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## Description

PCOM is committed to the advancement of knowledge and intellectual growth through teaching and research, and to the well-being of the community through leadership and service. An osteopathic medical education at PCOM will give you a strong foundation for pursuing any specialty or subspecialty of your choice. PCOM is committed to helping each of its students choose a career that matches their specific talents and interests.

## Mission Statement

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine is dedicated to the education of students in medicine, health and behavioral sciences. The college fosters the growth of the osteopathic profession by training physicians through programs of study guided by osteopathic medical tradition, concept and practice.

**Setting:** Philadelphia, PA; minutes from Center City and the historical area; Urban

**Date Founded:** 1899; Private

## Accreditation

Philadelphia 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:** 1,100

**Total male:** 544

**Total female:** 556

**First-year enrollment:** 270

**First-year male:** 142

**First-year female:** 128

**Total enrollment affiliate institutions:** 2,287

## Curricular Offerings

An integrated systems approach provides first- and second-year students with a generalist education. "Doctors from Day One" gives students clinical exposure from the beginning of medical school, with courses in Primary Patient Skills and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. Third- and fourth-year students are directly involved in patient care, working in ambulatory care facilities, doctors' offices, and hospitals in more than 95 affiliated teaching sites.

## Combined Degree Programs

**DO/MA** – Five-year dual degree program with St. Joseph's University in Health Care Ethics.

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**DO/MS** – Five-year dual degree programs with concentrations in biomedical sciences, neuromuscular science, forensic medicine and psychology. [www.pcom.edu](http://www.pcom.edu)

**DO/MPH** – Five-year dual degree program with Temple University in public health.

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**DO/MBA** – Five-year dual degree program with St. Joseph's University. [www.pcom.edu](http://www.pcom.edu)

**DO/PhD** – Six/seven-year program in Health Policy with the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. [www.pcom.edu](http://www.pcom.edu)

## Special Programs

- A one-year certificate program in biomedical sciences or a two-year program which leads to an MS in one of four concentrations.

**Dates:** August 2012

**Tuition:** \$726 per credit

**Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications:**

Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university; all undergraduate pre-professional science requirements must be completed; commitment to a career in health professions; official scores from one of the following – MCAT, DAT, OAT or GRE. Scores older than three years will not be considered.

**Program Details:** The PCOM graduate program in biomedical sciences presents a broad content base in the basic biomedical sciences, with a strong emphasis on human medicine and clinical applications. Both the certificate program (one-year) and degree tracks provide coursework in the major medical basic science subjects to enhance preparation for a career in the health sciences. [www.pcom.edu](http://www.pcom.edu)

- PCOM offers a five-year **Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine fellowship**. [www.pcom.edu](http://www.pcom.edu)
- **International Medicine Programs:** Medical

students may include an elective international rotation during their fourth year.

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## Preparatory Programs

None

## Facilities

The City Avenue site provides a true college campus atmosphere for students. All facilities are equipped for students with disabilities and all classrooms and study areas support wireless Internet access. PCOM students receive hundreds of instructional hours in two amphitheaters which have the latest in teaching technology including linkage to Internet resources. Small classrooms are available for group study and conferences; a 55,000 square foot Student Activities Center includes exercise equipment, student lounges, recreation areas, basketball and racquetball courts and a rooftop deck suitable for hockey, basketball and shuffleboard.

## Application Information

**Primary application service:** AACOMAS

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

**Latest filing date:** 2-1-2012

**Academic year/orientation for first-year students start date:** August 2012

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

## Supplemental Application

**Supplemental application required:** Yes

**Sent to:** All Applicants

**URL:** [www.pcom.edu/General\\_Information/apply\\_now.html](http://www.pcom.edu/General_Information/apply_now.html)

**Supplemental Application Fee:** \$50

**Fee waiver available:** Yes

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

**Supplemental application earliest filing date:** 6-1-2011

**Supplemental application latest filing date:** 3-1-2012

## Supplemental Application Requirements

Supplemental application and \$50 fee. Letter of evaluation from the premedical committee, premedical advisor, or the Dean of the college granting the undergraduate degree. Individual faculty letters do not fulfill this requirement. Letter of evaluation from an osteopathic physician is strongly advised, but not required. Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) is required. Scores older than three years are not acceptable.

## MCAT

**Oldest MCAT considered:** 2009

**Accept September 2011 MCAT Scores:** Yes

**Accept January 2012 MCAT scores:** Yes

**Additional Comments:** Applicants are encouraged to take the MCAT as early as possible.

## Send Letters of Recommendation by

**Virtual Evals:** Yes  
**Interfolio:** Yes  
**Paper:** Yes  
**E-mail:** 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:** Applicants admitted during the fall have until

12-15-2011 to remit a \$250 non refundable deposit. AACOMAS traffic guidelines are followed for the remainder of the admissions cycle.

- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** No

## Early Decision Program (EDP)

PCOM does not have an EDP.

## COM Interview Format

Interviews begin in September and continue until the end of March. PCOM conducts a panel interview that includes the applicant, an osteopathic physician and another member of the Admissions Committee. It is an open file interview, and generally lasts about one half hour.

## First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

Admission to PCOM is competitive and selective. Acceptance by the Faculty Committee on Admissions is based on the applicant's fulfillment of undergraduate course requirements, grade point average, Medical College Admission Test

(MCAT) scores and a personal interview with the committee. We seek well-rounded, achievement-orientated persons whose character, maturity and sense of dedication point to a productive life as an osteopathic physician.

The Admissions Committee is looking for applicants who bring passion, leadership, compassion and service to the field of osteopathic medicine, and have demonstrated these qualities in their background and preparation for medical school.

PCOM prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, gender, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, religion, creed, disability, marital status or any other legally protected status. The policy applies in recruitment and admission of students, employment of faculty and staff, as well as scholarship and loan programs. This policy is also followed in the operation of all other programs, activities and services of the college.

## 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:** 8%  
**Black or African American:** 5%  
**Hispanic/Latino:** 0%  
**White:** 78%  
**Pacific Islander:** 0%  
**Other/No Answer:** 9%

## First-Year Class Matriculants with:

**Science Majors:** 70%  
**Non-Science Majors:** 30%  
**Graduate degree(s):** 28%



## Financial Information

### Tuition and Fees

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

<b>Resident tuition:</b>	\$40,032
<b>Non-Resident tuition:</b>	\$40,032
<b>Supplemental Application fee:</b>	\$50
<b>Resident fees:</b>	\$600
<b>Non-Resident fees:</b>	\$600
<b>Health Insurance:</b>	\$2,900

### Fees Include:

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

**Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs:** \$21,655/year

**Average 2010 graduate indebtedness:** \$192,000

### 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:** \$250  
**Deposit due:** AACOMAS traffic guidelines

### Additional Deposit: \$2,000

Second non-refundable deposit is due by 4-15-2012.

**Applied to tuition:** Yes  
**Deposit refundable:** No

### Financial Aid

**Enrolled students with federal financial aid:** 88%  
**Scholarships:** Yes  
**Average scholarship/grant:** \$4,266

## Premedical Coursework

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

**Additional Coursework:** PCOM requires 3 credits of English Composition and 3 credits of English Literature. Biochemistry is not required, but strongly recommended.