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Description

Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM), the 25th college of osteopathic medicine, is dedicated to attracting men and women from communities of the Pacific Northwest region (i.e., WA, OR, ID, MT and AK), and rural or underserved areas throughout the United States, offering an excellent osteopathic medical education at affordable tuition rates. PNWU-COM will utilize community-based hospitals and physician preceptor clinics for an integral part of the clinical education in regional campus sites diffusely throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The college focuses on “high-tech, high-touch” medical education utilizing the osteopathic principles and practices in the training of a new generation of physicians who will be encouraged to live, work and serve in the communities in which they have received their medical education experiences.

Mission Statement

The mission of Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences is to train, educate and encourage scientific research for health professionals who will provide quality care to all communities of the Pacific Northwest, particularly underserved populations.

Setting: Yakima, Washington; Mid-Sized Urban

Date Founded: 2005; Private non-profit

Accreditation

Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM) holds provisional accreditation from the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

Institutional Affiliation

Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences

2010 – 2011 Enrollment

Total medical school enrollment: 224

Total male: 116

Total female: 108

First-year enrollment: 75

First-year male: 36

First-year female: 39

Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 224

Curricular Offerings

The PNWU-COM curriculum is carefully constructed to thoroughly prepare graduates for practice in any setting or specialty. In addition, the PNWU-COM educational program is tailored to meet the unique needs of patients in rural, medically underserved areas. Years I and II are on the Yakima campus. Years III and IV will be spent in regional campuses throughout the Pacific Northwest five-state region, supported by a regional dean, coordinator, and Yakima campus staff. The small class size encourages student involvement in many aspects of the university: student/faculty interaction, community clinical experience, activities, development, and community service.

Year I is an integrative basic science curriculum and Year II is an application-oriented systems curriculum. Year III and IV consist of clinical rotations in hospital, clinic, and private practice settings and include required didactic sessions. The curriculum includes:

- Use of simulated standardized patients
- Integrated Osteopathic Principles and Practice
- Human patient simulator
- Student to cadaver ratio of 4:1

Combined Degree Programs

DO/MPH – Yes, an online MPH degree program is offered by Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine to qualified PNWU osteopathic medical students.

Special Programs

- **International Medicine Programs:** Students may spend elective time during the fourth year at an international rotation site that is approved by the Director for Clinical Rotations. Non-school sponsored international medical mission trips are available for students to participate in during years I-III.

Preparatory Programs

None

Facilities

- Butler-Haney Hall is a 46,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility with numerous classrooms for large- and small-group interaction, a spacious gross anatomy laboratory for pro-section and dissection, a large teaching lab for osteopathic manipulative medicine, research facilities, and a large clinical skills area for patient simulation and standardized patient interaction. Butler-Haney is designed with state-of-the-art technology that enhances the student learning environment, including smartboard technology, and is home to the COM Dean, faculty, Academic Support, Library and Technology Services.
- Cadwell Student Center is a 10,000 sq. ft. facility with classrooms, student lounge and study space.

Residence

Students must secure their own housing. PNWU-COM will assist students in their search for appropriate, affordable housing.

Application Information

Primary application service: AACOMAS

Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS

Latest filing date:* 2-15-2012

*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: August 2012

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

Supplemental Application

Supplemental application required: Yes

Sent to: Screened Applicants

URL: www.pnwu.org

Supplemental Application Fee: \$85

Fee waiver available: Yes

Waiver conditions, if offered: Fee waiver requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The applicant must have received an AACOMAS fee waiver, and must submit a copy of the federal financial aid SAR along with a letter explaining their extenuating circumstances.

Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 7-1-2011

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

Supplemental Application Requirements

The PNWU-COM Admissions Committee will review files only after all of the following materials have been received:

- A complete AACOMAS application, including official MCAT scores and a complete PNWU-COM supplemental application.
- A nonrefundable supplemental application fee.
- A letter of recommendation from each of the following:
 - A physician (preferably a DO who is a member of the AOA);
 - A science faculty member who is familiar

- with the applicant's academic work; and
- A pre-medical source (a pre-med advisor or committee). If a pre-medical source is not available, a second physician or science faculty may be substituted.
- Recommendations must be written within the two years prior to making application.

MCAT

Oldest MCAT considered: June 2008

Accept September 2011 MCAT Scores: Yes

Accept January 2012 MCAT scores: Yes

Additional Comments: PNWU-COM looks at the highest combined score for an MCAT taken.

Send Letters of Recommendation by:

Virtual Evals: Yes

Interfolio: Yes

Paper: Yes

Other: E-mail or fax from recommender.

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:** AACOMAS traffic guidelines
- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** Yes

Early Decision Program (EDP)

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

COM Interview Format

PNWU-COM has 30-35 minute individual interviews by a panel of 2-3 faculty/staff members. Questions are standardized with optional questions if time allows.

First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

PNWU-COM requires applicants to have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Any undergraduate major

is acceptable as long as prerequisites are passed and taken for credit at an accredited college or university. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or hold a permanent resident visa.

The College considers all applicants for admission without respect to age, gender, sexual orientation, race, color, creed, religion, handicap or national origin. Applicants are considered on their intellectual ability, scholastic achievement, commitment and suitability to succeed in the study of osteopathic medicine. Applicants from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and rural or medically underserved areas of the United States will be given preference in order to meet the mission of PNWU-COM. A criminal background check, completion of physical, and immunization records will be required for acceptance to the university.

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: 0%

Hispanic/Latino: 3%

White: 81%

Pacific Islander: 0%

Other/No Answer: 1%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:

Science Majors: 72%

Non-Science Majors: 28%

Graduate degree(s): 21%



Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

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

Resident tuition:	\$42,000
Non-Resident tuition:	N/A
Supplemental Application fee*:	\$85
(*2011-2012 fee amount)	
Resident fees:	\$2,650
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: \$23,966/year

Average 2010 graduate indebtedness: N/A

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: AACOMAS traffic guidelines

Additional Deposit: N/A

Applied to tuition: Yes

Deposit refundable: No

Financial Aid

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 88%

Scholarships: Yes

Average scholarship/grant: \$4,636

Premedical Coursework

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

Additional Coursework: 4 credits of Organic Chemistry may be substituted with Biochemistry.