interfolio: Yes

Paper: Yes

Regular Acceptance Notice

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

- **Those accepted July 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012** will have 30 days
- **Those accepted February 1 through April 30** will have 14 days
- **Those accepted after May 1** may be asked for an immediate deposit
- **Earliest acceptance date:** 7-1-2011
- **Latest acceptance date:** 7-27-2012; Until class is filled
- **Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** 30 days
- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** No



Early Decision Program (EDP)

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

COM Interview Format

LECOM uses a rolling admissions cycle and schedules applicant interviews October through April of the application year. Applicants are invited to campus for individual interviews held with basic science faculty, clinical faculty and administrators. Applicants receive information about the curricular pathways available at LECOM, financial aid resources and procedures, research opportunities, clinical rotations sites, and internship/residency programs affiliated with LECOM. Applicants receive a tour of the facility and have lunch with current first- and second-year students.

First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

LECOM seeks candidates who exemplify the LECOM mission to prepare students to become competent osteopathic physicians who partner with their patients on the pathway to health and well-being. Applicants should not only demonstrate success in their science courses, but also have proven themselves as well-rounded individuals who have been successful overall in their academic careers. Successful candidates typically have both science and overall grade point averages of 3.4 or above. LECOM recommends that prospective students consider taking advanced coursework, such as biochemistry, physiology, microbiology and/or anatomy. LECOM is also looking for students who meet the ethical and

professional standards that the public expects of high-quality health care professionals.

LECOM encourages applicants to learn more about the profession by getting to know an osteopathic physician. Receiving exposure to the osteopathic profession will enhance awareness of the osteopathic medical philosophy. Working with a physician will prepare the applicant for the required admissions interview.

International students (non-U.S. citizens or non-permanent residents) will be considered for admission on an individual basis.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their application materials early to ensure consideration for an interview.

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: 15%

Black or African American: 1%

Hispanic/Latino: 2%

White: 76%

Pacific Islander: 1%

Other/No Answer: 6%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:

Science Majors: 79%

Non-Science Majors: 20%

Graduate degree(s): 2%

Premedical Coursework

Science Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
Biology/Zoology	X		X	8
Biochemistry		X		3
Molecular Biology		X		3
Genetics		X		3
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		X		6
Math/Statistics		X		3
Other				

Additional Coursework: Molecular Biology, Cell Biology may be substituted for biology; humanities may be substituted for College English. Applicants must earn an equivalent of 75 percent of the credits required for a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

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

Resident tuition:	\$28,660
Non-Resident tuition:	\$28,660
Supplemental Application fee:	\$50
Resident fees:	\$850
Non-Resident fees:	\$850
Health Insurance:	\$2,432

Fees Include:

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

Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: \$20,844/year

Average 2010 graduate indebtedness: \$167,000

Deposit

Applicants should submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the schedule above.

Amount of deposit to hold place in class: \$1,500

Deposit due: See schedule above.

Additional Deposit: N/A

Applied to tuition: Yes

Deposit refundable: No

Financial Aid

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 91%

Scholarships: Yes

Average scholarship/grant: \$2,900