

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE FAST FACTS

Doctors of osteopathic medicine, or DOs, are physicians who practice in all areas of medicine. Emphasizing a whole-person approach to treatment and care. DOs are trained to listen and partner with their patients to help them get healthy and stay well.



23,000+

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLICANTS A YEAR



1-IN-4

MEDICAL STUDENTS IN THE U.S. ATTEND A COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE



9

AVERAGE NUMBER OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL COLLEGES APPLICANTS APPLY TO

2023 BY THE NUMBERS:

186,871

DOS AND OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENTS IN THE US

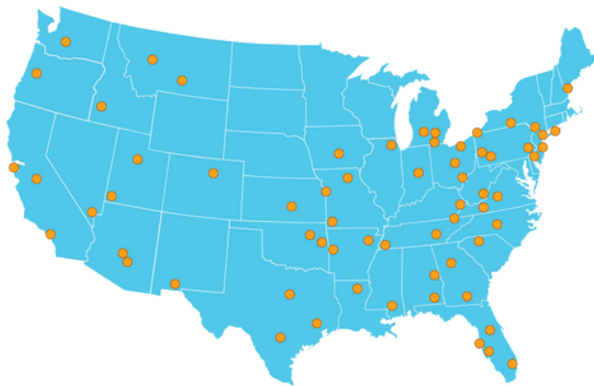
148,829

DOS IN THE US

36,700

OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENTS

Source: American Osteopathic Association OMP Report



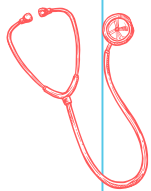
WE HAVE A COLLEGE FOR YOUR STUDENTS:

42 COLLEGES OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

67 TEACHING LOCATIONS

36 STATES

CAREER OPTIONS FOR DOS:



57%

Practice in primary care specialties including :

- family medicine
- internal medicine
- pediatrics

43%

Practice in non-primary care specialties like:

- emergency medicine
- anesthesiology
- obstetrics & gynecology
- general surgery
- psychiatry



Other career pathways include:

- medical research
- clinical education
- health policy
- hospital administration



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2024 ENTERING CLASS PROFILE

Mean MCAT Scores	
Psychological, Social & Bio	126.80
Bio & Biochemical	125.78
Chemical & Physical	125.41
Critical Analysis & Reasoning	124.99
TOTAL MCAT	502.97

Mean GPA	
Science	3.49
Non-Science	3.71
OVERALL	3.59



2024-25 AACOMAS APPLICATION CYCLE

- College deadlines range from September through April
- Most colleges maintain deadlines prior to February 1
- Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis



KEY UPDATES

FOR THE 2024-25 AACOMAS APPLICATION CYCLE

- **Internal AACOM Questions.** Applicants will be asked to respond to questions about their previous exposure to osteopathic medicine and their experience with the AACOMAS application. These questions are for internal use at AACOM and will not be shared externally.
- **Professional Transcript Entry.** Applicants now have the option to pay for a Professional Transcript Entry (PTE) Service. For a fee, PTE specialists will enter completed coursework from accredited schools. Coursework from unlisted schools, foreign coursework and planned/in-progress courses are ineligible for PTE and must be entered by the applicant. The applicant should allow 10 days for the completion of the PTE process.
- **Added Final Decision Code.** All AACOMAS programs must report a Final Decision Code for each submitted applicant via WebAdMIT. This cycle, RESCINDED has been added as a final decision code. This decision code refers to a revocation of offer of admission due to applicant's failure to meet conditions of acceptance specifically outlined in the applicant acceptance letter or matriculation agreement.