OSTEOPATHY PROGRAMS

General Info:

- Osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) are licensed, as are allopathic physicians (M.D.s), to give complete medical care to their patients. Osteopathic physicians are trained in schools of osteopathic medicine where they complete the same basic course work as do allopathic physicians. In addition, they are taught to diagnose and relieve pain using manipulative therapy, which is a hands-on technique based on the principles of osteopathic medicine.

- Preparation for osteopathic medical school is similar in every way to allopathic medical school. The prerequisite course work is the same.

- All schools require the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

- Currently, there are 29 accredited osteopathic medical schools.


Excellent resources for counselors and students:


California Schools of Osteopathy:

- **Touro University-California.** [http://www.tu.edu](http://www.tu.edu)
  - A baccalaureate degree is required
  - For fall 2015, there were 4,823 applicants and only 135 students were accepted
  - The average GPA for fall 2015 applicants was 3.57 on a 4.0 scale
  - The average MCAT scores on all subjects for fall 2015 applicants was 30.9/510.5
  - Candidates wishing to apply to the next TUCOM-CA Graduating Class must begin by submitting a primary application using the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS) in early March the same year of admission. TUCOM-CA operates on a rolling admissions cycle and applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early. Supplemental application must be received in early April the same year of admission.

- **Western University of Health Sciences.** [http://prospective.westernu.edu/osteopathic/welcome](http://prospective.westernu.edu/osteopathic/welcome)
  - A baccalaureate degree is required
For fall 2015, there were 6,942 applicants and 220 students were accepted
The average GPA for fall 2015 applicants was 3.56 on a 4.0 scale
The academic average MCAT scores for fall 2015 applicants was 29/505
Primary Application (AACOMAS) Available: May 1 - February 1 Secondary Application (Western U) Deadline: Two weeks from receipt of email instructions on how to complete the on-line secondary application (Secondary applications are accepted until the class is filled)

Common Osteopathy school prerequisites; one year of the following:
- Biology w/lab
- Chemistry w/lab
- Organic Chemistry w/lab
- General Physics w/lab
- Behavioral Science
- English
- Math/Computer Science

*The requirements for admission to colleges of osteopathic medicine vary; check each college’s admissions website

Some schools also require or recommend:
Microbiology
Genetics
Anatomy
Immunology
Physiology

FYI: Employment of Physicians is expected to grow 14% between 2014 and 2024. In 2015, physicians practicing primary care had total median annual compensation of $187,200.

Resources:
(Visited November 2016).