

Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine

History & Mission

Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine (PCSOM) is the nation's 19th osteopathic school. The school matriculated its first class of 60 students in September of 1997.

PCSOM is a graduate school of Pikeville College, which offers a four-year program leading to the degree of Doctor of Osteopathy (DO). The mission of PCSOM is to provide men and women with an osteopathic

medical education that emphasizes primary care, encourages research, promotes lifelong scholarly activity, and produces graduates who are committed to serving the health care needs of communities in eastern Kentucky and other Appalachian regions.



What is osteopathic medicine?

Osteopathic medicine is a century-old tradition of caring for people, not just treating symptoms. D.O.s believe in a whole person philosophy. They help their patients develop attitudes and lifestyles that don't just fight illness, but prevent it. They give special attention to how the body's nerves, muscles, bones and organs work together to influence health. And, through osteopathic manipulative treatment, they can use their hands to diagnose and treat injury and illness – encouraging the body's natural ability to heal itself.

What is a D.O.?

There are two kinds of physicians qualified to practice medicine. One holds an M.D. (doctor of medicine) degree, and the other has earned a D.O. (doctor of osteopathic medicine) degree. Osteopathic physicians perform surgery, deliver babies and prescribe medicine in hospitals and clinics across the nation. Whether they're family doctors or specialists, D.O.s use all the tools of modern medicine...and more.

Student Profile

Total Anticipated Enrollment—302

First admissions priority is given to students from eastern Kentucky and students from the Appalachian region.

Matriculating Facts—Class of 2011

Number of students—80

Applications	2,033
Applications from Kentucky	119
Completed applications	638
Completed applications from Kentucky	79
Students invited for interview	165
Students interviewed	129
Student accepted	94
Students on alternate	8
Students rejected	18
Students accepted and paid	76
Total new students for 2011	76
Students repeating from 2010	4

Average MCAT

Verbal—7.59
Physical Science—6.96
Biology—7.42

Average Overall GPA—3.3



Fast Facts

Tuition: \$31,600

Deadlines: February 1, 2008 (AACOMAS); March 1, 2008 (supplemental)

Background Check and Drug Screen: \$140; **Supplemental Fee:** \$75

Deposit: \$1,000 (non-refundable – applied toward tuition)

Facilities

An 8,500 square foot addition was completed in the summer of 2005 that houses offices, a state-of-the-art Osteopathic Principles and Practices Lab and a modern Biomedical Research laboratory. All of the medical school facilities have been completed in the last seven years. The physical plant features new classrooms, new labs and a state-of-the-art telemedicine center/medical library. The medical school's computer system is wireless and campus-wide.

Special Programs

In keeping with the mission of PCSOM, Pikeville College's Board of Trustees has decided that osteopathic medical students should have every opportunity to excel, both academically and organizationally. Therefore, PCSOM supplies each student with:

- Pentium laptop computer with the following specifications: Windows, MS Office, a modem, all required CD-ROMs
- free Internet access
- all required texts and workbooks (to be provided each year)
- all necessary anatomy dissection equipment, a new portable OP&P table, stethoscope, ophthalmoscope, otoscope, lab coats, scrub suits
- all SOMA dues
- all KOMA dues
- Level 1 board review
- the cost of taking Level 1 and Level 2-CE of COMLEX-USA (once)
- \$50 per student in a Student Government Activity fund
- \$30 per student in a SOMA activity fund

Supplemental Requirements

- Supplemental application
- Letters of recommendation from two science faculty members or a pre-medical committee
- A letter from an osteopathic physician, who is a member of the AOA, is required

Curriculum

PCSOM uses a curriculum featuring increased hours in behavior and community medicine, physical diagnosis and Osteopathic Principles and Practices. Traditional subjects are covered using case-based learning, traditional lecture and lab, as well as computer simulation.

For more information:

D.O.s practice throughout the United States and the world. If you want more information about osteopathic medicine or how to become a D.O., please contact our office of admissions.

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Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine has been granted accreditation by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation of the American Osteopathic Association and the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.