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Description

The Health Professions Division, with a student body of more than 2,000, is home to Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine—the first osteopathic college established in the southeastern United States. As a student in the Health Professions Division of Nova Southeastern University, you can anticipate a remarkable experience. You will train, study, interact and share facilities, faculty and resources with other health professions students.

Mission Statement

The mission of the College of Osteopathic Medicine is to provide education, both nationally and internationally, for physicians and osteopathic medical students at the highest achievable level of excellence in an environment that supports research and scholarly activity, while focusing on producing compassionate and ethical lifelong learners and advocating for the health and welfare of diverse patient populations, including the medically underserved.

Setting: Fort Lauderdale-Davie, FL; Large metropolitan area

Date Founded: 1979; Private

Accreditation

Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Institutional Affiliation

Nova Southeastern University

2010-2011 Enrollment

Total medical school enrollment: 949

Total male: 543

Total female: 406

First-year enrollment: 254

First-year male: 162

First-year female: 92

Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 25,000

Curricular Offerings

The Health Professions Division is unique in that it has been developed as an interdisciplinary educational center from its inception. The division was founded on the concept that the interdisciplinary approach to education is beneficial to students of all professions and that by preparing students to work effectively with health care providers from different fields, barriers are broken and patient care is enhanced. Over the past 25 years, NSU's Health Professions Division has developed into a multi-disciplinary academic health center of international stature. Comprising the Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine, Pharmacy, Dental Medicine, Optometry, Allied Health and Nursing, and Medical Sciences, the Health Professions Division has redoubled its commitment to academic excellence, innovation and community service while expanding its mission in research and scholarship. Together as a team, the distinguished faculty prepares students for an exciting career on tomorrow's dynamic health care team.

The Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) is a professional degree that requires four years of professional study. Our innovative curriculum is designed to fulfill our mission of training primary care physicians. Its design is based on successful academic models that are carefully developed and integrated. The unique curriculum provides academic and clinical training that prepares students for the "real world" of medicine. It will make you more competitive for postdoctoral training positions and more attractive to those interviewing candidates for those positions.

Combined Degree Programs

Baccalaureate/DO: Students in both programs will receive the DO degree after four years of training at Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

<http://undergrad.nova.edu/MST/biology/index.cfm>

DO/MPH – This program requires a minimum of 42 semester hours of study. Coursework may be taken on a full- or part-time basis and can be done online or onsite. www.nova.edu/ph

DO/MBA – The MBA program is available to all students who are academically in good standing and have completed the first semester of their first year. www.huizenga.nova.edu/

DO/DMD: Yes

Special Programs

A notable aspect of our clinical training program is a three-month clinical rotation at a rural

setting where many residents have little access to health care. You will learn to treat various cultural and ethnic groups whose lifestyles and attitudes toward health care differ from those you will see in more traditional training sites. It is an enriching educational experience.

Other Special Programs

- Osteopathic Principles & Practice Fellowship
- Research Fellowship
- **International Medicine Programs:** Yes

Preparatory Programs

Post baccalaureate program: Yes

Master of Biomedical Sciences Degree

Dates: August 2011 - May 2012

Tuition: \$30,175

Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications: Eight semester hours with a 2.0 GPA in each of the following Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Physics, and Biology with lab

<http://medsciences.nova.edu/aboutbs.html>

Facilities

Located on a beautiful 300-acre campus in Fort Lauderdale, NSU has more than 25,000 students and is the largest independent institution of higher education in Florida and the sixth largest independent institution nationally. NSU awards associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, doctoral and first-professional degrees in a wide range of fields. The university comprises undergraduate, graduate and professional schools of osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, optometry, allied health and nursing, medical sciences, dental medicine, law, marine biology and oceanography, business and entrepreneurship, computer and information sciences, humanities, conflict resolution, family therapy, interdisciplinary studies education, psychology and counseling and family programs.

Residence

The Rolling Hills Graduate Apartments, which opened in August 2008, is approximately 1 mile west of the NSU main campus and houses approximately 373 graduate and doctoral students. Each single and quad room is fully furnished and features a kitchen, bathroom and living room. Off-Campus Housing Services have been established by Nova Southeastern University to provide incoming students, current students, and faculty/staff with an informational resource to assist in identifying options for rental housing near your desired NSU site location. We provide rental listings including apartments, condos, townhouses, homes, rooms in private homes, and short-term stay facilities. Other resources include a roommate-finder service, moving tips, answers to frequently asked questions, and location area resource links to help make your move easier.

Application Information

Primary application service: AACOMAS

Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS

Latest filing date:* 1-15-2012

*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

Supplemental Application

Supplemental application required: Yes

Sent to: All Applicants

URL: By Invitation Only

Supplemental Application Fee: \$50

Fee waiver available: No

Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 8-1-2011

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

Supplemental Application Requirements

Minimum cumulative and science GPA of 3.0. All applicants are required to take the Medical College Admission Test. A recommendation letter from a physician is required with your application. A letter of recommendation from the pre-professional committee is required. If such a committee does not exist, then three letters of evaluation: two from science professors and one from a liberal arts professor. The college receives more than 3,500 applications each year, from which only 230 students are chosen. These students have varied backgrounds, and while many enter the college directly from an undergraduate program, other students come from successful careers. Entering students have included pharmacists, physician assistants, nurses, teachers, pilots and engineers.

MCAT

Oldest MCAT considered: 3 years

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:** 9-1-2011
- **Latest acceptance date:** Until class is filled
- **Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** 30 days
- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** Yes

Early Decision Program (EDP)

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

COM Interview Format

Open file one-on-one interview with two or three faculty members.

First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

A bachelor's degree is preferred and must be from a regionally accredited college or university. A minimum of 90 semester hours of accepted work from a regionally accredited college or university may be required for admission. The MCAT is required and cannot be more than three years old.

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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: 17%

Black or African American: 2%

Hispanic/Latino: 13%

White: 65%

Pacific Islander: 8%

Other/No Answer: 5%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:

Science Majors: 62%

Non-Science Majors: 38%

Graduate degree(s): 18%

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

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

Resident tuition:	\$34,500
Non-Resident tuition:	\$40,300
Supplemental Application fee:	\$50
Resident fees:	N/A
Non-Resident fees:	N/A
Health Insurance:	N/A

Fees Include:

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

Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: \$22,000/yr

Average 2010 graduate indebtedness: \$290,000

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: \$2,000

Deposit due: AACOMAS traffic guidelines

Additional Deposit: \$750

Applied to tuition: Yes

Deposit refundable: No

Financial Aid

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 95%

Scholarships: Yes

Average scholarship/grant: \$2,500

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	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
College English	X			6
Behavioral Sciences		X		
Humanities		X		
Math/Statistics				
Other				