

# West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM)

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## Description

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) has the feel of a small school with a national reputation. WVSOM's excellence has earned the school national recognition for 11 consecutive years as a leader in primary care, family medicine and rural medicine in the highly regarded *U.S. News & World Report's* annual "Best Graduate Schools" rankings. WVSOM provides a cutting-edge, 21st century, clinically integrated approach to medical education. Students learn the practice of patient-centered medicine and develop lifelong learning and leadership skills in a caring family atmosphere. Graduates are well-prepared to succeed in any field of medicine they choose to pursue.

## Mission Statement

The mission of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) is to educate students from diverse backgrounds as lifelong learners in osteopathic medicine and complementary health-related programs; to advance scientific knowledge through academic, clinical and basic science research; and to promote patient-centered, evidence-based medicine. WVSOM is dedicated to serve, first and foremost, the state of West Virginia and the special health care needs of its residents, emphasizing primary care in rural areas.

**Setting:** Lewisburg, West Virginia; Rural

**Date Founded:** 1972; Public

## Accreditation

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM) is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

## Institutional Affiliation

Freestanding; falls under the governance of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

## 2010-2011 Enrollment

**Total medical school enrollment:** 794

**Total male:** 426

**Total female:** 368

**First-year enrollment:** 219

**First-year male:** 120

**First-year female:** 99

**Total enrollment affiliate institutions:** N/A

## Curricular Offerings

The WVSOM curriculum is carefully constructed to thoroughly prepare graduates for practice in any setting. However, the WVSOM educational program is tailored to meet the unique needs of patients in rural, medically underserved areas. Faculty members are particularly committed to teaching in a student-friendly atmosphere. Specialty clinics and health screenings allow students to develop clinical skills and bedside manner. The common thread of osteopathic principles and holistic medicine ties together all elements of WVSOM's curriculum. WVSOM offers one integrated curricular track for its osteopathic medical students.

## Combined Degree Programs

None

## Special Programs

- Student organizations are active in many civic and health-related activities in the community.
- **International Medicine Programs:** No

## Preparatory Programs

None

## Facilities

Located in historic Lewisburg, WVSOM's 51.5-acre campus combines green spaces and tree-shaded areas with new and recently renovated buildings. WVSOM's state-of-the-art Clinical Evaluation Center opened in August 2009. It includes 24 examination rooms, 15 patient simulator robots, a standardized patient area and an integrated, computerized digital recording system that records students' clinical encounters. The Center for Rural Medicine and Technology, completed in 2006, is a cutting-edge instructional facility housing two modern 200-seat lecture halls, a commons area and office space.

Other WVSOM facilities constructed, renovated, or expanded in the last five years include: the Fredric W. Smith Science Building expansion that increased the Gross Anatomy Lab space in 2006; the Robert C. Byrd Clinic, an on-campus primary care clinic that provides varied clinical training opportunities, doubled in size in 2005; the new Admissions Center completed in 2005; and the Founders' Activity Center renovation completed in 2009. The Founders' Center is a recreation and fitness facility for students, faculty, staff and their families. The Roland P. Sharp Alumni and Conference Center, used by on-campus and off-campus groups for programs, meetings and events, outdoor area expansion completed in 2009.

## Application Information

**Primary application service:** AACOMAS

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

**Latest filing date:**\* 2-15-2012

\*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:** 8-1-2012 (early August)

**International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered:** No



## Supplemental Application

**Supplemental application required:** Yes  
**Sent to:** Screened Applicants  
**Supplemental Application Fee:** \$40 In-State; \$80 Out-of-State  
**Fee waiver available:** No  
**Supplemental app. earliest filing date:** 8-1-2011  
**Supplemental app. latest filing date:** Rolling

## Supplemental Application Requirements

Supplemental application and fee. Letters of recommendation from an osteopathic physician and from a premedical advisor, a premedical advisory committee or an approved basic science faculty member. WVSOM "Statement of Past or Pending Professional Disciplinary" form. Verification form for classification as a West Virginia resident student for West Virginia residents only. WVSOM "Health and Technical Standards for Admission and Graduation" form.

## MCAT

**Oldest MCAT considered:** 2009  
**Accept September 2011 MCAT Scores:** Yes  
**Accept January 2012 MCAT scores:** Considered

## Send Letters of Recommendation by:

**Virtual Evals:** Yes  
**Interfolio:** Yes  
**Paper:** Yes  
**Other:** E-mail letters, if originals follow by mail

## 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

## Financial Information

### Tuition and Fees

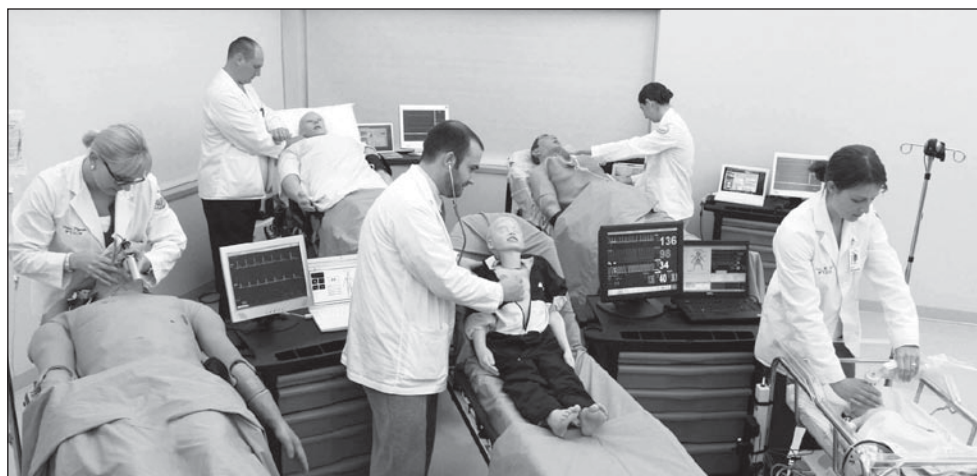
Source: 2010-2011 tuition. Data subject to change.

<b>Resident tuition:</b>	\$19,950
<b>Non-Resident tuition:</b>	\$49,950
<b>Supplemental Application fee:</b>	
In-State	\$40
Out-of-State	\$80
<b>Health Insurance:</b>	N/A

### Fees Include:

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

**Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs:** \$22,770/year  
**Average 2010 graduate indebtedness:** \$211,370



- Those accepted after **May 15** may be asked for an immediate deposit
- **Earliest acceptance date:** September 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)

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

## COM interview format

A 30-minute, open file interview includes a clinician, a basic science professor and the Director of Admissions or Director of Student Recruitment.

## First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

The Committee on Admissions of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine recommends acceptance of applicants on the basis of motivation for osteopathic medicine, motivation to serve in rural communities in the primary

care fields, health-related experiences and scholastic achievement.

## 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:** 1%  
**Asian:** 24%  
**Black or African American:** 1%  
**Hispanic/Latino:** 1%  
**White:** 73%  
**Pacific Islander:** Included in Asian  
**Other/No Answer:** 2%

## First-Year Class Matriculants with:

**Science Majors:** 83%  
**Non-Science Majors:** 17%  
**Graduate degree(s):** 9%

## Premedical Coursework

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