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Description

Located on a modern campus minutes from center city Philadelphia and just one hour from the famous Jersey Shore, UMDNJ-SOM offers an accredited four-year program leading to a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree. It is consistently a leader among the osteopathic medical schools in academics, research, funding and student diversity. The school's osteopathic graduate medical education program is one of the largest and most comprehensive in the country.

Mission Statement

The UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine is dedicated to providing excellence in medical education, research and health care for New Jersey and the nation. An emphasis on primary health care and community health services reflects the school's osteopathic philosophy, with specialty care and centers of excellence demonstrating our commitment to innovation and quality in all endeavors. The school seeks to develop clinically competent physicians from diverse backgrounds who are prepared to become leaders in their communities.

Setting: Stratford, New Jersey; Suburban

Date Founded: 1976; Public

Accreditation

The UMDNJ-School 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.

Institutional Affiliation

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

2010-2011 Enrollment

Total medical school enrollment: 510

Total male: 241

Total female: 269

First-year enrollment: 151

First-year male: 69

First-year female: 82

Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 6,813

Curricular Offerings

There is an emphasis on primary care throughout, with patient contact beginning in the first year. Cultural competency and interdisciplinary concepts are also emphasized. A simulated patient lab program and small group case-based learning are used. A limited number of students are accepted into an optional Problem-Based Learning tract. This case-oriented curriculum encourages problem solving and teamwork and is geared toward the independent learner.

Combined Degree Programs

Baccalaureate/DO – Three plus four articulation agreements with select colleges allow qualified candidates to apply during their junior year and begin osteopathic medical studies in what would traditionally be their senior year. Participants of the Baccalaureate/DO program must take the MCAT, complete all course requirements and interview with members of the admissions committee to be considered for a seat in the class. Acceptance into the undergraduate college and pursuing the three plus four tract does not guarantee acceptance into UMDNJ-SOM. (Contact Admissions Office for more information.)

DO/MS – The joint DO/MS program is offered in cooperation with the UMDNJ-Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. The program is designed to prepare future physicians with a strong research orientation in the Biomedical Sciences. http://www3.umdnj.edu/gsbstrat/DO-PhD/DO_MS.htm

DO/MPH – The joint DO/MPH program is offered in cooperation with the UMDNJ-School of Public Health. The Masters in Public Health degree is designed to prepare future physicians to address a multitude of health issues within our society. http://sph.umdnj.edu/degrees/degreeDetail.cfm?tblDegr_ID_pk=5

DO/MBA – The joint DO/MBA program is offered in cooperation with Rowan University. The Master of Business Administration is designed to prepare future physicians to establish, build and manage medical practices and/or other business endeavors and assume leadership positions within for-profit and not-for-profit organizations. www.rowan.edu/MBA

DO/JD – The joint DO/JD program is offered in cooperation with Rutgers University-School of Law Camden Campus. The program is designed to prepare future physicians for joint careers in medicine and law. <http://camlaw.rutgers.edu/>

DO/PhD – The joint DO/PhD program is a unique interdepartmental program between

the departments of Cell Biology and Molecular Biology that is intended to prepare future physicians anticipating careers in biomedical research or teaching. http://www3.umdnj.edu/gsbstrat/DO-PhD_PhD.htm

Additional Program – Masters in Biomedical Sciences: Offered to students interested in research or enhancing their science background in preparation for application to a DO or MD program. Students are required to take 30 credits of UMDNJ courses. Courses are offered in the evenings/weekends. Applications are accepted year-round. <http://www3.umdnj.edu/gsbstrat/mbs/mbs-requirements.htm>

Special Programs

- **International Medicine Programs:** No

Preparatory Programs

Summer program(s)

Dates: June 2011

Tuition: none

Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications: Summer Prep Program: Students must have at least a 2.50 GPA; submit a completed application, including two letters of references and official transcripts from their college or university.

Program Details: The PREP Program is designed to reach the undergraduate student population and to provide them with preparation for health careers training through exposure to biomedical research, MCAT instruction, admissions process preparation and health careers seminars. It is an intensive, six-week residential study program.

http://som.umdnj.edu/education/student_services/csar/prep_program.html

Summer program(s)

Dates: June 2011

Tuition: none

Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications: Summer PreMatriculation Program is offered to students accepted to UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine

Program Details: Summer PreMatriculation Program. The PreMatriculation Program is an educational program especially designed to facilitate the academic, social and environmental adjustment of incoming SOM students. It addresses the needs of students who may benefit from an intensive introduction to the medical curriculum. Specifically it provides the following opportunities:

- An introduction to the most important aspects of the first-year curriculum
- Direct interaction with administration, faculty, upper-class students and peers
- Learning skills, and medical terminology
- Familiarization with the SOM campus and surrounding area

http://som.umdnj.edu/education/student_services/csar/prematric_program.html

Facilities

- The centerpiece of the campus is the Academic Center, a three-story, 110,000 square foot building that houses the library, basic sciences and anatomy labs, classrooms, lounge, student services, cafeteria and wellness center.

- The 74,000 square foot Science Center houses laboratories and facilities used for leading-edge research and experimentation.
- The 54,000 square foot University Education Center and the 120,000 square foot University Doctor Pavilion houses the clinical departments and outpatient services.

Residence

There are many apartment communities in close proximity to the campus.

Application Information

Primary application service: AACOMAS

Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS

Latest filing date:* 2-1-2012

*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: All Applicants

URL: http://som.umdnj.edu/education/admissions/admiss_apply.html

Supplemental Application Fee: \$90

Fee waiver available: Yes

Waiver conditions, if offered: AACOMAS waiver

Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 6-1-2011

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

Supplemental Application Requirements

Desired minimum cumulative and science GPA of 3.00. Supplemental application. Letter of recommendation from pre-medical advisory committee, or letter of recommendation from two science professors. The Medical College Admissions Test MCAT is required.

MCAT

Oldest MCAT considered: 2007

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 **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:** Students should contact Admissions Office.
- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** Yes

Early Decision Program (EDP)

UMDNJ-SOM does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

COM Interview Format

The interview is generally a closed file interview conducted by a faculty member and a medical student. The interviews are approximately 25 to 30 minutes in length.

First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents to apply. Applicants must have

completed their bachelor's degree prior to matriculation to UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine. Any undergraduate major is acceptable, however students must complete prerequisite coursework prior to matriculation. Applicants must show academic ability and the ability to succeed in a medical education program. Applicants are also evaluated on their knowledge of osteopathic medicine, their exploration of the profession and their motivation to enter the profession. An admission to UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine is on a rolling admissions basis and favors the early applicant. Applications are accepted from out-of-state applicants. All application materials should be received prior to the application deadlines to be given adequate consideration. UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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: 29%

Black or African American: 14%

Hispanic/Latino: 14%

White: 45%

Pacific Islander: 0%

Other/No Answer: 7%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:

Science Majors: 66%

Non-Science Majors: 34%

Graduate degree(s): 18%

Premedical Coursework

Science Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
Biology/Zoology	X		X	8
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	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
College English	X			6
Behavioral Sciences	X			6
Humanities				
Math/Statistics	X			6
Other				

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

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

Resident tuition:	\$30,948
Non-Resident tuition:	\$49,657
Supplemental Application fee:	\$90
Resident fees:	\$3,202
Non-Resident fees:	\$3,202
Health Insurance (can be waived):	\$2,241

Fees Include:

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

Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: \$15,000/year

Average 2010 graduate indebtedness: \$157,380

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: \$185

Deposit due: AACOMAS traffic guidelines

Additional Deposit: None

Applied to tuition: Yes

Deposit refundable: No

Financial Aid

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 90%

Scholarships: Yes

Average scholarship/grant: \$5,659