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Description

Commitment to Rural Medicine

UP-KYCOM is nationally recognized for its commitment to educating osteopathic physicians who practice in rural areas that are medically underserved, particularly within the Eastern Kentucky region that the school's mission serves. UP-KYCOM ranks as one of the top 20 medical schools in the nation in rural medicine according to the *U.S. News & World Report's* 2009 annual rankings of "America's Best Graduate Schools." UP-KYCOM also ranked fourth in the country in the percentage of graduates entering primary care residencies. Since its inception in 1997, the majority of UP-KYCOM graduates have entered primary care postgraduate training programs, which is the greatest need in rural Kentucky and Central Appalachia.

Mission Statement

To provide men and women with an osteopathic medical education that emphasizes primary care, encourages research, promotes lifelong scholarly activity, and produces graduates who are committed to serving the health care needs of communities in Eastern Kentucky and other Appalachian regions. UP-KYCOM enrolls an average of 75 students per class, for a total enrollment of approximately 300 students.

Setting: Pikeville, KY; Rural

Date Founded: 1997; Private

Accreditation

University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Institutional Affiliation

UP-KYCOM is part of Pikeville University.

2010-2011 Enrollment

Total medical school enrollment: 304
Total male: 162
Total female: 142
First-year enrollment: 83
First-year male: 39
First-year female: 44
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 1,326

Curricular Offerings

University of Pikeville Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (UP-KYCOM) is a private institution with a small class size to promote an environment of individual attention from faculty and staff. UP-KYCOM's curriculum and coursework are very similar to other osteopathic medical school programs except in four areas.

UP-KYCOM provides special emphasis in the following areas:

1. Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
2. Community and Behavioral Medicine
3. Ambulatory Care
4. Rural Medicine

The curriculum in the first two years is discipline-based, with student clinical skills introduced early through the use of standardized patients, human models and work with community clinical preceptors. Student clinical competencies are further developed in the third- and fourth-year clinical rotations.

Combined Degree Programs

None

Special Programs

The UP-KYCOM Advantage

UP-KYCOM's tuition is very competitive compared to other osteopathic medical schools. Further, at no additional charge to its students,

UP-KYCOM provides them with benefits of significant value that include the following:

- laptop computer
- treatment table
- white coat and scrub suit
- diagnostic equipment (stethoscope, ophthalmoscope, etc.)
- all required textbooks
- paid membership dues to the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) and the Kentucky Osteopathic Medical Association (KOMA)
- exam fees once for the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners COMLEX USA Level 1 and Level 2-CE board exams
- COMLEX Level 1 review course
- **International Medicine Programs:** No

Preparatory Programs

None

Facilities

The UP-KYCOM offices, classrooms, labs, and student study space are located in Armington Learning Center on the Pikeville College campus. UP-KYCOM also has an extensive medical library and a telemedicine center. Plans are underway for the construction of a new medical school building set to open in 2012. This building will include a state-of-the-art Clinical Skills Training and Evaluation Center (CSTEC) that will contain exam rooms, classrooms and lab facilities, and faculty offices. The CSTEC will house UP-KYCOM's instructional programs that utilize standardized patients, patient simulation and human models.

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: 7-30-2012 (tentative). Attendance is required for all of orientation week.

International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: Yes

Supplemental Application

Supplemental application required: Yes

Sent to: All Applicants

URL: By Invitation Only

Supplemental Application Fee: \$75

Fee waiver available: Yes

Waiver conditions, if offered: AACOMAS waiver

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

Supplemental app. latest filing date: 3-1-2012

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

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

Resident tuition:	\$34,950
Non-Resident tuition:	N/A
Supplemental Application fee:	\$75
Resident fees:	\$0
Non-Resident fees:	\$0
Health Insurance:	N/A

Fees Include:

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

Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: \$21,700/year

Average 2010 graduate indebtedness: \$153,000

Supplemental Application Requirements

1. Supplemental Application.
2. Letters of recommendation from two science faculty members or a pre-medical committee.
3. Letter from an osteopathic physician who is a member of the AOA.

MCAT

Oldest MCAT considered: 3 years or less

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:** 11-1-2011
- **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)

UP-KYCOM does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

COM Interview Format

Open file, 30 minutes, 2 faculty members

First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

UP-KYCOM's mission influences its selection of students. Applicants to UP-KYCOM also are considered with respect to their academic potential, character, personal maturity, commitment and suitability to become a productive osteopathic physician. Further, all applicants and students are required to meet Minimum Technical Standards.

UP-KYCOM considers all applicants for admission and for financial aid without respect to age, gender, race, color, creed, religion, handicap, sexual orientation or national origin. College policies are nondiscriminatory.

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: 2%

Asian: 8%

Black or African American: 1%

Hispanic/Latino: 0%

White: 89%

Pacific Islander: 0%

Other/No Answer: 0%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:

Science Majors: 88%

Non-Science Majors: 12%

Graduate degree(s): 14%

Premedical Coursework

Science Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
Biology/Zoology	X			12
Biochemistry		X		3
Molecular Biology		X		3
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		X		
Other		X		