Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM)

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General Information

Mission Statement
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) is dedicated to the education of students in medicine, health and behavioral sciences. The College fosters the growth of the osteopathic profession by training physicians through programs of study guided by osteopathic medical tradition, concept, and practice.

COM Description
PCOM is committed to the advancement of knowledge and intellectual growth through teaching and research, and to the well-being of the community through leadership and service. An osteopathic medical education at PCOM will give you a strong foundation for pursuing any specialty or subspecialty of your choice. PCOM is committed to helping each of its students choose a career that matches their specific talents and interests.

Campus setting: Philadelphia, PA (urban). Located in one of the country’s leading cities for medical education, our Philadelphia campus is just minutes away from Center City Philadelphia—a walkable, compact downtown area with a renowned historic area, art museums, cultural attractions, sports venues and numerous shopping and dining options.

Year founded: 1899
Type: Private, non-profit

Accreditation: The doctor of osteopathic medicine programs at PCOM are accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation of the American Osteopathic Association. 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) 682-5606.

Institutional affiliation: Georgia Campus - Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
PCOM - South Georgia

Facilities: The City Avenue site provides a true college campus atmosphere for students. On PCOM’s Philadelphia campus, there is a total of 1,250 linear feet of bench top space dedicated to basic science research. All facilities are equipped for students with disabilities and all classrooms and study areas support wireless Internet access. PCOM students receive hundreds of instructional hours in two amphitheaters which have the latest in teaching technology including linkage to Internet resources. The Saltzburg Clinical Learning & Assessment Center, an 11,000-square-foot facility, houses 15 patient rooms, four simulator training rooms, an OR, ER/trauma bay, an ICU/CCU/medical surgery suite, and a cadre of high-fidelity robotic simulators, virtual simulators, and task trainers. Small classrooms are available for group study and conferences; a 55,000-square-foot Student Activities Center includes exercise equipment, exercise studio, student lounges, recreation areas, regulation basketball and racquetball courts and a rooftop deck suitable for hockey, basketball and shuffleboard.

Student residence options: As we do not provide student housing, PCOM and GA-PCOM have no involvement with students’ rental arrangements or do they rate apartments or managers or locations for quality of service or safety. PCOM and GA-PCOM Office of Student Affairs provides courtesy information to prospective students. There are a variety of housing options in the area available with desirable amenities and easy access to all Philadelphia has to offer—shopping, professional sports, the arts, and more.

2017-2018 Enrollment
- Total medical school enrollment: 1,084
- Total male: 532
- Total female: 552
- First-year enrollment: 278
- First-year male: 135
- First-year female: 143
- First-year in-state: 136
- First-year out-of-state: 142
- Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 1,638

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 Care 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.

In your third and fourth years, you will hone your skills by working in some of the finest teaching hospitals in the greater Philadelphia area and beyond. You will be exposed to a broad scope of medical problems, gradually assuming more responsibility under the direction of experienced physicians. Through participation in rounds, lectures, conferences, morning reports and case presentations, you will develop skills in history taking, physical examination, differential diagnosis, and invasive and non-invasive procedures.

Through it all, you will have the PCOM community behind you, supporting you in every way to help you become the culturally competent, confident health professional you aspire to be.

Dual Degree / Concurrent Programs

DO/MBA
Five-year dual degree program with Saint Joseph’s University

DO/MPH
Five-year dual degree program with Temple University or Thomas Jefferson University

DO/MS
Five-year dual degree programs at PCOM with concentrations in biomedical sciences, forensic medicine, mental health counseling and organizational leadership

DO/PhD
Six/seven year dual degree program in Cell and Molecular Biology or Health Policy at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

Preparatory Programs
Graduate Programs in Biomedical Sciences (Philadelphia and Georgia Campuses)
Biomedical Sciences students who apply to the PCOM DO programs meeting certain criteria can be assured an interview.

Special Programs
Graduate Programs in Biomedical Sciences (Philadelphia and Georgia Campuses)
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, geriatrics, medical simulation, and neuro-behavioral science.

Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Clinical Scholars Program
Selected students will enter the program after their
second year of study and extend their clinical clerkship curriculum to three years. At least 12 months of clinical training is provided in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine and scholars gain experience and skill in teaching OMS I & II students.

International Medicine Program
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 (5/3/2018)
- **Primary application deadline:** 2/1/2019
- **Submission timing for best consideration:** Be advised that your full AACOMAS application must be e-submitted, completed and verified by February 1, 2019, 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 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. 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 or marital 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 review the following website prior to applying: [www.pcom.edu/admissions/apply/international-applicants.html](http://www.pcom.edu/admissions/apply/international-applicants.html)

**MCAT**

- Oldest MCAT considered: August 2016
- Accept September 2018 MCAT scores: Yes
- Accept January 2019 MCAT scores: Yes

**Accepted Sources for Letters of Recommendation**

- AACOMAS
- Email

**Interview Format**

Interviews begin in September and continue until the end of March. PCOM conducts a panel interview that includes at least two members of the Faculty Committee on Admissions, which may include an osteopathic physician, a basic scientist, a student and/or an Admissions officer. It is an open file interview with laptops, and generally lasts about one half-hour.

Financial Information

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**Fees Include:**

- Student Services X
- Student Activities X
- Lab X
- Technology (not computer) X

**Estimated annual room, board, books and living costs:** $24,626

**Average 2017 graduate indebtedness:** $190,985

**Deposit**

See AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule.

**Amount of deposit to hold place in class:** $250, non-refundable

**Additional deposit amount:** $1,500, non-refundable

**Deposit applied to tuition:** Yes

**Financial Aid**

- **Financial Aid Website:** [https://www.pcom.edu/about/departments/financial-aid/](https://www.pcom.edu/about/departments/financial-aid/)
- **Enrolled students with federal financial aid:** 85.3%
- **Scholarships:** Yes
- **Average scholarship/grant:** $6,549

**Supplemental Application**

- **Supplemental application required?** Yes
- **Earliest supplemental application submission date:** Summer 2018
- **Supplemental application deadline:** 3/1/2019
- **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 AACOMAS 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 AACOMAS application for PCOM are sent 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 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

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**Premedical Coursework**

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*Sixteen semester hours of Chemistry, including four semester hours of laboratory; at least four of the sixteen required semester hours must be organic chemistry (with lab) and at least three semester hours must be biochemistry.
• **Earliest acceptance date**: October 2018  
• **Latest acceptance date**: August 2019  
• **Deferred entrance requests considered**: Yes  
  Requests for a one-year deferral must be received in writing with rationale to admissions@pcom.edu for consideration by the Faculty Committee on Admissions.  
• **Orientation / start date for first-year students**: 8/1/2019

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

**First-Year Class Matriculants**

**Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity**  
*Matriculants from the 2016-2017 application cycle.*  
• **American Indian or Alaska Native**: 0%  
• **Asian**: 10.8%  
• **Black or African-American**: 6.5%  
• **Hispanic/Latino**: 2.2%  
• **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander**: 0%  
• **White**: 64.7%  
• **Multiple Races**: 11.9%  
• **Undisclosed**: 3.9%

**Majors of First-Year Class Matriculants**  
• **Science majors**: 79.6%  
• **Non-Science majors**: 20.4%  
• **Graduate degree(s)**: 28.8%