Osteopathic medicine was developed as a method of treatment emphasizing the musculoskeletal system, the patient's potential for self-healing, and a concern for the patient as a complete entity. DOs diagnose and treat human diseases and injuries, and practice preventive medicine, sometimes combined with research and/or teaching.

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(Additional osteopathic medicine links are located on the "Resources" page. Scroll down to “Explore Even More,” click on “Health Professions Links” and select “Osteopathy.”)

Degree
D.O.

Program Length
4 years, plus additional training (1-7 years).

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Academic Admission Requirements
One year each: Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Math (through calculus), Physics, English.
Links to prerequisites for each U.S. osteopathic medical school are found at the bottom of the Choosing Your Courses page.

Admission Exam
MCAT (Medical College Admission Test)
Personal Attributes & Experiences

Similar to allopathic medicine. Also a knowledge and commitment to the DO's traditional concern for the whole person and a "holistic" approach to the practice of medicine in general.

Recommendation Letters

Health Professions Committee letter (usually confidential) sent with additional individual letters of support.