Georgia Campus–Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (GA-PCOM)

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General Information
Mission Statement
The primary focus of Georgia Campus-PCOM is to recruit and educate students from Georgia and the surrounding states. The Georgia Campus seeks to retain graduate osteopathic physicians, scientists, and other health care professionals in the Southeast and to advance the osteopathic profession to serve the health needs of the region.

COM Description
Georgia Campus-PCOM graduated its inaugural class of 78 students in May 2009. The College is dedicated to educating osteopathic medical students and serving the health care needs of the people in Georgia and the Southeast by providing a program of medical study guided by osteopathic medical tradition, concept, and practice. Graduates are encouraged to remain in the South and practice among underserved populations where they will have the most impact.

Campus setting: Suwanee, GA (suburban); Georgia Campus - Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine is located in Gwinnett County, a welcoming community with a nationally recognized public school system, an award-winning parks and recreation department, and ample entertainment options including minor league sports, shopping, and dining.

Year founded: 2004

Type: Private, non-profit

Accreditation: The doctor of osteopathic medicine programs at PCOM are accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104; 215-662-5606. In 2005, the Commission approved the extension of the scope of institutional accreditation to PCOM's Georgia branch campus.

Institutional affiliation: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Facilities: The 25-acre Georgia campus is located in Gwinnett County, 35 minutes from downtown Atlanta. Its state-of-the-art facilities offer students an excellent lab for osteopathic principles and practice, a clinical learning lab with standardized and simulated patient experiences, and an information commons with extensive digital reference and textbook resources.

All run on a wireless network. Instructional space also includes two large classrooms, numerous small-group teaching classrooms, and a large anatomy lab. A well-equipped fitness center, individual study areas, and lounge areas all help to provide a well-rounded experience for students.

Student residence options: As GA-PCOM does not offer student housing, PCOM and GA-PCOM have no involvement with students’ rental arrangements nor do they rate apartments or managers or locations for quality of service or safety. Nearby Suwanee and the neighboring communities of Lawrenceville and Duluth offer a less-hurried lifestyle with desirable amenities and easy access to all Atlanta has to offer—shopping, professional sports, the arts and more. Picturesque mountains and spring-fed rivers are only a short drive away and the Georgia seashore is easily accessible for a weekend getaway. Gwinnett County is a great place to live, work, play, and study.

2016-2017 Enrollment
• Total medical school enrollment: 534
• Total male: 259
• Total female: 275
• First-year enrollment: 140
• First-year male: 69
• First-year female: 71
• First-year in-state: 70
• First-year out-of-state: 70
• Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 1,618

Curricular Offerings
In your first and second years, you will pursue an integrated curriculum that introduces both basic and clinical sciences. “Doctors from Day One” gives students clinical exposure from the beginning of medical school, with courses in Primary Patient Skills and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine. The use of innovative patient simulators as well as standardized patient actors will provide you with experiential learning and proficiency modalities reflective of actual clinical procedure and practice. An integrated systems approach provides first- and second-year students with a generalist education. Georgia Campus has developed relationships with hospitals, ambulatory care sites, and local practicing physicians in an effort to provide strong clinical training opportunities for students in their third and fourth years.

Dual Degree / Concurrent Programs
DO/MBA
Five-year dual degree online program with Saint Joseph’s University.

Preparatory Programs
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences
There is no linkage between the MS and DO programs, but candidates who apply and meet certain criteria can be assured an interview.

Special Programs
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences
Our two-year biomedical sciences program leads to an MS in one of the following concentrations: non-thesis, research, forensic biology, organizational leadership, public health, or geriatrics.

International Medicine Programs
Medical students may include an elective international rotation during their fourth year of study.

Application Information
• Primary application service: AACOMAS
• Earliest application submission date: Opening Date of AACOMAS (5/4/2017)
• Primary application deadline: 2/1/2018
• Submission timing for best consideration: Be advised that your full AACOMAS application must be e-submitted, completed, and verified by February 1, 2018, to be considered for admissions to PCOM and/or GA Campus-PCOM. However, early submission is strongly recommended as interviewees are selected and decisions are rendered on a rolling basis.

Admissions Process
Admission to PCOM is comprehensive as well as competitive. We seek well-rounded, achievement-oriented persons whose character, maturity, and sense of dedication point to a successful and productive life as an osteopathic physician.

We are an institution that has historically sought diversity in our student population. We actively recruit under-represented minority students and non-traditional students who often offer exceptional potential for becoming outstanding physicians. Grades and MCAT scores are important to us as they are some of the best predictors of success in medical school; however, we also look very
carefully at research experience, clinical exposure, extracurricular activities, community involvement, motivation to study medicine, and letters of recommendation.

First-Year Class Matriculants’ Selection Factors: Admission to GA-PCOM is competitive and selective. Acceptance by the Faculty Committee on Admissions is based on the applicant’s fulfillment of undergraduate course requirements, grade point average, Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) scores, and a personal interview with the committee. We seek well-rounded, achievement-oriented persons whose character, maturity, and sense of dedication point to a productive career as an osteopathic physician. The Admissions Committee is looking for applicants who bring passion, leadership, compassion, and service to the field of osteopathic medicine, and have demonstrated these qualities in their academic history and resume. PCOM policy prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, race, color, gender, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, religion, creed, disability, marital status, or any other legally protected status. The policy applies in recruitment and admission of students, employment of faculty and staff, as well as scholarship and loan programs. This policy is also followed in the operation of all other programs, activities, and services of the college.

International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: Yes
International candidates are encouraged to view the following website prior to applying: http://www.pcom.edu/admissions/apply/international-applicants.html

MCAT
- Oldest MCAT considered: August 2015
- Accept September 2017 MCAT scores: Yes
- Accept January 2018 MCAT scores: Yes

Accepted Sources for Letters of Recommendation
- AAMCOS
- Email

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees
Annual resident tuition: $50,214
Annual non-resident tuition: $50,214
Annual resident fees: $750
Annual non-resident fees: $750
Annual health insurance fee: $0

Fees Include:
- Student Services
- Student Activities
- Technology (not computer)

Estimated annual room, board, books and living costs: $24,626
Average 2016 graduate indebtedness: $223,630

Deposit
See AAMCOS traffic guideline schedule.
Amount of deposit to hold place in class: $250, non-refundable
Additional Deposit: $1,500
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Deposit applied to tuition: Yes

Financial Aid
Financial Aid Website: http://www.pcom.edu/about/departments/financial-aid/
Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 88.2%
Scholarships: Yes
Average scholarship/grant: $5,762

Interview Format
Interviews begin in September, and continue until the end of March. Georgia Campus–PCOM conducts a panel interview that may include at least two members of the Faculty Committee on Admissions, which may include an osteopathic physician, a basic scientist, and/or an Admissions officer. Interviews generally last about one half-hour.

Supplemental Application
- Supplemental application required? Yes
- Earliest supplemental application submission date: Summer 2017
- Supplemental application deadline: 3/1/2018
- Supplemental application requirements: The supplemental includes a brief set of questions as well as a short essay.
- Fee waiver available: Yes
- Waiver conditions: Those who receive an AAMCOS fee waiver can request a waiver for the PCOM $75 supplemental application fee.
- Supplemental application sent to the following prospective students: All candidates who complete the full AAMCOS application for GA-PCOM are sent a supplemental. We do not pre-screen.
- Supplemental application fee: $75 (non-refundable)

Acceptances
Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following AAMCOS 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

Premedical Coursework

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*Sixteen semester hours of chemistry, including at least four semester hours of organic chemistry (with lab) and at least three semester hours biochemistry.