

# Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine (TUNCOM)

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## Description

Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine (TUNCOM) is Nevada's first osteopathic medical school and the state's second medical school. TUNCOM is a branch campus of TUCOM and was established in 2004 to help address the health care disparity in Nevada by providing graduates for expanding GME programs and an increased physician workforce. TUNCOM has the largest medical school student body in the state of Nevada.

## Mission Statement

TUNCOM 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:** Henderson, Nevada; Urban (Las Vegas Valley)

**Date Founded:** 2004; Private

## Accreditation

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

## Institutional Affiliation

TUNCOM is part of a larger system of higher education, Touro College, which was established in 1971 by Dr. Bernard Lander and has more than

26 undergraduate, graduate and professional programs.

## 2010-2011 Enrollment

**Total medical school enrollment:** 530

**Total male:** 329

**Total female:** 201

**First-year enrollment:** 142

**First-year male:** 86

**First-year female:** 56

**Total enrollment affiliate institutions:** 1,759

## Curricular Offerings

TUNCOM offers a systems-based curriculum that is a mix of traditional lecture-discussion, interactive lecture, small-group PBL tutorial and self-study modules. Clinical integration is stressed throughout the basic science portion of the first two years, and students have an opportunity to "connect with the community" and have early clinical experiences in a Shadow Program that starts as early as the intersession after the first year. Osteopathic Principles and Practice, clinical skills training and physician-patient communication are stressed throughout all four years of study. TUNCOM has created a curriculum model that reflects the world in which our students will practice. TUNCOM has created an environment that stresses collaboration and ethical and professional behavior, and that makes learning enjoyable.

## Combined Degree Programs

None

## Special Programs

- TUNCOM has developed an Objective Structured Clinical Examination Laboratory (OSCE) with 11 individual spacious examination rooms and a large control room to monitor and record the on-campus clinical experiences of our students. A unique partnership with UNLV uses trained acting students as patients to provide our students with an opportunity to develop their history and physical examination skills and to learn how to address a variety of patient behaviors that may be encountered in clinical practice.
- **International Medicine Programs:** No

## Preparatory Programs

**Post baccalaureate program:** Yes

**Dates:** 7-1-2012

**Tuition:** Approximately \$9,000 per semester

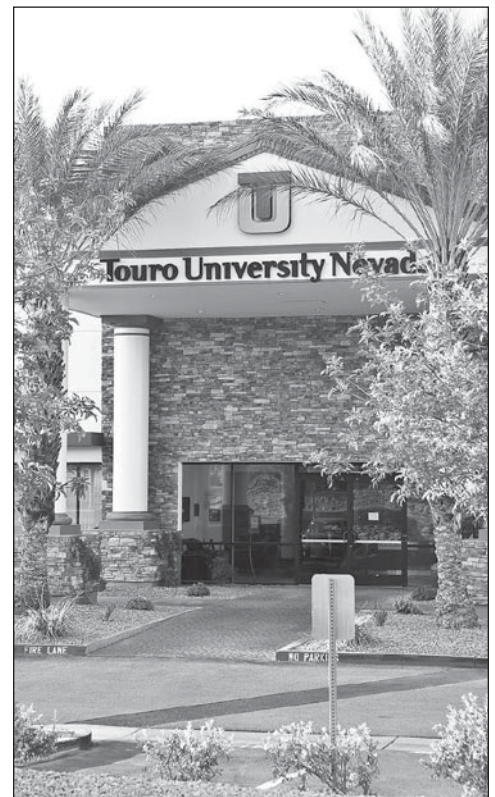
**Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications:** The Master of Science in Medical Health Sciences is a degree-granting, medically oriented program designed to enrich the academic knowledge base and skills of prospective medical students while strengthening their credentials for admission to medical school. The program provides students with a rigorous education consisting of 30 credits of graduate level biomedical courses enriched with research experience. The 11-month program is comprised of basic science medical courses, a graduate biomedical science core in

advanced cell biology and genetics, and basic science or clinical research experience. Visit our website for more information.

## Facilities

TUNCOM is currently housed in a single, 200,000-plus square foot facility in Henderson, Nevada. The site includes ample space for future program growth and development. The university has a full-service patient clinic, staffed by practicing faculty members and open to the community. The state-of-the-art medical clinic provides on-site learning opportunities for students, as well as a venue for future clinical research trials.

TUNCOM is a completely wireless campus, with a virtual library that supports a huge electronic database for on- and off-campus use. The school's 3,600 square foot osteopathic manipulative medicine skills laboratory has 38 hydraulic examination tables and ceiling-mounted projectors and a camera for an optimal visual experience. The 3,250 square foot gross anatomy laboratory utilizes notebook computers at each cadaver table instead of atlases and dissectors. Students also have full Internet and Intranet access at all seats in the two spacious, stadium-style lecture halls.



## Application Information

**Primary application service:** AACOMAS

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

**Latest filing date:**\* 4-1-2012

\*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:** August 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:** \$100

**Fee waiver available:** Yes

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

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

**Supplemental app. latest filing date:** 5-1-2012

### Supplemental Application Requirements

Supplemental application required. Letter of recommendation from a premedical advisory committee or letter of recommendation from two science professors. MD or DO (preferred) physician letter of recommendation. Signed Technical Standards Certification form. Official transcripts from all previously attended institutions of higher education, domestic and foreign.

### MCAT

**Oldest MCAT considered:** within 3 years

**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:** September 2011

**Latest acceptance date:** April 2012

**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)

TUNCOM does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

### COM Interview Format

Individual interview with two faculty members. Open file for 30 minutes.

### First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

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. Candidates must earn Science and Cumulative GPAs of 3.0 or greater, and have obtained an MCAT of 25 or better. Applicants who do not meet the minimum requirements may be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Admissions Committee.

Throughout the application process, candidates are evaluated based upon a variety of criteria, including, but not limited to, 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.

To be considered for an on-campus interview, applicants must meet all the admissions requirements. After the Office of Admissions receives all the applicant's materials, the applicant's file is reviewed to determine if the applicant merits an invitation to interview, based on established criteria of the admissions committee. Applicants who are invited to interview will be contacted by the Office of Admissions. Applicants may be placed on an interview "Waiting List" pending possible interview openings toward the end of the interview cycle. The on-campus interview process typically begins in September and ends in April.

### 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:** 36%

**Black or African American:** 2%

**Hispanic/Latino:** 2%

**White:** 56%

**Pacific Islander:** 0%

**Other/No Answer:** 4%

### First-Year Class Matriculants with:

**Science Majors:** 75%

**Non-Science Majors:** 25%

**Graduate degree(s):** 17%

### Premedical Coursework

| Science Course      | Req. | Rec. | Lab | Sem. Hrs |
|---------------------|------|------|-----|----------|
| Biology/Zoology     | X    |      |     | 8        |
| Biochemistry        |      |      |     |          |
| Molecular Biology   |      |      |     |          |
| Genetics            |      |      |     |          |
| 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    |      |     | 6        |
| Humanities          |      |      |     |          |
| Math/Statistics     | X    |      |     | 3        |
| Other               |      |      |     |          |

### Financial Information

#### Tuition and Fees

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

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Resident tuition:</b>             | \$42,676 |
| <b>Non-Resident tuition:</b>         | \$42,676 |
| <b>Supplemental Application fee:</b> | \$100    |
| <b>Resident fees:</b>                | \$0      |
| <b>Non-Resident fees:</b>            | \$0      |
| <b>Health Insurance:</b>             | \$2,496  |

#### Fees Include:

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

**Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs:** \$35,148/year

**Average 2010 graduate indebtedness:** \$197,911

#### Deposit

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

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

**Deposit due:** within 2 weeks of receipt of Acceptance Letter

**Additional Deposit:** \$1,000

**Applied to tuition:** Yes

**Deposit refundable:** Partial

**Refundable by:**

#### Financial Aid

**Enrolled students with federal financial aid:** 88%

**Scholarships:** No

**Average scholarship/grant:** N/A