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Description

Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM) was founded to educate osteopathic physicians and prepare them to meet the diverse needs of their patients. It is our goal and standard that upon graduation, our students will be qualified to enter any medical specialty. Our emphasis, however, is the training of students who are committed to entering community-based and primary care disciplines to meet the needs of those who are underserved or disadvantaged in Colorado and the Mountain West Region. We are committed to producing graduates who are not only knowledgeable and skilled, but who also are ethical, compassionate, holistic and patient-centered. It is our goal that all RVUCOM students will respect the traditions of osteopathic principles, philosophy and heritage and will become well-rounded physicians equipped to meet the needs of patients today and into the future.

Mission Statement

Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine is committed to the education of osteopathic physicians who are dedicated to excellence in the practice of medicine, and who demonstrate integrity and professionalism in their lives while providing ethical, compassionate, holistic and culturally competent osteopathic medical care to their patients.

Setting: Parker, Colorado; Suburban

Date Founded: 2006; Private

Accreditation

Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine holds provisional accreditation from the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

2010-2011 Enrollment

Total medical school enrollment: 461

Total male: 236

Total female: 225

First-year enrollment: 162

First-year male: 90

First-year female: 72

Total enrollment affiliate institutions: N/A

Curricular Offerings

- Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) Degree.
- RVUCOM has a dedicated faculty; established affiliations with medical centers, hospitals and health care systems; a structured and supported rural medicine program; and a mission to educate the finest osteopathic physicians possible.
- The design of the curriculum is based on successful integrated academic models. It emphasizes interdisciplinary collaboration, guiding students to develop a holistic, and more importantly, an osteopathic approach to medicine. In utilizing a systems approach to medical education, basic biomedical science disciplines are integrated with clinical sciences in a fashion that reflects clinical relevancy, rather than broken down artificially into individual disciplines. RVUCOM continually correlates basic scientific information and methodology with fundamental clinical application. Students are exposed to clinical settings in their first semester, which gives them the opportunity to prepare for the “real world” of medicine. We believe that by adding early clinical exposure and active learning in a team or small-group setting early in the curriculum, we will strengthen the students’ ability to think critically, solve clinical problems and develop the skills they will require to continue to learn throughout their career. Professionalism and ethics are key components for a physician and are emphasized throughout the entire curricular experience at RVUCOM.
- Students are placed at one of our regional centers throughout the state to ensure continuity and coordination of clinical education within RVU’s vast and growing clinical training network. The innovative curriculum is designed to fulfill our mission of training students who are competent and ready to enter graduate medical education and training, with an emphasis on preparing students to become primary care physicians.
- A notable aspect of the clinical program is a required two-month rotation in a rural practice setting. RVUCOM students participate in providing health care to medically underserved and indigent patients in rural clinics throughout the state of Colorado and the Mountain West Region. RVUCOM students learn to treat various patients whose lifestyles, practices and attitudes toward health care differ from those seen in more traditional training sites.

Combined Degree Programs

None

Special Programs

Educational Tracks offered in:

- Military Medicine
- Global Medicine
- Rural/Wilderness Medicine

Preparatory Programs

None

Facilities

A state-of-the-art 145,000 sq. foot educational facility has been constructed to advance the education of RVUCOM students and graduates. RVUCOM has designed and equipped a standardized patient lab that is based on the requirements established for the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners as well as the United States Medical Licensing Examination. An extensive simulator laboratory and computer graphics programs are available to provide students with the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills, competencies and confidence. The auditoriums, laboratories, study and learning areas of the college have been engineered to develop a positive learning environment.

Application Information

Primary application service: AACOMAS

Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS

Latest filing date:* 3-15-2012

*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: 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: 4-13-2012

Supplemental Application Requirements

- To be eligible to receive a supplemental application, candidates’ AACOMAS application must reflect a minimum 2.75 science and overall GPA. MCAT scores cannot be lower than 6 in any category.
- The supplemental application fee is \$50. The fee is non-refundable and non-waivable (except if the applicant provides documentation that they have been awarded an AACOMAS waiver).
- Prerequisite information, by subject in semester hours: A minimum of 90 semester hours of accepted coursework is required. A bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university is preferred.

- To complete their file, applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a pre-health advisor or committee. In the event the applicant attends a university which does not have an advisor, two (2) letters from science instructors may be substituted. Applicants are also required to provide a letter of recommendation from a physician (a letter from a DO is preferred).
- All candidates must meet health and technical standards as outlined in the university catalog to be admitted and to participate in the medical education programs of RVUCOM.
- Criminal background check and a drug screen are required for accepted students.

MCAT

Oldest MCAT considered: April 2009

Accept September 2011 MCAT Scores: Yes

Accept January 2012 MCAT scores: Yes

Additional Comments: In the event of multiple scores, the highest composite score will be considered, provided no individual scores are below a 6.

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:** 9-16-2011



- Latest acceptance date:** Until class is filled
- Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** AACOMAS traffic guidelines
- Requests for deferred entrance considered:** Yes, for extreme situations only

Early Decision Program (EDP)

EDP available for: Both residents and non-residents

EDP applications due (must be received from AACOMAS): 9-2-2011

Supplemental materials due: 9-16-2011

Applicants notified: 10-21-2011

COM Interview Format

Low-stress, 35-minute interview with two-member panel. Interviewers have access to personal statement, supplemental application and letters of recommendation. Academics have been prescreened and will be evaluated post interview by the admissions committee.

First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Supplemental applications will be sent only to candidates possessing a minimum of 2.75 science and overall GPAs and no individual score lower than a 6 on any section of the MCAT. A letter of recommendation from an osteopathic physician is required along with a committee/advisor letter

(two letters from science instructors may be substituted in the event the university does not have a pre-health advisor or committee). RVUCOM seeks well-rounded, service-oriented individuals who can complete an academically rigorous curriculum and will help the college fulfill its mission.

RVUCOM assures equal opportunity to all students and applicants, regardless of sex, age, race, color, non-disqualifying disability, religion or creed, sexual orientation or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs or other school-administered programs.

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: 9%

Black or African American: 0%

Hispanic/Latino: 5%

White: 81%

Pacific Islander: 0%

Other/No Answer: 2%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:

Science Majors: 92%

Non-Science Majors: 8%

Graduate degree(s): 15%

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

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

Resident tuition:	\$37,908
Non-Resident tuition:	\$42,120
Supplemental Application fee:	\$50
Resident fees:	\$1,458
Non-Resident fees:	\$1,458
Health Insurance:	\$2,396*

*Students may opt out, with proof of other insurance

Fees Include:

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

Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: \$26,520/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: \$500

Deposit due: AACOMAS traffic guidelines

Additional Deposit: \$1,500 Due: AACOMAS traffic guidelines

Applied to tuition: Yes

Deposit refundable: No

Financial Aid

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 0%

Scholarships: Please contact the financial aid office for specific information.

Average scholarship/grant: \$20,000

Premedical Coursework

Science Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
Biology/Zoology	X		X	12
Biochemistry		X		3
Molecular Biology		X		
Genetics		X		
Inorganic Chemistry	X		X	8
Organic Chemistry	X		X	8
Physics	X		X	8
Non-Science Course				
Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
College English	X			6
Behavioral Sciences		X		
Humanities		X		
Math/Statistics		X		
Other				

Additional Coursework: Students are encouraged to take additional coursework including: Anatomy/Physiology, Microcellular Biology, Biochemistry, Genetics, Medical Terminology, and Biostatistics.