Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM)

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COM Basics

Mission Statement

The Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM) is a Catholic medical institution built on the inspired vision and values of our Franciscan heritage, and dedicated to preparing osteopathic physicians who are committed to the complete healing of individuals’ bodies, minds, and spirits. This institution is committed to serving the people of Indiana and to developing osteopathic physicians through research, service, and teaching.

In studying the osteopathic profession, Marian University’s leadership recognized very early that there would be substantial congruence between these Franciscan values and the tenets of osteopathic medicine, which were reaffirmed by the American Osteopathic Association’s House of Delegates in July 2008:

1. The body is a unit; the person is a unit of body, mind, and spirit.
2. The body is capable of self-regulation, self-healing, and health maintenance.
3. Structure and function are reciprocally interrelated.
4. Rational treatment is based upon an understanding of the basic principles of body unity, self-regulation, and the interrelationship of structure and function.

COM Description

Located on 114 wooded acres six miles from downtown Indianapolis, Marian University is a Catholic University dedicated to excellent teaching and learning in the Franciscan and liberal arts traditions, with degree programs in the arts, sciences, business, education, osteopathic medicine and nursing. Marian University has achieved remarkable success in advancing the university in the areas of academic quality, vibrancy of campus life, enhancing the Catholic and Franciscan dimension of the university community, and growth in enrollment and fundraising.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg, Indiana, continue to be Marian University’s sponsor. Our four core Franciscan values, illuminated by prayer, are:
- Dignity of the individual
- Peace and justice
- Reconciliation
- Responsible stewardship

On March 5, 2010, the Board of Trustees approved the development of the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. On July 24, 2010, the Marian University Bylaws were amended by the Board of Trustees to include the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. MU-COM’s inaugural class started in August 2013.

Campus setting: Urban. Indianapolis, IN; 13th largest city in the United States.

Year founded: 2010
Type: Private, non-profit

Accreditation: Based on a Comprehensive Survey (Site) Evaluation completed in February 2017, at its April 2017 meeting the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), which is authorized to accredit colleges of osteopathic medicine by the U.S. Department of Education, granted accreditation to the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM).

Institutional affiliation: Marian University

Facilities: The Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine is housed with the Alan and Sue Leighton School of Nursing in the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences. The new 140,000 square foot structure is located on the southeast corner of the Marian University campus. This facility is a signature building on campus, supportive of a premier DO educational curriculum, outfitted with cutting-edge technology and showcasing environmental sustainability within the context of the historic campus.

Student residence options:
The Overlook at Riverdale is the newest housing option for Marian University medical and graduate students. The Overlook is an on-campus apartment building that saves residents time and money while living in new apartment accommodations. Most importantly, residents of The Overlook live among classmates and interact in an academic environment, while enjoying the privacy and autonomy of a private apartment.

Curricular Offerings

MU-COM’s goal is to create a quality professional education program emphasizing osteopathic training in primary care. MU-COM designed a curriculum that promotes and measures student competencies with an emphasis on osteopathic clinical services and public service activities provided to diverse populations of individuals and cultures, including the underprivileged and medically underserved.

The MU-COM curriculum is modeled after recommendations contained in the Carnegie Report 2010. Courses are system-based, with foundational clinical cases and group study. Students are exposed to clinical experiences in years one and two. The curriculum is competency based with student assessment of learning and skills.

Biomedical science has a clinical basis. MU-COM faculty use the 2011 National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME)’s Fundamental Osteopathic Medical Competencies and critical elements in creating teaching materials.

There are seven areas that make up the CORE content of the third year—family medicine, internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics, pediatrics, emergency medicine, and psychiatry. Family medicine, emergency medicine, and internal medicine are eight weeks and all the others are four-week rotations. Family medicine and emergency medicine have been split into a third and a fourth year rotation. Radiology has been included as a skill set, along with ortho/sports medicine.

In the fourth year, there are some required rotations that emphasize the primary care aspects of the curriculum. The rotations expose students to the practice of medicine outside of an urban setting. There are required rotations in rural medicine and critical access hospitals which will be linked for a total of eight weeks, and the fourth year component to family medicine and emergency medicine as well as a Public Health rotation. For the remainder of the fourth year the student has been given the opportunity to work with faculty to develop his/her own interests with an eye toward doing interview rotations with residency programs.

Dual Degree / Concurrent Programs
None offered
### Application Information

- **Primary application service:** AACOMAS
- **Earliest application submission date:** Opening Date of AACOMAS (5/4/2017)
- **Primary application deadline:** 2/1/2018
- **Supplemental application deadline:** 3/1/2018
- **Submission timing for best consideration:** Apply early for maximum competitiveness.

### Admissions Process

Screened applicants who meet minimum admissions criteria for GPA and MCAT. An invitation to complete a supplemental application will not made without an official MCAT score. MU-COM uses the Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) format.

First-year class matriculant’s selection factors: Marian University does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, age, or disability in the recruiting and selection of students for admission.

MU-COM attracts high quality students each year. Each admitted COM student reflects the diversity of accomplishments, talents, interests and backgrounds valued by MU-COM. They also demonstrate academic excellence. A bachelor’s degree and the MCAT are required for admission. The Admissions Committee evaluates applicants on a number of criteria, ranging from academic records and test scores to commitment toward osteopathic medicine and service.

International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: Yes

Applicants with DACA status are not considered.

### Interview Format

MU-COM uses a rolling admissions cycle and schedules applicant interviews September through April of the application year. Applicants are invited to campus for a half-day. The schedule includes multiple interviews with basic science faculty, clinical faculty, administrators, or community physicians.

Prospective students also receive information about the curriculum, admission procedures, financial aid resources, research opportunities and clinical rotation sites affiliated with MU-COM. Applicants also receive a tour of the medical school building.

### Supplemental Application

- **Supplemental application required?** Yes
- **Earliest supplemental application submission date:** 7/1/2017
- **Supplemental application deadline:** 3/1/2018
- **Supplemental application requirements:** Supplemental application fee is waived if AACOMAS fee is waived. Three letters of evaluation: one from a premedical advisor or committee, one from a science faculty member and one from a physician (DO or MD). "Minimum Technical Standards Certification" form.
- **Fee waiver available:** Yes
- **Waiver conditions:** AACOMAS waiver
- **Supplemental application sent to the following prospective students:** Screened applicants: Minimum criteria. An invitation will not made without an official MCAT score.
- **Supplemental application fee:** $100, non-refundable

### Financial Aid

Financial Aid Website: [www.marian.edu/osteopathic-medical-school](http://www.marian.edu/osteopathic-medical-school)

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 82%

**Scholarships:** Yes

**Average scholarship/grant:** $17,854

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### Tuition and Fees

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**Fees Include:**

- [x] Student Services
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- [x] Computer
- [x] Technology (not computer)

**Estimated annual room, board, books and living costs:** $23,000

**Average 2016 graduate indebtedness:** N/A

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### Acceptances

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**
- **Those accepted after May 15 may be asked for an immediate deposit**
- **Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** AACOMAS traffic guidelines.

**Earliest acceptance date:** 9/9/2017

**Latest acceptance date:** 8/5/2018

**Deferred entrance requests considered:** Yes

**Orientation / start date for first-year students:** 8/6/2018

### Early Decision Program

- **Early Decision Program (EDP) offered:** Yes
- **EDP available for: Residents and Non-residents**
- **EDP application due date:** 7/15/2017
- **EDP applications submitted to:** AACOMAS
- **EDP supplemental materials due:** 8/15/2017
- **Date EDP applicants notified:** 9/21/2017

### First-Year Class Matriculants

**Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity - First-Year Class Matriculants**

- **American Indian or Alaska Native:** 0.6%
- **Asian:** 17.4%
- **Black or African-American:** 1.9%
- **Hispanic/Latino:** 5%

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### Premedical Coursework

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**Preparatory Programs**

- **Postbaccalaureate Certificate**
  - For medical/professional school

- **Masters of Science in Biomedical Sciences**
  - For industry research

**Special Programs**

- None offered
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- 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: 9/1/2017
- Latest acceptance date: Until class is filled; up to the orientation week.
- Deferred entrance requests considered: Yes
- Requests to defer to the following academic year must be submitted to the Assistant Dean of Admissions and Student Services and to the Dean for consideration.
- Orientation / start date for first-year students: 7/24/2018

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

First-Year Class Matriculants

Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity
Matriculants from the 2015-2016 application cycle.
- American Indian or Alaska Native: 0%
- Asian: 23.61%
- Black or African-American: 2.78%
- Hispanic/Latino: 5.56%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0%
- White: 59.94%
- Multiple Races: 4.17%
- Undisclosed: 6.94%

Majors of First-Year Class Matriculants
- Science majors: 82%
- Non-Science majors: 18%
- Graduate degree(s): 11%

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Upon NSU’s receipt of the AACOMAS application, NSU-COM will forward an online secondary application to the student. The applicant must submit a completed secondary application and a nonrefundable application fee of $50 no later than March 1st in order to be considered for admission.

First-year class matriculants’ selection factors:
The Committee on Admissions recommends applicants to the dean based on demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, compassion, and commitment to the osteopathic medical profession.

International students (non-U.S. citizens or temporary residents) considered: Yes

MCAT
- Oldest MCAT considered: Must be no older than three years prior to the date the AACOMAS application is submitted.
- Accept September 2017 MCAT scores: Yes
- Accept January 2018 MCAT scores: Yes

Accepted Sources for Letters of Recommendation
- AACOMAS (preferred)
- Interfolio
- Paper

Interview Format
A personal interview is part of the admission process. However, being interviewed is not a guarantee of admission. Upon completion of the applicant’s file, a review will be made to determine if the candidate will be granted an interview. Not all applicants will be granted an interview, and only those applicants whose files are complete will be considered. The Office of Admissions will notify selected candidates for interview. The interview process is a full day and includes:
1. Meeting with the NSU-COM Admissions Counselor
2. Information regarding the committee on admissions committee decision process
3. Overview presentation of the curriculum, facilities, and student support
4. Private interview with a small team of faculty members
5. Tour of the medical college facility by Student Ambassadors
6. Experience NSU-COM as a student
7. Interactive lunch session
8. Questions and Answers with the Dean of NSU-COM
9. Campus bus tour of the NSU campus

Supplemental Application
- Supplemental application required? Yes
- Earliest supplemental application submission date: 6/1/2017
- Supplemental application deadline: 3/1/2018
- Supplemental application requirements: Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine requires the completion of a secondary application. Upon receipt of the AACOMAS application, NSU-COM will forward an online NSU application to the applicant. The applicant should submit the NSU application along with a nonrefundable application fee of $50.
- Fee waiver available: Yes
- Waiver conditions: AACOMAS fee waiver received. Fees are paid at the time of submission of supplemental application and are refunded once AACOMAS waiver is verified.
- Supplemental application sent to the following prospective students: All applicants
- Supplemental application fee: $50, non-refundable

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- 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: 10/1/2017
- Latest acceptance date: Until class is filled
- Deferred entrance requests considered: Yes
- Orientation / start date for first-year students: 7/30/2018

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

First-Year Class Matriculants

Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity
Matriculants from the 2015-2016 application cycle.
- American Indian or Alaska Native: 0%
- Asian: 36.99%
- Black or African-American: 0.91%
- Hispanic/Latino: 13.70%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0%
- White: 36.53%
- Multiple Races: 3.20%
- Undisclosed: 8.68%

Majors of First-Year Class Matriculants
- Science majors: 62%
- Non-Science majors: 38%
- Graduate degree(s): 20%