Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM)

Mission Statement
Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine trains students and graduates to practice patient-centered osteopathic medicine using innovative teaching methods, scholarly activity, and research, while developing excellent undergraduate and graduate medical education opportunities.

COM Description
Rocky Vista University College of Osteopathic Medicine (RVUCOM) was founded in 2006 to educate osteopathic physicians and prepare them to meet the diverse needs of their patients. It is our goal and standard that upon graduation, our students will be qualified to enter any medical specialty. Our emphasis, however, is the training of students who are committed to entering community-based and primary care disciplines to meet the needs of those who are underserved or disadvantaged in Colorado, Utah, and the Mountain West Region. We are committed to producing graduates who not only are knowledgeable and skilled, but who also are ethical, compassionate, holistic and patient-centered. It is our goal that all RVUCOM students will practice the traditions of osteopathic principles, philosophy and heritage and will become well-rounded physicians equipped to meet the needs of patients today and into the future. The RVUCOM-Southern Utah campus, located in Ivins, UT matriculated its first class in 2017.

Curricular Offerings
The design of the curriculum is based on a proven systems-based integrated academic model. It emphasizes interdisciplinary collaboration, guiding students to develop a holistic, and more importantly, an osteopathic approach to medicine. In utilizing a systems approach to medical education, basic biomedical science disciplines are integrated with clinical sciences in a fashion that reflects clinical relevancy, rather than broken down into individual segregated disciplines. RVUCOM continually correlates basic scientific information and methodology with fundamental clinical application. Students are exposed to clinical settings in their first semester, which gives them the opportunity to prepare for the "real world" of medicine. We believe that by adding early clinical exposure and active learning in a team or small-group setting early in the curriculum, we will strengthen the students’ ability to think critically, solve clinical problems and develop the skills they will require to continue to learn throughout their career. Professionalism and ethics are key components for a physician and are emphasized throughout the entire curricular experience at RVUCOM.

• Third and fourth-year students are placed at one of our regional centers throughout the state and region to ensure continuity and coordination of clinical education within RVU’s vast and growing clinical training network. The competency-based curriculum is designed to fulfill our mission of training students who are competent and ready to enter graduate medical education and training, with an emphasis on preparing students to become primary care physicians
• RVUCOM has a dedicated faculty; established affiliations with medical centers, hospitals and health care systems; a structured and supported rural medicine program; and a mission to educate the finest osteopathic physicians possible.

Dual Degree / Concurrent Programs
None offered

Preparatory Programs
Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS)
The MSBS is a nine-month (30 semester hours) degree program designed to strengthen the academic background of qualified applicants who are seeking acceptance into graduate health programs, such as medical, veterinary, dental, physician assistant, or other professional programs. The MSBS currently offers a core curriculum in the Biomedical Sciences designed to prepare students to enter professional education and/or advanced degree programs in the biomedical disciplines. The MSBS aims at enhancing the student's academic record and competitiveness of his or her candidacy for a professional or graduate degree.

Special Programs
Utah Rural Health Scholars Early Acceptance Program

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General Information

Facilities: The Colorado campus includes a state-of-the-art, 145,000-square-foot educational facility that has been constructed to advance the education of RVUCOM students and graduates. RVUCOM has designed and equipped a standardized patient lab that is based on the requirements established for the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners as well as the United States Medical Licensing Examination. An extensive simulator laboratory is available to provide students with the opportunity to develop knowledge, skills, competencies and confidence. The auditoriums, laboratories, and study and learning areas of the college have been engineered to develop a positive learning environment. The Utah campus will feature a new 104,000-square-foot medical education facility, including a full simulation center featuring an emergency room, OR, ICU, and labor and delivery suite.

Student residence options: Numerous apartment complexes are available in close proximity of the Colorado campus. On-site, furnished apartments will be available for students on the Utah campus.

2016-2017 Enrollment
• Total medical school enrollment: 623
• Total male: 337
• Total female: 286
• First-year enrollment: 155
• First-year male: 76
• First-year female: 79
• First-year in-state: 68
• First-year out-of-state: 87
• Total enrollment affiliate institutions: N/A
RVUCOM has an agreement with the Utah Rural Health Scholars Program to offer an early acceptance to exceptional candidates in the Rural Health Scholars Program at Southern Utah University and Dixie State University.

Colorado State University Masters of Biomedical Sciences Program
RVUCOM will admit students attending CSU’s MSBS program upon the recommendation of the CSU Program Director and Faculty.

Educational Tracks
Educational Tracks offered in: Military Medicine, Global Medicine, Rural/Wilderness Medicine, Academic Medicine Physician-Scientist.

Application Information
- Primary application service: AACOMAS
- Earliest application submission date: Opening Date of AACOMAS (5/4/2017)
- Primary application deadline: 3/15/2018
- Supplemental application deadline: 4/15/2018
- Submission timing for best consideration: As RVUCOM reviews candidates on a rolling-process, it is in the candidate’s best interest to submit their AACOMAS application as early in the cycle as possible, and at least four weeks prior to the school’s latest filing date.

Admissions Process
Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Supplemental applications will be sent only to candidates possessing a minimum of 3.00 science and cumulative GPAs and no individual score lower than a 6 on any section for old MCAT. A composite score of 500 or greater is required for the new MCAT. A letter of recommendation from a physician (DO or MD) is required along with a committee/advisor letter (two letters from science instructors may be substituted in the event the university does not have a pre-health advisor or committee).

First-year class matriculant’s selection factors: Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Supplemental applications will be sent only to candidates possessing a minimum of 3.00 science and overall GPAs and no individual score lower than a 6 on any section for old MCAT. A composite score of 500 or greater is required for the new MCAT. A letter of recommendation from a physician (DO or MD) is required along with a committee/advisor letter (two letters from science instructors may be substituted in the event the university does not have a pre-health advisor or committee). RVUCOM seeks well-rounded, service-oriented individuals who can complete an academically rigorous curriculum and will help the college fulfill its mission.

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

MCAT
- Oldest MCAT considered: 1/2015
- Accept September 2017 MCAT scores: Yes
- Accept January 2018 MCAT scores: Yes

Accepted Sources for Letters of Recommendation
- AACOMAS
- Virtual Evals
- Interfolio

Interview Format
Low-stress, 35-minute interview with two-member panel. Interviewers have access to personal statement, supplemental application, and letters of recommendation. Academics have been pre-screened and will be evaluated post interview by the admissions committee.

Supplemental Application
- Supplemental application required? Yes
- Earliest supplemental application submission date: 7/1/2017
- Supplemental application deadline: 4/15/2018
- Supplemental application requirements:
  - To be eligible to receive a supplemental application, candidates’ AACOMAS application must reflect a minimum 3.0 science and overall GPA. MCAT scores cannot be lower than 6 in any section (for the old MCAT exam), or 500 for the new MCAT.
  - The supplemental application fee is $50. The fee is non-refundable and non-waivable (except if the applicant provides documentation that they have been awarded an AACOMAS fee waiver).
  - A minimum of a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited U.S. college or university.

Financial Aid
Financial Aid Website: www.rvu.edu/prospective-students/student-financial-services/
Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 81%
Scholarships: Yes.
Average scholarship/grant: $2,500

Premedical Coursework

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Financial Information

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Fees Include:
- Student Services: X
- Student Activities: X
- Lab: X
- Health Service: X

Estimated annual room, board, books and living costs: $25,270
Average 2016 graduate indebtedness: $251,221

Deposit
RVUCOM has developed a 3-tiered deposit structure designed to provide accepted candidates with ample time to make an informed decision on which school will best meet their needs. Applicants should submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule.

Amount of deposit to hold place in class: $2,000, non-refundable
Additional deposit amount: $0
Deposit applied to tuition: Yes

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RVUCOM assures equal opportunity to all students and applicants, regardless of gender, age, race, color, non-disabling disability, religion or creed, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or other school-administered programs.

Supplemental Application
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Fee waiver available: Yes
Waiver conditions: AACOMAS waiver
Supplemental application sent to the following prospective students:
Candidates who meet the minimum requirements referenced above will receive a supplemental application.
Supplemental application fee: $50, 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
Earliest acceptance date: 9/9/2017
Latest acceptance date: TBD
Deferred entrance requests considered: Yes.
Requests for Deferred Entrance will only be considered under extreme circumstances when a candidate can’t start their medical school education due to military commitments, illness, or extreme family circumstances.
Orientation / start date for first-year students: 7/23/2018 (tentative)

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: 47.37%
- Black or African-American: 0.75%
- Hispanic/Latino: 5.26%
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 0%
- White: 37.59%
- Multiple Races: 3.76%
- Undisclosed: 5.26%

Majors of First-Year Class Matriculants
- Science majors: 90%
- Non-Science majors: 10%
- Graduate degree(s): 25%