

# Western University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (Western U/COMP)

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## Description

COMP and COMP-Northwest support WesternU in its mission to increase the availability of physicians to serve the needs of the people living in the western region of the United States. The College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific provides the educational basis for internship and residencies in all medical specialties. The academic environment fosters respect for the uniqueness of each human being. Students are prepared to function as competent, caring, lifelong learners with the distinctive osteopathic philosophy and leaders in interprofessional health care delivery.

The COMP-Northwest campus will address the health care needs of residents throughout the Northwest. We will achieve our goal of educating osteopathic physicians from the Northwest, in the Northwest, for the Northwest by attracting students with outstanding personal and academic qualities, and teaching them to recognize and develop the knowledge, behaviors, and skills necessary for the effective and compassionate practice of medicine.

## Mission Statement

The Mission of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) is to prepare students to become technically competent, culturally sensitive, professional and compassionate physicians who are lifelong learners and will serve society by providing comprehensive, patient-centered health care with the distinctive osteopathic philosophy. This is accomplished through excellence in curriculum, translational research, service and osteopathic clinical practice.

**Setting:** Pomona, California; Urban area in Southern California. COMP-Northwest: Lebanon, OR; Rural/small town setting in Willamette Valley of Oregon.

**Date Founded:** 1977; Private. COMP-Northwest will have its inaugural class in 2011.

## Accreditation

Western University is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (WesternU/COMP) is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

## Institutional affiliation

Western University of Health Sciences

## 2010-2011 Enrollment

**Total medical school enrollment:** 875  
**Total male:** 466  
**Total female:** 409  
**First-year enrollment:** 228  
**First-year male:** 122  
**First-year female:** 106  
**Total enrollment affiliate institutions:** 0

## Curricular Offerings

The curriculum at COMP is a four-year, full-time academic program leading to the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO). The curriculum stresses the interdependence of the biological, clinical, behavioral and social sciences. The curriculum prepares students to practice osteopathic medicine across a full spectrum of specialties, with special emphasis on the maintenance of health and treatment of disease. The integrated and early clinical experience has proven to be extremely successful based on student assessments and national licensing exams.

## Combined Degree Programs

**Baccalaureate/DO**  
**DO/MSBS**  
**DO/MSHS**  
**DO/MSMS**

## Special Programs

- **International Medicine Programs:** Students can complete up to two elective rotations in their fourth year.

- **Inter-Professional Education:** WesternU has developed a comprehensive program, that is designed to help students from nine health professions to work as a cohesive health care team through problem-based learning, clinical experiences and simulation.

## Preparatory Programs

**Post baccalaureate program:** Master of Science in Medical Sciences (MSMS), June 2011- August 2012  
**Summer program(s):** Intensive Summer Anatomy Course (ISAC)

**Dates:** June - August 2012

**Tuition:** Included in OMSI tuition

**Prerequisites/Academic Qualifications:** Selected students who have accepted our offer are invited to participate in the summer Intensive Summer Anatomy Course (ISAC). Students who successfully complete this program are exempt from taking the first semester anatomy course. They participate as facilitators during the dissection labs and receive a stipend.

**Summer program(s):** Summer Medical Sciences Prep Program (SMSPP)

**Dates:** June - August 2012

**Tuition:** \$500

**Program Details:** The purpose of this program is to prepare incoming DO students for medical school by providing an introduction to Gross Anatomy, Biochemistry and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. This program is offered through our Learning Enhancement and Academic Development Office (LEAD).

[www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/lead/lead-about.xml](http://www.westernu.edu/xp/edu/lead/lead-about.xml)

## Facilities

Western University/COMP is housed in a 180,000 sq. ft. Health Education Center (HEC). It features auditoriums, classrooms, small group learning breakouts, teaching and research laboratories, commons areas, conference rooms, and faculty offices. The 75,000 sq. ft. Patient Care Center (PCC) meets the needs of residents of the Pomona Valley and serves as a training facility for the University's students. Faculty and students from all health professions colleges and programs will form an interprofessional health care team that will evaluate patients with chronic systemic conditions such as diabetes mellitus, metabolic syndrome, and neurological rehabilitative conditions, to name a few. COMP students complete their third- and fourth-year clinical rotations at some of the top hospitals in Southern California and the Pacific Northwest, including the University's primary rotation sites: Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton, Downey Regional Medical Center in Downey, Pacific Hospital of Long Beach, Garfield Medical Center of Monterey Park and Riverside County Regional Medical Center in Riverside. In the Northwest, students train at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center in Corvallis; Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg, OR; Rouge Valley Medical Center in Medford; St. Charles in Bend, OR; Legacy Health System in Portland; Franciscan Health System in Tacoma; and Harrison in Kitsap County, WA.

## 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 early.

### Academic year/orientation for first-year students

**start date:** 8-6-2012

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

Yes, Pomona only  
Applicants who are not U.S. citizens and who are living in the U.S. should be prepared to provide proof of legal U.S. residency at the time of interview. If eligible, Form I-20 will be issued only after an offer of acceptance.

## Supplemental Application

**Supplemental application required:** Yes

**Sent to:** Screened Applicants

**Supplemental Application Fee:** \$65

**Fee waiver available:** Yes

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

**Supplemental app. earliest filing date:** Rolling

**Supplemental app. latest filing date:** Rolling

## Supplemental Application Requirements

Applicants should select their campus of choice, Pomona or Lebanon, but may be considered for both campuses. Supplemental Application, letter of recommendation from premedical advisory committee preferred, or letter of recommendation from one classroom professor, who must be in the sciences. Letter of recommendation from a physician, preferably a DO. Interviews and acceptances are offered on a rolling basis from September through February or until the class is filled. Apply early, as meeting the AACOMAS deadline is not a guarantee of consideration for admission.

## MCAT

**Oldest MCAT considered:** January 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 AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule:

- **Those accepted prior to November 15** will have until December 1
- **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:** September 2011
- **Latest acceptance date:** August 2012
- **Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** Maximum time is 12 weeks.
- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** Yes

## Early Decision Program (EDP)

Western U/COMP does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

## COM Interview Format

Individual interview with a panel of up to 3: physician, faculty, staff, or student. Interviews are a half-hour long. Interviewer has the option of reviewing the application beforehand. Students should expect to spend the day on campus. Students will interview at their campus of choice; under special circumstances, interviews may be given for entry at the alternate site.

## First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

We seek well-rounded, achievement oriented, lifelong learners whose character, maturity and sense of dedication will establish the foundation

for a graduate who will lead a successful and productive life as an osteopathic physician.

Academic success documented by a challenging undergraduate curriculum and supported by above-average grades and Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) scores are important in selecting candidates for admission and may suggest future academic success. However, the admissions committee recognizes that these statistics, by themselves, do not guarantee later success as a physician. Therefore, non-academic criteria significantly impact the selection decision. Western University/COMP seeks a diverse and balanced student population and considers factors such as work experiences, volunteer leadership, knowledge of osteopathic medicine and professional promise. Preference will be given to highly qualified applicants who understand the health care needs of residents throughout the Northwestern Region.

## 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:** 37%

**Black or African American:** 1%

**Hispanic/Latino:** 4%

**Pacific Islander:** 0%

**White:** 50%

**Other/No Answer:** 8%

## First-Year Class Matriculants with:

**Science Majors:** 80%

**Non-Science Majors:** 20%

**Graduate degree(s):** 12%

## Financial Information

### Tuition and Fees

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

**Resident tuition:** \$45,385

**Non-Resident tuition:** \$45,385

**Supplemental Application fee:** \$65

**Resident fees:** N/A

**Non-Resident fees:** N/A

**Health Insurance:** Can be waived

### Fees Include:

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

**Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs:** \$20,306/year

**Average 2010 graduate indebtedness:** \$212,506

### 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:** \$2,000

**Deposit due:** AACOMAS traffic guidelines

**Additional Deposit:** \$0

Western University/COMP requires acceptance deposits in two parts.

**Applied to tuition:** Credited to student's account after matriculation

**Deposit refundable:** No

### Financial Aid

**Enrolled students with federal financial aid (2009-2010):** 92%

**Scholarships:** Yes

**Average scholarship/grant (2009-2010):** \$9,082

## Premedical Coursework

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

**Additional Coursework:** Immunology, Anatomy and Physiology are recommended.