

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE FAST FACTS

Doctors of osteopathic medicine, or DOs, are physicians who practice in all areas of medicine. Emphasizing a whole-person approach to treatment and care. DOs are trained to listen and partner with their patients to help them get healthy and stay well.



23,000+

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLICANTS A YEAR



1-IN-4

MEDICAL STUDENTS IN THE U.S. ATTEND A COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE



9

AVERAGE NUMBER OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL COLLEGES APPLICANTS APPLY TO

2024 BY THE NUMBERS:

186,871

DOS AND OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENTS IN THE US

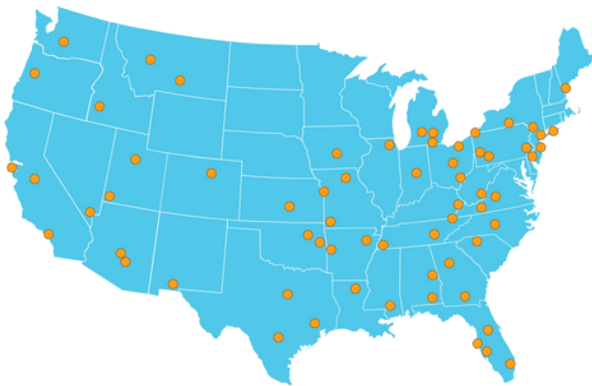
148,829

DOS IN THE US

36,700

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENTS

Source: American Osteopathic Association OMP Report



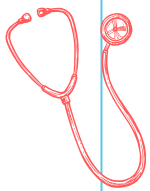
WE HAVE A COLLEGE FOR YOUR STUDENTS:

43 COLLEGES OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

69 TEACHING LOCATIONS

36 STATES

CAREER OPTIONS FOR DOS:



57%

Practice in primary care specialties including :

- family medicine
- internal medicine
- pediatrics

43%

Practice in non-primary care specialties like:

- emergency medicine
- anesthesiology
- obstetrics & gynecology
- general surgery
- psychiatry



Other career pathways include:

- medical research
- clinical education
- health policy
- hospital administration



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2024 ENTERING CLASS PROFILE

Mean MCAT Scores	
Psychological, Social & Bio	126.80
Bio & Biochemical	125.78
Chemical & Physical	125.41
Critical Analysis & Reasoning	124.99
TOTAL MCAT	502.97

Mean GPA	
Science	3.52
Non-Science	3.71
OVERALL	3.60



2025-26 AACOMAS APPLICATION CYCLE

- College deadlines range from September through June
- Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis



KEY UPDATES

FOR THE 2025-26 AACOMAS APPLICATION CYCLE

[Update on Professional Transcript Entry \(PTE\) Service](#)

As a reminder, the Professional Transcript Entry (PTE) service—offered through AACOMAS, the centralized application service for osteopathic medical schools—remains available for applicants who prefer assistance entering their coursework.

Please note the following fee structure for PTE:

- 1–3 transcripts: \$85
- 4–6 transcripts: \$110
- 7 or more transcripts: \$160

These fees are non-refundable and apply only to coursework entry. They are in addition to standard application fees. Fee waivers and coupon codes do not apply to PTE, and payments cannot be transferred between application cycles (e.g., for re-applicants or those applying in multiple cycles).