

Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine—California (TUCOM-CA)

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Description

TUCOM-CA is located in the northeast part of San Francisco Bay. The university occupies a spectacular 44-acre site on Mare Island, which is only 40 minutes from downtown San Francisco, only minutes away from wine country, and a four-hour drive from Lake Tahoe. The Mare Island campus provides a spacious, protected and tranquil environment consistent with the rigors and demands of a serious medical training facility.

Mission Statement

TUCOM-CA prepares students to become outstanding osteopathic physicians who uphold the values, philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine and who are committed to primary care and a holistic approach to the patient. The college advances the profession and serves its students and society through innovative education, research and community service.

Setting: Mare Island, Vallejo, CA; San Francisco Bay Area

Date Founded: 1997; Private

Accreditation

Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine—California is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and by the Accrediting Commission for Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Institutional Affiliation

Touro University—California is a branch campus of Touro College, New York.

2010-2011 Enrollment

Total medical school enrollment: 540
Total male: 264
Total female: 276
First-year enrollment: 135
First-year male: 74
First-year female: 61
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 1,393

Curricular Offerings

The curriculum of TUCOM is competency-based and executed in an active learning educational environment. The pre-clinical curriculum uses an integrated, systems-based/PBL format that incorporates multiple learning strategies such as lecture, interactive labs and small-group learning. The Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) engages each student to reach a significant level of skill in OMM. Early clinical exposures and medical electives are used to enhance the classroom curriculum and address the emerging issues in health care.

Combined Degree Programs

DO/MPH – Students accepted to TUCOM-CA are eligible to declare candidacy for the dual DO/MPH. To declare the dual degree, students must submit an MPH application and transcripts of all colleges previously attended. No fees or deposits are required. www.tu.edu/PHadmissions

Special Programs

- Research is a strong component of the university, both independently and in concert with UCSE, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, Gallo Institute, Buck Institute, Showa University in Japan, University of Montreal in Canada, University of Nancy in France, and University of Illinois at Urbana. Current projects include but are not limited to research into pain and OMT, AIDS and infectious diseases, atherosclerosis and oxidative stress diabetes, and drug design and delivery.
- **International Medicine Programs:** International rotations are available in places such as Tanzania, Ethiopia and Uruguay.

Preparatory Programs

Touro University California offers several different options designed for use as a strategy to become more competitive when applying to medical school. These options include an Accelerated MPH degree program, an Independent MPH degree program, and a Master of Science in Medical Health Sciences degree program. Start dates and tuition vary by program. Details are available on our website (www.tu.edu/PHadmissions for Public Health, and www.tu.edu/MSMHSadmissions for Medical Health Sciences).

Facilities

- The Office of Student Services interacts with students to promote an environment that enriches all facets of student life.
- Students have access to the golf course, racquetball courts, gymnasium and fully equipped exercise/weight room.
- A variety of social, recreational, cultural and community-service activities are offered to bring breadth to what can be a rigorous and intensely focused curricular life.

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: August 2012
International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: No

Supplemental Application

Supplemental application required: Yes
Sent to: Screened Applicants
URL: http://www.tu.edu/user_files/25/TUCAsupapp.htm

Supplemental Application Fee: \$100

Fee waiver available: Yes
Waiver conditions, if offered: AACOMAS waiver. A copy of the AACOMAS fee waiver must be attached to the supplemental application.
Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 6-1-2011
Supplemental app. latest filing date: 4-15-2012

Supplemental Application Requirements

- Complete the primary application with AACOMAS. TUCOM-CA's code number is 618.
- Qualified applicants will be instructed to complete TUCOM's secondary application. This application is available on-line. Hand-written supplemental applications are not processed.
- Submit an evaluation from a pre-professional advisory committee or letters of recommendation from two science faculty familiar with your work.
- Submit a physician (DO or MD) letter of recommendation.
- If invited to do so, schedule a formal interview.

MCAT

Oldest MCAT considered: 2008
Accept September 2011 MCAT Scores: Yes
Accept January 2012 MCAT scores: Yes

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 schedule:

Earliest acceptance date: 10-1-2011

Latest acceptance date: Until class is filled

Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:

Applicants are to respond within two weeks of the date on the letter of acceptance.

Requests for deferred entrance considered: Yes

Early Decision Program (EDP)

TUCOM-CA does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

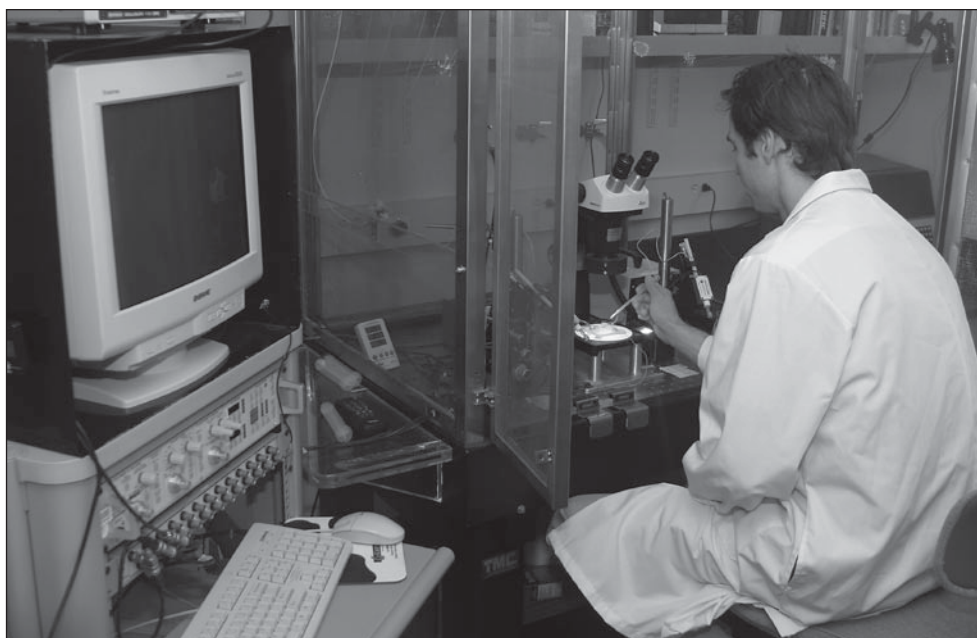
COM Interview Format

TUCOM-CA employs a panel style, group interview format. The panel is typically composed of one clinician, one basic science faculty member and one second-year medical student. Interviews are open file and last one hour.

First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine-California is one of the few medical schools that pre-screens off of the primary (AACOMAS) application. The qualifying bar is reviewed every year. All candidates are required to have obtained a Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher education prior to the start of the Class for which they are applying. Applicants are required to hold U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Resident status at the time of application.

Throughout the application process, candidates are evaluated based upon a variety of criteria, including the following: 1) Academic Competence, 2) Personal/Professional Achievements, 3) Demonstrated Leadership Skills, 4) Creative Abilities, 5) Experience in Health Care, 6) Likelihood to Practice in Underserved Primary Care Areas.



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: 42%

Black or African American: 0%

Hispanic/Latino: 0%

White: 47%

Pacific Islander: 5%

Other/No Answer: 6%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:

Science Majors: 81%

Non-Science Majors: 19%

Graduate degree(s): 9%

Premedical Coursework

Science Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
Biology/Zoology	X		X	8
Biochemistry				
Molecular Biology				
Genetics				
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	X			4
Other				

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

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

Resident tuition:	\$40,800
Non-Resident tuition:	\$40,800
Supplemental Application fee:	\$100
Resident fees:	N/A
Non-Resident fees:	N/A
Health Insurance:	\$2,100

Fees Include:

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

Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: \$31,044/year

Average 2010 graduate indebtedness: \$163,200

Deposit

Applicants who are notified of admissions offer are asked to respond within two weeks of receiving their letter of acceptance.

Comments: Deposit requirements may be found on our website, www.tu.edu.

Amount of deposit to hold place in class: \$2,000

Deposit due: The non-refundable Acceptance Deposit is due within 2 weeks of the date on the Letter of Acceptance.

Additional Deposit: \$1,000 Due 5-15-2012

Applied to tuition: Yes

Deposit refundable: Yes - tuition deposit only

Refundable by: Tuition deposit is refundable if cancellation is made prior to the first day of mandatory orientation.

Financial Aid

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 95%

Scholarships: Yes

Average scholarship/grant: Information available from Financial Aid Office (tucafinaid@tu.edu)