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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**Degree**

D.O.

**Program Length**

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

**Professional Schools' Organization**

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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)
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