

William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCU-COM)

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Description

William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCU-COM) is a private institution with a smaller class size to promote an environment of individual attention with faculty and staff. WCU-COM's curriculum and coursework are very similar to other osteopathic medical school programs, except that WCU-COM provides special emphasis in the following critical areas:

1. Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
2. Community and Behavioral Medicine
3. Ambulatory Care
4. Rural and Community-Based Medical Practice

Mission Statement

The mission of William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine (WCU-COM) is to prepare men and women to become osteopathic physicians through an emphasis on primary care, lifelong learning and scholarly activity.

By using a community-based training model, the COM will educate and train graduates who are committed to serving the health care needs of all individuals with special attention directed to the medically underserved and diverse populations of the state, region and international mission field.

Setting: Hattiesburg, MS

Date Founded: 2008; Private

Accreditation

William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine holds provisional accreditation from the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (CC-SACS).

Institutional Affiliation

WCU-COM is part of William Carey University.

2010-2011 Enrollment

Total medical school enrollment: 110

Total male: 64

Total female: 46

First-year enrollment: 110

First-year male: 64

First-year female: 46

Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 0

Curricular Offerings

WCU-COM's curriculum features hours in behavioral and community medicine, physical diagnosis and Osteopathic Principles and Practices (OPP). The curriculum in the first two years is discipline based; traditional subjects are covered using case-based learning, traditional lecture and lab, and computer simulation.

Combined Degree Programs

None

Special Programs

- In keeping with the mission of WCU-COM, William Carey University's Board of Trustees believes that osteopathic medical students should have every opportunity to excel both academically and organizationally.
- Distinctive Curriculum in:
 - Disaster Preparedness
 - Regional Health Issues
 - Oral Health
 - Third World Medicine (elective)
- **International Medicine Programs:** Yes

Preparatory Programs

Post baccalaureate program

Facilities

Two newly constructed buildings were completed in summer 2010. A third administrative building will be completed in December 2010. They will contain two amphitheater lecture halls, student activity and study areas, faculty offices, a state-of-the-art OPP Lab, new anatomy lab, two clinical simulator rooms, eight standardized patient examination rooms and a state-of-the-art telemedicine center. The medical school's computer system is wireless and campus-wide. Biomedical research will be accomplished in conjunction with the University of Southern Mississippi.

WCU-COM will offer clinical training at a community-based training network representing more than 6,000 beds in three states: Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Application Information

Primary application service: AACOMAS

Earliest filing date: Opening date of AACOMAS

Latest filing date:* 3-15-2011

*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) eligible: Yes

Supplemental Application

Supplemental application required: Yes

Sent to: Selected Applicants

URL: By Invitation Only

Supplemental Application Fee: \$50

Fee waiver available: No

Waiver conditions, if offered: N/A

Supplemental app. earliest filing date: July 2011

Supplemental app. latest filing date: 4-15-2012

Supplemental Application Requirements

Two letters of recommendation from science faculty members or a pre-medical committee. Letter from a physician, preferably an osteopathic physician.

MCAT

Oldest MCAT considered: 3 years from date of primary application

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:** 7-1-2012
- **Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** 30 days
- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** Yes

Early Decision Program (EDP)

WCU-COM does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

COM Interview Format

Open file, 30 to 40 minutes, three faculty members

First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

Admissions preference is given to applicants from Mississippi and the surrounding Gulf South United States. William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, color, religion, creed, national origin, age, or disabilities in admissions or in the administration of its education policies, programs, or activities.

First-Year Class Matriculants' Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity:

Percentages are based on self-reported data and therefore may not equal 100 percent.

American Indian or Alaska Native: 1%

Asian: 14.5%

Black or African American: 10%

Hispanic/Latino: 0%

Pacific Islander: 0%

White: 74.5%

Other/No Answer: 0%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:

Science Majors: 77%

Non-Science Majors: 23%

Graduate degree(s): 35%

Premedical Coursework

Science				
Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
Biology/Zoology	X			12
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				
Humanities				
Math/Statistics				
Other				
Additional Coursework:				

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

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

Resident tuition:	\$38,000
Non-Resident tuition:	\$38,000
Supplemental Application fee:	\$50
Resident fees:	\$0
Non-Resident fees:	\$0
Health Insurance:	N/A

Fees Include:

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

Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: \$22,000/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: \$3,000

Deposit due: AACOMAS traffic guidelines

Additional Deposit: N/A

Applied to tuition: Yes

Deposit refundable: No

Financial Aid

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 98.17%

Scholarships: Yes

Average scholarship/grant: \$10,833