Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences
College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM)

General Information

Mission Statement
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM) educates and trains students to become health care professionals with osteopathic values, and conducts research to provide quality care to communities of the Pacific Northwest, particularly rural and medically underserved populations.

COM Description
Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM) is dedicated to attracting men and women from communities of the Pacific Northwest region (i.e., WA, OR, ID, MT and AK), and rural or medically underserved areas throughout the United States, offering an excellent osteopathic medical education. PNWU-COM utilizes community-based hospitals and physician preceptor clinics for an integral part of the clinical education in regional settings throughout the Pacific Northwest.

The college focuses on medical education utilizing the osteopathic principles and practices in the training of a new generation of physicians who will be encouraged to live, work and serve in the communities in which they have received their medical education experiences.

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Admissions Website: www.pnwu.edu/admissions/apply-pnwu/

Campus setting: Mid-Sized Urban
Year founded: 2005
Type: Private, non-profit

Accreditation: Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine (PNWU-COM) is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA).

Institutional affiliation: Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences

Facilities:
- Butler-Haney Hall is a 68,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility with a large auditorium and numerous classrooms for large- and small-group interaction, a spacious gross anatomy laboratory for pro-section and dissection, a large teaching lab for osteopathic manipulative medicine, research facilities, and a large clinical skills area for patient simulation and standardized patient interaction. Butler-Haney is designed with technology that enhances the student learning environment, and is home to the COM Dean, faculty, Academic Support, Library and Technology Services.
- Cadwell Student Center is a 10,000 sq. ft. facility with classrooms, student lounge and study space.
- University Conference Center is a 10,300 sq. ft. facility used for conferences, classrooms, boardroom and also has study space.
- PNWU consumes 10,000 sq. ft. of Iron Horse Lodge. There are many offices for multiple university departments located in this building along with administration.

Student residence options:
Students must secure their own housing. PNWU will assist students in their search for appropriate, affordable housing.

2016-2017 Enrollment
- Total medical school enrollment: 568
- Total male: 296
- Total female: 272
- First-year enrollment: 145
- First-year male: 71
- First-year female: 74
- First-year in-state: 87
- First-year out-of-state: 58
- Total enrollment affiliate institutions: 568

Curricular Offerings
The PNWU-COM curriculum is carefully constructed to thoroughly prepare graduates for practice in any setting or specialty. In addition, the PNWU-COM educational program is tailored to meet the unique needs of patients in rural, medically underserved areas. Years I and II are on the Yakima campus. Years III and IV are spent in regional sites throughout the Pacific Northwest five-state region, supported by a regional assistant dean, and Yakima campus staff. The small class size encourages student involvement in many aspects of the university: student/faculty interaction, community clinical experience, activities, development, and community service.

Years I and II have a curriculum structure that combines lecture- and case-based learning with early clinical experiences. After an initial orientation to scientific foundations, this curriculum includes an integrated organ-systems approach to the preclinical sciences. Year III and IV consist of clinical rotations in hospital, clinic, and private practice settings and include required didactic sessions. The curriculum includes:
- Use of standardized patients
- Integrated Osteopathic Principles and Practice
- Human patient simulators
- Student to cadaver ratio of 4:1
- Interprofessional educational experiences

Dual Degree / Concurrent Programs
None offered

Preparatory Programs
None offered

Special Programs
None offered

Application Information
- Primary application service: AAMCAS
- Earliest application submission date: Opening Date of AAMCAS (5/4/2017)
- Primary application deadline: 2/1/2018
- Supplemental application deadline: 3/1/2018
- Submission timing for best consideration:
  For best consideration, applicants should submit their application at least four weeks prior to this school’s latest filing date.

Admissions Process
The major criteria for rating applicants are academic excellence, commitment to osteopathic primary care, commitment to practice medicine in an underserved area, and personal characteristics. Academic excellence is measured by assessing results of the MCAT and academic performance. The degree of difficulty of the program that the applicant studied is also considered. No interview is involved in this assessment.

After the initial assessment, selected applicants are invited to visit the campus for a formal personal interview. After the interview, the Admissions Committee reviews the applicant files and make recommendations to the dean. Applicants are notified as soon as final admission decisions are made.

An acceptance fee is required from successful applicants. Acceptance is conditional until all required documentation is received and completed to PNWU’s satisfaction. Transcripts must be on file prior to matriculation.

PNWU is a private institution and encourages applications from qualified students who are interested
in pursuing a career in osteopathic medicine. Qualified applicants from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, and rural and/or medically underserved areas of the country will be given preference for admission to PNWU.

First-year class matriculant’s selection factors: PNWU-COM requires applicants to have a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree from a regionally accredited college or university. Any undergraduate major is acceptable as long as prerequisites are passed and taken for credit at an accredited college or university. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or hold a permanent resident visa.

PNWU-COM considers all applicants for admission regardless of race, color, ethnic origin, sex, marital status, religion, disabilities, gender identity, or national origin. Applicants are considered on their intellectual ability, scholastic achievement, leadership, maturity, record of community service, commitment and suitability to succeed in the study of osteopathic medicine. Applicants from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and rural or medically underserved areas of the United States will be given preference in order to meet the mission of PNWU-COM. A criminal background check, drug screening, and completion of immunization records will be required for matriculation to the university.

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

MCAT
- Oldest MCAT considered: June 2014
- Accept September 2017 MCAT scores: Yes
- Accept January 2018 MCAT scores: Yes

Accepted Sources for Letters of Recommendation
- ACOMAS

Interview Format
PNWU-COM uses a rolling admissions cycle and schedules applicant interviews October through March of the application year. On-campus interviews consist of individual interviews and group interactions. Applicants will receive information on the curriculum, clinical rotations, financial aid, student activities, and research opportunities. Applicants will receive a tour of the facilities and interact with current first- and second-year students.

Supplemental Application
- Supplemental application required? Yes
- Earliest supplemental application submission date: 6/18/2017
- Supplemental application deadline: 3/1/2018
- Supplemental application requirements:
  - A verified ACOMAS application, including official MCAT score
  - A complete PNWU-COM supplemental application and nonrefundable application fee
  - A letter of recommendation from each of the following, written within two years prior to making application:
    - A physician (preferably a DO who is a member of the AOA)
    - A science faculty member who is familiar with the applicant’s academic work
    - A pre-medical source. If a pre-medical source is not available, a second physician or science faculty may be substituted
  - All candidates must meet health and minimum technical standards as outlined in the PNWU Student Catalog.
- Fee waiver available: Yes
- Waiver conditions:
  Fee waiver requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The applicant must have received or be eligible to receive an ACOMAS fee waiver. Fee waiver funds may be limited.
- Supplemental application sent to the following prospective students: Screened applicants: A combination of academic performance, MCAT, and personal characteristics.
- Supplemental application fee: $85, non-refundable

Acceptances
Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following ACOMAS 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
- Earliest acceptance date: 10/1/2017
- Latest acceptance date: Until class is filled
- Deferred entrance requests considered: Yes
PNWU-COM does not usually defer admission, requests submitted to the Admission Committee will be reviewed and a recommendation made to the dean for final decision.
- Orientation / start date for first-year students: 8/6/2018

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

Premedical Coursework

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Financial Information

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| Estimated annual room, board, books and living costs: $19,825 |

| Average 2016 graduate indebtedness: $263,964 |
| Deposit |
| See ACOMAS traffic guideline schedule. |
| Amount of deposit to hold place in class: $1,000, non-refundable |
| Deposit due: ACOMAS traffic guidelines |
| Additional deposit amount: $0 |
| Deposit applied to tuition: Yes |

| Financial Aid Website: www.pnwu.edu/admissions/financial-aid/ |
| Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 87% |
| Scholarships: Yes |
| Average scholarship/grant: $40,350 |
• 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: 6/22/2017
• Latest acceptance date: 4/27/2018

• Deferred entrance requests considered: Yes
Requests must be received in writing and approvals are at the discretion of the student selection advisory committee.

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

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: 4.35%
• Asian: 8.7%
• Black or African-American: 1.09%
• Hispanic/Latino: 1.09%
• Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0%
• White: 67.39%
• Multiple Races: 11.96%
• Undisclosed: 5.43%

Majors of First-Year Class Matriculants
• Science majors: 74%
• Non-Science majors: 26%
• Graduate degree(s): 3%

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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: 16.92%
• Black or African-American: 8.65%
• Hispanic/Latino: 8.27%
• Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0%
• White: 60.53%
• Multiple Races: 3.01%
• Undisclosed: 2.63%

Majors of First-Year Class Matriculants
• Science majors: 79.8%
• Non-Science majors: 20.1%
• Graduate degree(s): 31.1%

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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: 15.86%
• Black or African-American: 0.69%
• Hispanic/Latino: 6.90%
• Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0%
• White: 67.59%
• Multiple Races: 2.07%
• Undisclosed: 6.90%

Majors of First-Year Class Matriculants
• Science majors: 88%
• Non-Science majors: 14%
• Graduate degree(s): 21%