Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine (DMU-COM)

Contact

Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine
3200 Grand Avenue
Office of Admissions
Des Moines, IA 50312

Main phone: (515) 271-1499
Website: www.dmu.edu/do/

Admissions office
Email: DOadmit@dmu.edu
Phone: (515) 271-1499
Fax: (515) 271-7190
Admissions Website: www.dmu.edu/admission

General Information

Mission Statement
To improve lives in our global community by educating diverse groups of highly competent and compassionate health professionals.

COM Description
Des Moines University delivers an unmatched academic experience with our expert, caring faculty; a rigorous, relevant curriculum; state-of-the-art facilities; a dynamic and diverse research environment; and a vibrant community of students and faculty active in learning and service.

DMU prepares students to become primary care physicians or to practice in specialty areas such as surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, cardiology, psychiatry, emergency medicine and others.

Campus setting: Des Moines, Iowa's capital, offering affordable metropolitan living

Year founded: 1898
Type: Private, non-profit
Accreditation: Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). The university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Institutional affiliation: Des Moines University

Facilities:
• Located on a safe, 25-acre metropolitan campus 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, meditation room, and coffee bar/cafe.
• On-campus medical clinic complete with osteopathic manipulative medicine facilities.

Student residence options:
Des Moines University is optimally located for easy access to downtown Des Moines and local suburbs. Grand Avenue is full of apartments and condos within walking distance of the campus.

2017-2018 Enrollment
• Total medical school enrollment: 877
• Total male: 522
• Total female: 355
• First-year enrollment: 220
  • First-year male: 130
  • First-year female: 90
• First-year in-state: 40
• First-year out-of-state: 180
• Total enrollment affiliate institutions: N/A

Curricular Offerings
• Extensive training in osteopathic manipulative medicine.
• State-of-the-art basic surgical skills training, providing a strong foundation in clinical/surgical skills prior to rotations.
• Wide range of elective offerings to individualize each student’s medical education.
• Global health opportunities ranging from short service 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 rural medicine.
• Integration of medical humanities and bioethics throughout the curriculum.
• Ultrasound Technology integrated within the curriculum.
• Technical support for students’ portable computers (included in tuition).

Dual Degree / Concurrent Programs
DO/MHA
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 students with the knowledge, skills and understanding for this vital role. www.dmu.edu/mha

DO/MPH
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. www.dmu.edu/mph

DO/MS
The Master of Science in Anatomy program 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. www.dmu.edu/msa

Preparatory Programs
MS in Anatomy
There is no bridge between the Masters Programs and COM, but an interview is granted to enrolled students who meet certain criteria.

MS in Biomedical Sciences
There is no bridge between the Masters Programs and COM, but an interview is granted to enrolled students who meet certain criteria.

Special Programs
Extensive research opportunities
www.dmu.edu/research

International medicine programs
Opportunities range from short service trips to extended-length international clerkships for credit in the third and fourth years. Limited travel reimbursement is available. Numerous electives offered at DMU support a track or emphasis in global health. Des Moines University hosts several student clubs that focus on global health issues. To learn more about where our students have served, visit our website at www.dmu.edu/globalhealth.

Pathways of Distinction program
Integrates clinical and basic science research and gives participants rich experiences in teaching, presenting, and publishing.

Application Information
• Primary application service: AACOMAS
• Earliest application submission date: Opening Date of AACOMAS (5/3/2018)
• Primary application deadline: 3/1/2019
• Supplemental application deadline: N/A
• Submission timing for best consideration: For best consideration, applicants should submit their AACOMAS application at least 8 weeks prior to the latest filing date.
Admissions Process

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 AAMCOS 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.

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

MCAT
• Oldest MCAT considered: Three years prior to matriculation
• Accept September 2018 MCAT scores: Yes
• Accept January 2019 MCAT scores: Yes

Accepted Sources for Letters of Recommendation
• AAMCOS

Interview Format
DMU operates on rolling admission and generally schedules interviews from August to March of the application year. Candidates will receive information on the curriculum, clinical rotations, financial aid, student life, and student counseling. Candidates will tour campus and have the opportunity to meet with first- and second-year students.

Supplemental Application
• Supplemental application required? No

Acceptances
Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following AAMCOS traffic 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: 9/1/2018
• Latest acceptance date: Until class is filled
• Deferred entrance requests considered: Yes
• Orientation / start date for first-year students: Late July 2019

Early Decision Program
• Early Decision Program (EDP) offered: No

First-Year Class Matriculants

Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity
• American Indian or Alaska Native: 0%
• Asian: 20%
• Black or African-American: 0%
• Hispanic/Latino: 5%
• Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0%
• White: 67%
• Multiple Races: 4%
• Undisclosed: 4%

Majors of First-Year Class Matriculants
• Science majors: 86%
• Non-Science majors: 14%
• Graduate degrees: 13%

Premedical Coursework

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Science Course</th>
<th>Req.</th>
<th>Rec.</th>
<th>Lab</th>
<th>Sem. Hrs</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Biology/Zoology</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>8</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Biochemistry</td>
<td>X</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Molecular Biology</td>
<td>X</td>
<td></td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Genetics</td>
<td>X</td>
<td></td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inorganic Chemistry</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>8</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Organic Chemistry</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Physics</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>8*</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Non-Science Course</th>
<th>Req.</th>
<th>Rec.</th>
<th>Lab</th>
<th>Sem. Hrs</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>College English</td>
<td>X</td>
<td></td>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Behavioral Sciences</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Humanities</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Tuition and Fees
Source: 2017–2018 tuition. Data subject to change.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tuition and Fees</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Annual Resident Tuition</td>
<td>$48,410</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual Non-Resident Tuition</td>
<td>$48,410</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual Resident Fees</td>
<td>$89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual Non-Resident Fees</td>
<td>$89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Annual Health Insurance Fee</td>
<td>$3,253</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Fees Include:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fees Include</th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Student Services</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Technology (not computer)</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lab</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Microscope Rental</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Computer</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Health Service</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Student Activities</td>
<td>X</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Est. Room, Board, Books & Living Costs: $23,326
Average 2017 graduate indebtedness: $224,724

Deposit
See AAMCOS traffic guideline schedule.

Amount of deposit to hold place in class: $1,500, non-refundable
Additional Deposit Amount: $0
Applied to tuition: Yes

Financial Aid
Financial Aid Website: https://www.dmu.edu/financial-aid/
Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 82%
Scholarships: Yes
Average scholarship/grant: $13,192