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College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNE COM)

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General Information

Mission Statement

The University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNE COM) fosters health care leaders across the continuum in undergraduate, pre-doctoral, graduate, and continuing medical education to advance exceptional osteopathic health care locally and globally through practice, research, scholarship, education, and community health.

COM Description

UNE COM, set in a beautiful location where the Saco River meets the Atlantic Ocean, is committed to serving the people of New England and the nation through an emphasis on educating primary care physicians. UNE COM offers academic excellence, a supportive learning environment and a picturesque oceanside campus. UNE has seven Centers of Excellence, which include the Center for Biomedical Research Excellence for the Study of Pain and Sensory Function (COBRE); the Center for Excellence in Aging and Health; the Center for Excellence in Health Innovation; the Center for Excellence in the Marine Sciences; the Center for Excellence in the Neurosciences; the Center for the Enrichment of Teaching and Learning; and the Interprofessional Education Collaborative. UNE COM is recognized for excellence in primary care, osteopathic manipulative medicine, and geriatric education.

Campus setting: Biddeford, Maine; Rural, Oceanside. Closest city is Portland, ME.

Year founded: 1978

Type: Private, non-profit

Accreditation: UNE COM is accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Institutional affiliation: University of New England

Facilities:

- Jack S. Ketchum Library, Biddeford Campus, and Josephine S. Abplanalp '45 Library, Portland Campus. Libraries are open 24/5, with reduced hours on Saturday and Sunday.
- Leonard Hall was built to accommodate the increase in class size. It features the latest in state-of-the-art educational technology, white boards and other features which allow for case-based learning and other innovative educational learning experiences.
- The Harold Alford Center for Health Sciences offers students outstanding gross anatomy and osteopathic manipulative medicine laboratories.
- The Clinical Performance Center for work with standardized patients and patient simulators.
- The Pickus Center for Biomedical Research provides opportunities to collaborate with faculty on basic science research.
- The University Campus Center includes a fitness center, racquetball court, gym, and an indoor track and pool, with an extensive intramurals program.
- The Alford Forum athletics complex includes an ice hockey rink, basketball court, classroom space, fitness center, and multi-purpose indoor practice courts that can also be used for performances and other events.
- The Ripich Commons, dedicated in March 2018, features a new dining facility, small gathering spaces, larger community gathering spaces and flexible office space, plus lounge areas for student study.

Student residence options:

There is no on-campus housing available for graduate students on the Biddeford campus. Students generally have year round rentals in the surrounding communities of Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach, and Portland, ME. Some students utilize rentals of seasonal housing, however students are encouraged to be mindful of the academic year calendar as they make these arrangements.

2017-2018 Enrollment

- **Total medical school enrollment:** 716
- **Total male:** 375
- **Total female:** 341
- **First-year enrollment:** 178
- **First-year male:** 93
- **First-year female:** 85
- **First-year in-state:** 23

- **First-year out-of-state:** 155
- **Total enrollment affiliate institutions:** 716

Curricular Offerings

The UNE COM curriculum is designed to develop osteopathic primary care and other specialized physicians who are skilled in health promotion and illness prevention, as well as the delivery of health care to the ill. To that end, UNE COM provides an innovative, contemporary, patient-focused curriculum that fosters life-long, self-directed, evidence-based learning and professional development.

Our progressive, integrated four-year curriculum aligns educational activities with the principles of adult learning to maximize the attainment and retention of knowledge, skills, and attitudes crucial to the delivery of health care in the 21st century.

UNE COM students spend the first two years of the program on the University of New England (UNE) campus in Biddeford, ME. The curriculum consists of a series of large and small group learning activities, combined with independent experiential learning in physicians' offices, hospitals, extended care facilities, and health centers. Scheduled learning sessions include traditional didactic lectures, interactive problem solving sessions, facilitated case-based learning, patient case study discussions, hands-on laboratory exercises, panel discussions, demonstrations, and clinically focused encounters with standardized and real patients. Learning activities are constructed to provide a strong foundation in the basic biomedical and social sciences as well as clinical skills as they apply to the rapidly changing practice of medicine. A thorough grounding in the manual skills of osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM) is provided in the first two years, and supplemented, reinforced, and expanded in Years 3 and 4.

The last two years of predoctoral training focuses on experiential learning in a clinical setting to further develop individual and team learning and to expand clinical acumen. The entire third year curriculum is conducted, over a twelve month period, at one of the designated Clinical Campuses.

Year 4 students continue their learning with selective and elective clinical rotations at UNE COM-approved programs of their choice.

Dual Degree / Concurrent Programs DO/MPH

UNE COM students can earn their Master of Public Health (MPH) degree fully online. The 46-credit hour curriculum is designed to enhance students' skills in a variety of professional areas including analysis, communication, program development and planning, financial management, policy, ethics, and law. The MPH curriculum also includes a culminating practicum that allows you to put into place what you have learned in the program. <https://online.une.edu/public-health/master/>

Preparatory Programs

None offered

Special Programs

Graduate Certificate in Public Health

UNE's 18-credit-hour Graduate Certificate in Public Health provides students with the core public health concepts they need to either enhance their professional knowledge or to pursue a graduate degree in the field. These 18 credit hours are the foundation courses for UNE's Master of Public Health degree. All certificate program courses are transferable to UNE's MPH degree program.

Anatomy/Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine Undergraduate Fellowship

The Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Program in the Departments of Anatomy and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine is designed to expand the educational opportunities for selected students with guided learning experiences in the areas of medical education, research, Osteopathic Principles and Practices, and Anatomy while they assist in all phases of the departments' operations. They will assist in lecturing, teaching, assessing, and counseling of the first and second year students. During the year the Fellow(s) provide clinical services under the supervision of faculty members and they are encouraged to develop or participate in research projects with the assistance of the basic science and/or clinical faculties.

Pettapiece and Morgane Student Research Fellowship

Medical students at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine can apply for funding to conduct research projects through either the UNE COM Dean's office (Peter Morgane Student Research Fellowship) or UNE COM Student Government Association (Carmen Pettapiece Student Research Fellowship). These are great opportunities for UNE COM students who wish to participate and obtain experience in biomedical, clinical, experiential, or translational research either

at UNE or at other locations nationally/globally. Research projects can have a basic science, community health, clinical, and/or osteopathic orientation. Applications are evaluated through respective review processes and selections are made accordingly. All current UNE COM students who are matriculated at the time of the award and in good academic standing are welcome to apply.

Distance courses for Health Professions applicants to meet prerequisites

The Science Prerequisite for Health Professions courses by UNE Online are for students who wish to enter a health professions program but need one or two prerequisite courses in order to complete their graduate or medical school application. Most of our SPHP students are either enrolled at another university already, or have actually completed their undergraduate degree and just need one or two classes to satisfy their medical school prerequisites

UNE Care of the Underserved Pathway

The four-year Care of the Underserved Pathway (CUP) program coordinates current and planned offerings in underserved care and combines them into a comprehensive pathway designed to ensure that rising physicians will provide quality care for underserved patients in Maine and beyond. CUP provides qualified and interested UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) students interprofessional (team-based) knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to care for underserved patients as well as recognizes students for their accomplishments, and encourages them to seek future positions in the care of the underserved. Faculty involved in CUP supplement the curriculum by serving as positive role models and mentors to future health professionals providing care to underserved patients.

Application Information

- **Primary application service:** AACOMAS
- **Earliest application submission date:** Opening Date of AACOMAS (5/3/2018)
- **Primary application deadline:** 2/1/2019

- **Supplemental application deadline:** 3/15/2019
- **Submission timing for best consideration:** Applicants are encouraged to complete their AACOMAS application as early as possible in the admissions cycle to ensure consideration for an invitation to interview.

Admissions Process

Step One: AACOMAS will send your application to UNE COM after the application file is completed and verified. UNE will notify you via email when your verified application is received. Additional communications will be sent through email as your status changes throughout the admissions cycle.

Step Two: Upon receipt of your verified AACOMAS application a preliminary review will begin where coursework (overall and science GPA), credit hours, MCAT scores, and prerequisite requirements will be reviewed against minimum standards. Qualified applicants will be invited to submit payment, of \$55.00, for the UNE COM supplemental application.

- UNE COM reserves the right to suspend the submission of payment for supplemental applications prior to the published deadline.

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Premedical Coursework

Science Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
Anatomy		X		
Biology/Zoology	X		X	8
Biochemistry	X			3
Cell/Molecular Biology		X		
Genetics		X		
Inorganic Chemistry	X		X	8
Microbiology		X		
Organic Chemistry	X		X	4
Physics	X		X	8
Physiology		X		

*No test credit is accepted toward the science prerequisite.

Non-Science

Course	Req.	Rec.	Lab	Sem. Hrs
College English	X			6*
Behavioral Sciences*	X			6**
Humanities		X		
Math/Statistics		X		
Other Behavioral Science Coursework		X		

**UNE COM will accept AP credits for English (3 credits only) and Behavioral Science (3 credits only)

**AACOMAS-classified Behavioral Science coursework accepted. Maximum 3 credits of Advanced Placement to fulfill requirement. No other test scores accepted. (6 Semester Credits or 9 Quarter Credits)

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

Source: 2017–2018 tuition. Data subject to change.

Annual resident tuition:	\$55,080
Annual non-resident tuition:	\$55,080
Annual resident fees:	\$835
Annual non-resident fees:	\$835
Annual health insurance fee:	\$3,899

Fees Include:

Student Services	X	Technology (not computer)	X
Lab	X	Health Service	X
Student Activities	X		

Estimated annual room, board, books and living costs: \$21,950

Average 2017 graduate indebtedness: \$238,306

Deposit

See AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule.

Amount of deposit to hold place in class: \$500, non-refundable

Additional deposit amount: \$1,500

Deposit applied to tuition: Partially: \$2,000 applied towards tuition if student enrolls.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Website: <http://www.une.edu/sts/graduate>

Enrolled students with federal financial aid: 74%

Scholarships: Yes

Average scholarship/grant: \$28,034

Step Three: Applications are reviewed for completion, including all required letters of recommendation and supplemental payment. UNE COM encourages applicants to have letters of recommendation submitted through AACOMAS.

Step Four: On-campus interviews are offered to qualified applicants by invitation only and are required for admission. Decisions for interviewed applicants are made on a rolling basis.

First-year class matriculant's selection factors:

Application Minimums:

- Prerequisite coursework must be completed by January 1, 2019, for this application cycle. All prerequisites must be listed on the AACOMAS application at the time of submission.
- Minimum overall and science GPA of 2.8 for application.
- Successful completion of MCAT with a minimum of 490 taken between January 2016 and December 2018.
- Ninety semester hours or 75 percent credit towards a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited US college or university, or international equivalent, at time of application resulting in a degree awarded prior to matriculation.
- Applicants who meet minimum requirements for application should understand the average GPA and MCAT scores for students accepted into the program are well above the published minimum requirements. Just meeting the minimum application requirements does not guarantee an invitation to submit supplemental fee, an interview, or an acceptance to, UNE COM.

Prospective students are encouraged to strengthen their command of the sciences through additional courses in anatomy, calculus, chemistry, genetics, microbiology and/or physiology as well as coursework in arts and letters, communication, humanities and social sciences. Applicants are evaluated on their demonstration of scholastic abilities; exposure to and experience in health care and human services; leadership, community service and/or research experience; interest in practicing primary care, practicing in New England and/or working in underserved communities; and the maturity and desire to work collaboratively with classmates, faculty, health care providers and patients. An understanding of the unique philosophy and practice of osteopathic medicine is critical. Personality and the ability to establish rapport and trust with classmates, colleagues and future patients; sense of responsibility; and maturity are important.

UNE does not discriminate in admissions or access to, or treatment in, its programs and activities on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, veteran status, or disabling conditions in violation of federal or state civil rights laws of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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

<http://www.une.edu/admissions/intl>

- Applicants with international degrees (including applicants from English speaking Canadian institutions) must have their transcripts evaluated

for degree and grade equivalency to that of a regionally accredited US institution through World Education Services (WES) to be eligible for application. Please visit [International Admissions](#) for more information.

- All applicants to UNE must be able to understand and communicate in English to be admitted to the university. UNE accepts several methods of English Proficiency (see [International Admissions](#)).
- If the applicant cannot prove English Language Proficiency in any other way, the TOEFL must be completed and official scores submitted to AACOMAS to complete the application file.

MCAT

- **Oldest MCAT considered:** 2016; 3-digit scores only
- **Accept September 2018 MCAT scores:** Yes
- **Accept January 2019 MCAT scores:** No

Accepted Sources for Letters of Recommendation

- AACOMAS
- Interfolio
- Paper
- Email

Interview Format

A team of faculty, clinicians or administrators and students conduct open-file interviews which focus on assessing each candidate's characteristics to do well as an osteopathic physician, their fit with the mission, vision and values of the institution and their response to scenarios, looking at depth of reasoning and support of the discussion in their responses. Candidates are scheduled for one 30-minute interview as part of a half-day of on-campus activities.

Supplemental Application

- **Supplemental application required?** Yes
- **Earliest supplemental application submission date:** 5/3/2018
- **Supplemental application deadline:** 3/15/2019
- **Supplemental application requirements:** Supplemental Application questions for the 2018-2019 cycle are embedded in the AACOMAS application and all applicants must fill out these questions at time of submission of the primary application.
- **Fee waiver available:** Yes
- **Waiver conditions:** AACOMAS fee waiver
- **Supplemental application sent to the following prospective students:** Supplemental questions are part of the AACOMAS application and must be completed at the time of submission. Qualified applicants will be invited to submit the supplemental application payment and move forward in the process.
- **Supplemental application fee:** \$55, 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:** September 2018
- **Latest acceptance date:** July 2019
- **Deferred entrance requests considered:** No
- **Orientation / start date for first-year students:** 6/27/2019

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:** 16.85%
- **Black or African-American:** 1.12%
- **Hispanic/Latino:** 1.12%
- **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** 0%
- **White:** 71.91%
- **Multiple Races:** 3.93%
- **Undisclosed:** 5.61%

Majors of First-Year Class Matriculants

- **Science majors:** 70%
- **Non-Science majors:** 30%
- **Graduate degree(s):** 22%