

# Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-HCOM)

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## Description

The Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine is a nationally recognized leader in the education of osteopathic primary care physicians. OU-HCOM was created in 1975 to help alleviate the state's growing shortage of family physicians and to train doctors for chronically underserved areas. OU-HCOM meets this mandate through the use of progressive curricula and the Centers for Osteopathic Research and Education, one of the nation's strongest Osteopathic Postgraduate Training Institutions.

## Mission Statement

Innovative learning, focused research and compassionate care for Ohio and beyond. Integral to this mission, the OU-HCOM community commits itself to: provide a clinically integrated, learning-centered osteopathic medical education continuum for students, interns, residents and fellows; generate and disseminate new knowledge and understanding through research and scholarly activities; embrace diversity and public service; emphasize primary care and improve the well-being of underserved populations; and serve the health needs of people within the Appalachian region.

**Setting:** Athens, Ohio; Rural

**Date Founded:** 1975; Public

## Accreditation

The Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

## Institutional Affiliation

Ohio University

## Enrollment 2010-2011

**Total medical school enrollment:** 465

**Total male:** 203

**Total female:** 262

**First-year enrollment:** 120

**First-year male:** 51

**First-year female:** 69

**Total enrollment affiliate institutions:** 21,285

## Curricular Offerings

Osteopathic Clinical Anatomy Immersion allows all entering students to begin their training together in a gross anatomy and osteopathic manipulative medicine "immersion" setting for roughly four weeks prior to Labor Day. After Labor Day, students will divide into one of two curricular tracks. Clinical Presentation Continuum (CPC) uses clinical presentations to direct student learning using a list of specific faculty-identified objectives. Patient Centered Continuum (PCC) is a problem-based approach that uses patient cases to emphasize the development of problem-solving skills and student-directed learning. Centers for Osteopathic Research and Education (CORE) system offers a structured continuum approach to medical education that begins in the classroom and continues through clinical rotations, internships and residency.

## Combined Degree Programs

**DO/MA** – OU-HCOM and Ohio University provide the opportunity to combine your medical education with many MA degree offerings. [www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/dual-degree-do-masters.htm](http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/dual-degree-do-masters.htm)

**DO/MS** – OU-HCOM and Ohio University provide the opportunity to combine your medical education with many MS offerings. [www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/dual-degree-do-masters.htm](http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/dual-degree-do-masters.htm)

**DO/MPH** – OU-HCOM and Ohio University provide the opportunity to complement your medical education with the Masters of Public Health degree.

[www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/dual-degree-do-masters.htm](http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/dual-degree-do-masters.htm)

**DO/MBA** – OU-HCOM and Ohio University provide the opportunity to complement your medical education with the Masters of Business Administration degree.

[www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/dual-degree-do-masters.htm](http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/dual-degree-do-masters.htm)

**DO/PhD** – OU-HCOM and Ohio University provide the opportunity to complement your medical education with a PhD in biomedical sciences.

[www.oucom.ohiou.edu/dual-degree-do-phd.htm](http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/dual-degree-do-phd.htm)

## Special Programs

- Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program
- **Fellowship in Family Medicine.** The Family Medicine Fellowship program adds an additional year and is focused on teaching, research and community service.
- **Fellowship in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM).** The OMM Fellowship adds

an additional year and is focused on teaching, research and community experience.

- **International Medicine Programs:** OU-HCOM has a wealth of international and global experiences that promote personal and professional growth. [www.oucom.ohiou.edu/international](http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/international)

## Preparatory Programs

**Post baccalaureate program:** Yes

**Dates:** 9-6-2011

**Tuition:** None

**Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications:** Candidates must have been interviewed and unsuccessful in gaining admission. Admission to the PB program is by invitation only.

**Program Details:** An academic year that includes upper level and graduate level biological sciences along with other coursework relevant to the practice of medicine. [www.oucom.ohiou.edu/coe-mm/post-bac.htm](http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/coe-mm/post-bac.htm)

**Summer program(s):** Yes

**Dates:** 6-13-2011 through 7-25-2011

**Tuition:** none

**Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications:** Strong natural science background and research interests, with preference given to rising seniors.

**Program Details:** The **Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program (SURF)** is a seven-week program that is research specific. An outstanding opportunity to work with OU-HCOM biomedical science faculty, with the potential for a guaranteed interview for admission to the medical school. [www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/surfprog.htm](http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/Admissions/surfprog.htm)

**Dates:** 6-13-2011 through 7-20-2011

**Tuition:** none

**Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications:** A minimum of one year of biology and chemistry. Preference is given to rising seniors.

**Program Details:** The **Summer Scholars Program** is a six-week program that provides an experience that replicates the first year of medical school. An outstanding opportunity to learn from OU-HCOM faculty and students, with the potential for a guaranteed interview for admission to the medical school. [www.oucom.ohiou.edu/SummerScholars](http://www.oucom.ohiou.edu/SummerScholars)

## Facilities

- OU-HCOM provides a wireless campus with streaming video of all osteopathic manipulative medicine lectures and MP3 versions of Clinical Presentation Continuum lectures.
- A personal response system and Blackboard web environment.
- The Learning Resource Center is dedicated to the needs of both CPC and PCC curricula.
- OhioLINK, a statewide library consortium, offers access to more than 44.8 million volumes and over 100 research data bases.
- Small group meeting rooms equipped with plasma screens and multimedia capabilities.
- University Medical Associates clinic, 28 affiliated teaching hospitals and hundreds of adjunct faculty and preceptors statewide afford comprehensive training opportunities.

## Residence

The university has housing opportunities and assists students with web-based local listings.

## 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 four weeks prior to this school's latest filing date.

**Academic year/orientation for first-year students**

**start date:** 7-25-2012

**International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered:** No

## 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:** 7-1-2011

**Supplemental app. latest filing date:** 3-15-2012

## Supplemental Application Requirements

Minimum two letters of recommendation from natural science faculty who have taught the student, i.e., biology, chemistry, physics faculty or a pre-med committee letter.

## MCAT

**Oldest MCAT considered:** 2009

**Accept September 2011 MCAT Scores:** Yes

**Accept January 2012 MCAT scores:** Yes

**Additional Comments:** January 2012 scores accepted if prior current scores on file.

## 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:** 7-20-2011
- **Latest acceptance date:** 4-21-2012
- **Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** AACOMAS traffic guidelines
- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** Yes

## Early Decision Program (EDP)

OU-HCOM does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

## COM Interview Format

Three one-on-one 30 minute interviews with members of the Selection Committee. Regional interviews are not available.

## First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

Applicants to OU-HCOM must be U.S. citizens or hold a permanent visa. We welcome candidates from out-of-state and from any major, with the understanding that all prerequisites must be complete prior to matriculation. Most candidates have their bachelor's degree, with many having advanced degrees. Candidates with three years of outstanding academic work and related experiences may also be considered. In addition to strong academics, applicants should have numerous experiences that reflect maturity,

service, clinical experience and exposure, and a commitment to personal and professional growth. Attributes integral to a successful candidate include strong moral character, professional behavior and a commitment to integrity and compassionate care. Early submission of the AACOMAS application and all supporting secondary documents is strongly encouraged and is beneficial in the rolling admissions process. OU-HCOM 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:** 3%

**Asian:** 8%

**Black or African American:** 10%

**Hispanic/Latino:** 5%

**White:** 74%

**Pacific Islander:** included in Asian

**Other/No Answer:** 0%

## First-Year Class Matriculants with:

**Science Majors:** 85%

**Non-Science Majors:** 15%

**Graduate degree(s):** 14%

## Premedical Coursework

Science Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem.	Hrs
Biology/Zoology	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				6
Humanities					
Math/Statistics					
Other					

**Additional Coursework:** Additional upper level biological sciences are recommended to broaden one's exposure to coursework that may be experienced in the medical school curriculum.

## Financial Information

### Tuition and Fees

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

<b>Resident tuition:</b>	\$26,580
<b>Non-Resident tuition:</b>	\$38,619
<b>Supplemental Application fee:</b>	\$50
<b>Resident fees:</b>	\$2,523
<b>Non-Resident fees:</b>	\$2,523
<b>Health Insurance:</b>	\$1,370 (Can be waived)

### Fees Include:

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

**Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs:** \$24,586/year

**Average 2010 graduate indebtedness:** \$162,234

### 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:** \$100

**Deposit due:** AACOMAS traffic guidelines

**Additional Deposit:** \$500

Second deposit due 5-15-2012

**Applied to tuition:** Yes

**Deposit refundable:** No

### Financial Aid

**Enrolled students with federal financial aid:** 98%

**Scholarships:** Yes

**Average scholarship/grant:** \$2,500