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At the time of entry, the applicant must have completed:

1. At least 90 semester hours and not less than 75 percent of the courses required for the baccalaureate degree at a regionally-accredited college or university;
2. Satisfactory completion of the following courses, with no grade below a "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale):
   - English (six semester hours)
   - Biology (eight semester hours), including laboratory
   - Physics (eight semester hours), including laboratory
   - General chemistry (eight semester hours), including laboratory
   - Organic chemistry (eight semester hours), including laboratory
3. Applicants must have completed at least one upper-division (3000-4000 level) science course, including laboratory. Examples include, but are not limited to: biochemistry, comparative anatomy, cellular biology, embryology, histology, microbiology or molecular biology, histology, physiology, and genetics.

The annual application deadline is February 28. The deadline for supplemental application materials is March 30.

An on-campus interview with the Applicant Interview Committee is by invitation only. Interviews are conducted by clinical and basic science faculty members, as well as alumni. Applicants must participate in the interview to qualify for further consideration. Interview results and other data submitted will be considered when determining which applicants have demonstrated appropriate levels of scholarship, aptitude and motivation for admission to the program. Class size is limited to 115 students (in 2016).

OSU-COM seeks to admit students who want to become primary care physicians in rural and underserved Oklahoma. The Rural and Underserved Primary Care Early Admissions Program allows students who want to become dedicated primary care physicians practicing in rural and underserved Oklahoma to complete undergraduate and pre-doctoral training in seven years. For more information on the Early Admissions Program, please visit www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/com/admissions/options.php

Selection Factors

The College considers applications for admission from all qualified candidates. Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities, and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their age, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, national origin or ethnicity. Preference is given to Oklahoma residents. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. Non-U.S. citizens must have a permanent resident visa (“green card”) at the time of application in order to be considered for admission.

College Curriculum

The curriculum at the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine places significant focus on primary care. The four-year program emphasizes the integration of biomedical sciences with clinical systems. The curriculum includes early hands-on clinical experiences with patients, patient models, and simulations. Instructional methods are student-centered and include traditional lecture, and small group and team-based learning. Problem-solving and information retrieval skills are emphasized to produce and develop skills that support lifelong learning.

The culture of OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine encourages students to establish an academic relationship with faculty members and community-based physicians. The curriculum emphasizes integration of biomedical with clinical and behavioral sciences to permit the full comprehension of the clinician’s work and promote a holistic approach to the care of patients and their families. Students receive training in all areas of medicine, with additional emphasis on osteopathic manipulative medicine. Incorporated within the OSU-COM curriculum is a Rural Medical Track (RMT) that stresses the unique nature and characteristics of a rural practice, provides a pathway for student matriculation into a rural primary care residency, and supports residency graduates in the establishment of a practice in a rural or underserved Oklahoma location. The first four years of medical school are comprised of classroom rotations, which are community based, consisting of clerkship experiences in hospitals and clinics where students observe patients and care and participate in the evaluation and treatment of patients under physician supervision.

In the Clerkship Program, students are required to complete 22, four-week rotations in the core areas of family medicine, osteopathic manipulative medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics-gynecology, psychiatry and emergency medicine. In addition to the
Students graduate from the four-year program with the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) degree complete. For the PhD program, the thesis programs offer a variety of departments for those individuals who wish to pursue graduate-level study in health care contexts. The program is designed to be completed in five years. The first year is the graduate portion of the program and the last four years consist of the medical portion of the degree.

The DO/MPH is an accelerated program that allows D.O. students to gain their M.P.H. in one calendar year, by allowing DO coursework to serve as elective coursework for the MPH degree. This 42-hour program takes 27 hours of the MPH's core coursework in the fall and spring semesters with six elective hours taken in the summer.

The Master of Athletic Training Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). Once accepted into the program, students are assigned to a Board of Certification (BOC) Certified Athletic Trainer (AT) where they are responsible to provide education and support to students interested in the alternative loan options available to them.

Tuition and fees at the College of Osteopathic Medicine (for the 2016-2017 school year) totals $24,926* per year for Oklahoma residents and $48,717* per year for out-of-state residents. (*subject to change)

Most financial aid is renewable on an annual basis, provided there is adequate funding and the student remains eligible (enrolled in a matriculated program, in good academic standing, and with continued need for need-based aid). To qualify, each student should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by Feb. 15. Students are encouraged to continue to file after this date; however, consideration for funds will be given on a first-come basis. The FAFSA and other required applications may be obtained by contacting: Office of Financial Aid - OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine; 1111 West 17th Street, Tulsa, OK 74107-1898; Students may apply online at www.fafsa.gov/ (School code is G11282).

Graduate Education

The Center for Health Sciences offers graduate degree programs in Biomedical Sciences, Forensic Sciences, Health Care Administration and Athletic Training. The Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program offers PhD, MS, DO/MS and DO/PhD degree programs. These programs provide students with a foundation in biomedical sciences that is broadly applicable to many disciplines, including anatomy, biochemistry, cell biology, microbiology, pathology, pharmacology and physiology.

The Master of Science in Forensic Sciences requires a thesis and non-thesis option, with both programs designed to be completed in two years with a minimum of 32 credit hours. The PhD program is designed to be completed in four years with a minimum of 90 credit hours. The DO/PhD program is designed to be completed in a minimum of seven years. The first two years are the basic science years of the program. The middle three years are graduate study, research, and dissertation for the PhD program. The final two years are the clinical sciences years of the DO program. The DO/MS program is designed to be completed in a minimum of five years. The first year is primarily the graduate portion of the program. The last four years consist of the medical portion of the degree, with any remaining course work completed during the first year of medical school and subsequent summers.

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The Master of Science in Health Care Administration consists of 32 total hours with a creative component or thesis including six hours of general graduate-level electives. The program is an option in healthcare leadership and entrepreneurship or an option in administration. The curriculum provides exposure to management concepts, processes and techniques associated with management and entrepreneurship functions in a variety of health care organizational settings. This degree is designed for professionals who wish to move into management or executive positions; however, healthcare experience is not required. This degree offers on-site courses at OSU-Stillwater and OSU-Tulsa as well as distance learning opportunities. This degree can be completed by those individuals who have completed baccalaureate coursework in a field other than health care.

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