



**Western  
University**  
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

College of Osteopathic  
Medicine of the Pacific

## **Program Preview**

### **Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Session**

**Tuesday, March 23, 2021**

#### **Curriculum Overview & Residency Placements**

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#### **Student Q&A Panel**

*Current DO Students*



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### 2020 Class Statistics and FAQ

Number of Applications Received	5,872
Number of Interviews Granted	746
Number of Students Enrolled	227
Average Overall GPA	3.68
Average Science GPA	3.66
Average Non-Science GPA	3.72
Average MCAT	510

- Is a bachelor's degree required to apply?**  
A bachelor's degree is required for matriculation; however, you may apply while it is in progress.
- Is there a separate application process for the Lebanon campus?**  
Yes. You can apply to one or both campuses through the application service, AACOMAS. If you apply to both campuses, you will be required to submit two secondary applications and two processing fees. Only one set of letters is required and will be posted to both applications.
- Does it matter that I'm older than your average applicant?**  
Definitely not. We find that students of all ages make unique contributions to the class. We encourage all qualified applicants regardless of age.
- Can I transfer into COMP from another medical school?**  
Yes; we consider transfer requests on a case by case basis. Please refer to the [Transfer Requirements](#) page for more information on application deadlines.
- Can international students apply?**  
We cannot accept applications for the Lebanon campus from international students. However, we can accept applications from international students for the Pomona campus **only**, please refer to the [international student website](#) for details.
- How is my GPA calculated in the application process?**  
AACOMAS calculates an average science, non-science, and overall GPA for undergraduate, post-baccalaureate and graduate coursework, and an average of all coursework taken. AACOMAS does not include professional coursework in their calculations.
- Do I submit my letters of recommendation at the same time that I submit my secondary application?**  
You may submit your letters of recommendation through AACOMAS at the time you apply or after you receive confirmation that we have received your primary application. We prefer that the letters be sent electronically via VirtualEvals or Interfolio. Letters sent by mail should be sent to the Enrollment Data Services Office/DO Program by the recommender or by the health professions advising office staff on your campus at WesternU, 309 E. Second Street, Pomona, CA 91766. We do not accept letters of recommendation via email.
- Can I submit more than the required number of recommendation letters?**  
Yes. However, it is advisable to limit the additional letters to 5.
- Can I submit my secondary application after the 10-day deadline?**  
Yes. However, it is highly recommended that you submit your application as early as possible. Submitting your

application later may result in delayed processing. The committee will not review your file until all required documents have been received. Since we interview and offer acceptances on a rolling basis beginning in September, it is definitely to your advantage to submit your application and all supporting documents to us within the 10-day time frame.

- **How does the admissions committee decide which applicants are offered seats?**

The admissions committee reviews all completed applications and selects the most qualified candidates for interview taking into consideration such criteria as GPA, MCAT scores, clinical experience, leadership roles, knowledge of osteopathic medicine, and community service. Visit the [competitive candidate profile](#) page for details.

- **How and when will I know if I've been invited for an interview?**

You will receive a telephone call or email message from the admissions office if you have been selected for an interview. Applicants who are invited to interview will be scheduled for an interview three to four weeks in advance. Out-of-state applicants are given four to six weeks advance notice. Interviews are conducted from September through March. Keep your admissions counselor advised of current telephone number and email address.

- **When are acceptance letters and final notification letters mailed?**

Acceptance letters are mailed 10 to 15 business days following your interview. Alternates who are selected for the class will be contacted after the class is filled in April. All applicants will be notified of their final status in August.

- **I am a re-applicant, how can I better my application, or my chances of gaining admission?**

Take a critical review of the information that you provided our admissions office and see if there are any obvious voids. For example, maybe you did not shadow a DO, or you have little clinical experience. Perhaps you had low grades that lowered your overall and/or science GPA, or maybe you weren't involved in community service, or merely forgot to include it on your application. You would be surprised at how much you can learn about the strengths and weaknesses of your application simply by looking at it from an admissions perspective. Above all else, it is important to realize that we receive applications from thousands of highly qualified applicants each year and are only able to accept less than 10 percent of that pool.

- **How can I request a secondary application?**

When the admissions office receives your primary application from AACOMAS and determines that you have met the minimum requirements, you will immediately be directed to a secure webpage to file your secondary application. You will have 10 days to electronically file your secondary application. Secondary applications filed after 10 days may result in a delay in processing your application.

### **ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES**

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I can assist all prospective students with advising, club campus visits, and program presentations.

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I assist all applicants with questions regarding the application process and application status as well as transfer applicants.

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