Physician (D.O.)

- Osteopathic physicians are licensed to diagnose, treat, prescribe and perform surgery in all 50 states and the District of Columbia
- Training includes a holistic approach and a focus on the musculoskeleton system (structure influences function)
- Approximately 50% of D.O.’s practice family medicine, general internal medicine or general pediatrics

2008 Applicants

- Mean MCAT scores for applicants
  - Verbal: 8.31 ± 1.99
  - Biological Science: 8.80 ± 1.81
  - Physical Science: 8.17 ± 1.83

- 11,742 for 4,389 seats

- 24 schools and 3 branch campuses

- Mean number of applications per applicant is 7.05

- GPA
  - Science: 3.24 ± 1.99
  - Overall: 3.39 ± 0.33

- More than 6,000 of the 11,731 applicants were biology majors. Psychology majors ( >1,000) was second most frequently reported major.

Osteopathic physicians can choose any specialty, prescribe drugs, perform surgeries and practice medicine anywhere in the USA.

4 years of medical schools plus 3-6 years of attitudinal medicine training (Internships and residencies)

Training to consider the health of the whole person and use their hands to help diagnose and treat their patients

12 Qu 8 Semester Units Biology/Zoology with lab Biol 172, 173
12 Qu 8 Semester Units Inorganic Chemistry (general) with lab, Chem 120A/B
12 Qu 8 Semester Units O'Chem with lab, Chem 301A/B, Chem 302
12 Qu 8 Semester Units Physics with lab, Phy211, 211L, 212, 212L
9 Qu 6 Semester Units College English/ English Composition, Eng 101, 301
9 Qu 6 Semester Units Behavioral Sciences
4 Qu 4 Semester Units Math

Strongly Encouraged: Biochemistry (Chem 421), Microbiology (Biol 302), Immunology (Biol 424, Anatomy (Biol 361), Physiology (Biol 362)

Prerequisites need to be completed by July 1 of matriculation year.