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Description

At Des Moines University, students learn in a supportive community where classroom learning is enhanced by numerous simulated patient encounters, the use of high-fidelity patient simulators, a unique basic surgical skills laboratory and a first-rate program in osteopathic manual medicine. A DMU medical education experience can be enriched and individualized through involvement in a Rural Medicine Educational Pathway, expanding opportunities in global medicine, basic science and clinical research experiences, opportunities to develop teaching skills while helping fellow students learn, as well as enrollment in a wide array of elective courses and dual-degree master's programs.

Mission Statement

To educate tomorrow's osteopathic physicians, health educators and scientists in a collaborative environment where the principles of health, wellness and research foster effective, professional and empathic care of individuals and populations.

Setting: Des Moines, Iowa; Metropolitan area

Date Founded: 1898; Private

Accreditation

Des Moines University is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Institutional Affiliation

Des Moines University

2008-2009 Enrollment

Total medical school enrollment: 850
Total male: 438
Total female: 412
First-year enrollment: 221
First-year male: 106
First-year female: 115
Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 1,792

Curricular Offerings

- State-of-the-art human simulation laboratory where students hone their clinical skills.
- Standardized patient assessment laboratory where students practice their physical diagnosis skills using standardized patients.
- Extensive training in osteopathic manual medicine.
- State-of-the-art basic surgical skills training provides students with a strong foundation in clinical/surgical skills prior to rotations.
- Iowa Rural Medicine Educational Pathway curriculum, with opportunity for a full-tuition scholarship for select students.
- Wide range of elective offerings to individualize each student's medical education.
- Global health opportunities ranging from short mission trips to extended-length international clerkships.
- Lecture and laboratory encounters coupled with experiences in teaching hospitals, clinics and community service agencies.
- Courses in preventive medicine and evidence-based medicine, geriatrics and chronic care.
- Integration of medical humanities and bioethics throughout the curriculum.
- Technical support for students' laptop and handheld devices (included in tuition).

Combined Degree Programs

Baccalaureate/DO: No

DO/MA: No

DO/MS: Yes

Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences: Program is designed to enable students to further develop their careers in medical and scientific research and academic medicine, with the goal of improving human health. <http://www.dmu.edu/com/bioscience>

Master of Science in Anatomy: Provides advanced training in anatomy and is designed to prepare students for a professional career in academic teaching or research. Educators and scientists who wish to further enhance their careers as teachers of the anatomical discipline will also benefit from this program. <http://www.dmu.edu/com/anatomy>
DO/MPH: Yes

The **Master of Public Health program at Des Moines University** is designed to support professionals working in public health. Courses provide an opportunity for health professionals and health

profession students to further develop their skills to lead community efforts in improving the health of populations. <http://www.dmu.edu/chs/mph>

DO/MBA: No

DO/JD: No

DO/PhD: No

Master of Health Care Administration: Hospitals, health care systems and health care providers today have tremendous need for high performing, high achieving leaders. The Master of Health Care Administration program provides you with the knowledge, skills and understanding for this vital role. <http://www.dmu.edu/chs/mha>

Special Programs

- Extensive research opportunities.
- Early acceptance and early enrollment (3+4) programs for qualified candidates.
- **International medicine programs:** Opportunities range from short mission trips to extended-length international clerkships for credit in the third- and fourth-years. Travel reimbursement is available. Numerous electives offered at DMU support a track or emphasis in global health. Des Moines University also hosts several student clubs that focus on global health issues. To learn more about where our students have served, visit our website. <http://www.dmu.edu/globalhealth>

Preparatory Programs

Post baccalaureate program: No

Summer program(s): No

Facilities

- Located on a 25-acre safe, metropolitan setting near the Des Moines Art Center, the governor's mansion and downtown Des Moines.
- 143,000 square foot student education center houses classrooms, student commons, library, wellness center and coffee bar.
- On-campus medical clinic complete with osteopathic manual medicine facilities.
- Campus-wide wireless Internet access.

Application Information

Primary application service: AACOMAS

Earliest filing date: 6-1-2009 – Opening date of AACOMAS

Latest filing date:* 2-1-2010

*For best consideration, applicants should submit their AACOMAS application at least 8 weeks prior to this school's latest filing date.

Academic year/orientation for first-year students

start date: First full week in August

International students (non-US citizens or temporary residents) eligible: Yes

Des Moines University's policy for non-US citizens, permanent residents, and Canadian citizens can be found at http://www.dmu.edu/prospective_students/international_students

Supplemental Application

Supplemental application required: Yes

Sent to: Screened applicants

Supplemental Application Fee: \$50

Fee waiver available: Yes

Waiver conditions, if offered: AACOMAS waiver

Supplemental app. earliest filing date: 7-1-2009

Supplemental app. latest filing date: 3-1-2010

Supplemental Application Requirements

Minimum recommended science and cumulative GPA of 3.0. Completed online supplemental application. MCAT is required. Scores older than three years are not accepted. Medical exposure letter written by a physician, DO or MD, describing patient exposure experiences. Academic letter(s): Two letters of recommendation from hard science faculty members who have taught you in class OR one pre-medical committee recommendation including the names of the committee members. Criminal background check.

MCAT

Oldest MCAT considered: 2007

Accept September MCAT scores: Yes

Accept January 2010 MCAT scores: Considered

Additional Comments: January 2010 scores considered on a case-by-case basis.

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 June 14** will have 14 days.

- **Those accepted after June 15** may be asked for an immediate deposit.

- **Earliest acceptance date:** 9-1-2009

- **Latest acceptance date:** Until class is filled

- **Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** 90 days

- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** Yes

Early Decision Program (EDP)

DMU-COM does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admission.

COM Interview Format

One 30-45 minute, open file interview with a three-person (faculty, clinician and current student) panel.

First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

DMU seeks to enroll candidates who demonstrate the greatest potential for success in our rigorous medical education curriculum. Candidates should have successfully completed or be working toward successful completion of a bachelor's degree (any major is acceptable) as well as all required coursework. The MCAT should be taken for the first time no later than September, however, it is advisable to take prior to the start of the application cycle (spring). Successful applicants will have extensive exposure to the medical field in a role that involves direct patient contact. An on-campus interview will explore the applicant's personal characteristics (integrity, professionalism, compassion, work ethic, etc.) as well as the motivation required to pursue a career in medicine. DMU-COM operates under a rolling admission policy; thus, timely submission of the AACOMAS application and supporting materials is to the candidate's advantage. DMU-COM does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, creed, national origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

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

American Indian or Alaska Native: 1%

Asian: 20%

Black or African American: 1%

Hispanic/Latino: 1%

White: 77%

Pacific Islander: 0%

First-Year Class Matriculants with:

Science Majors: 79%

Non-Science Majors: 12%

Baccalaureate degree: 100%

Graduate degree(s): 5%

Premedical Coursework

Science Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
Biology/Zoology	X		X	8
Biochemistry	X		X	3
Molecular Biology		X		3
Genetics		X		3
Inorganic Chemistry	X		X	8
Organic Chemistry	X		X	4
Physics	X		X	8*
Non-Science Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
College English	X			6
Behavioral Sciences		X		
Humanities		X		6
Math/Statistics				
Other				

*May substitute up to 3 semester hours of Statistics for up to 3 hours of Physics.

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

Source: 2008-2009 tuition. Data subject to change.

Resident tuition:	\$34,140
Non-Resident tuition:	\$34,140
Supplemental Application fee:	\$50
Resident fees:	N/A
Non-Resident fees:	N/A
Health Insurance (can be waived):	\$2,107

Fees Include:

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

Estimated Room, Board and Living Expenses: \$23,082

Average 2007 graduate indebtedness: \$160,430

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: \$1,000

If deposit dependent on residency status:

Deposit (resident): N/A

Deposit (non-resident): N/A

Deposit due: AACOMAS traffic guidelines

Additional Deposit: N/A

Applied to tuition: Yes

Deposit refundable: No

Financial Aid

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 93.7%

Scholarships: Yes

Average scholarship/grant: \$18,866