

## Osteopathic Medicine Description

Osteopathic medicine was developed as a method of treatment emphasizing the musculoskeletal system, the patient's potential for self-healing, and a concern for the patient as a complete entity. DOs diagnose and treat human diseases and injuries, and practice preventive medicine, sometimes combined with research and/or teaching. (Click [here](#) to view a few examples of the many Clark alumni osteopathic doctors.)

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Degree	D.O.
Program Length	4 years, plus additional training (1-7 years).
Professional Schools' Organization	<a href="#">AACOM</a> (American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine) <a href="#">AACOM Recruiting Events</a> <a href="#">U.S. Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine</a>
Application Service	<a href="#">AACOMAS</a> (American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service) <a href="#">AACOMAS Application Instructions</a> <a href="#">Application Fee Waiver</a>
Academic Admission Requirements	One year each: Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Math (through calculus), Physics, English. Links to prerequisites for each U.S. osteopathic medical school are found at the bottom of the <a href="#">Choosing Your Courses</a> page.
Admission Exam	<a href="#">MCAT</a> (Medical College Admission Test)

Personal Attributes & Experiences	Similar to allopathic medicine. Also a knowledge and commitment to the DO's traditional concern for the whole person and a "holistic" approach to the practice of medicine in general.
Recommendation Letters	<a href="#">Health Professions Committee letter</a> (usually confidential) sent with additional individual letters of support.