

Osteopathic Medicine Description

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. (Click [here](#) to view a few examples of the many Clark alumni osteopathic doctors.)

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Degree	D.O.
Program Length	4 years, plus additional training (1-7 years).
Professional Schools' Organization	AACOM (American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine) AACOM Recruiting Events Osteopathic Medical Colleges Student Guide Osteopathic Medical Programs Osteopathic Medical Schools U.S. Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
Application Service	AACOMAS (American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service) AACOMAS Application Instructions; Application Deadlines AACOMAS Facebook AACOMAS PreMed Twitter Application Fee Waiver

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.