



***The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track
In affiliation with Concord University***

The ***Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track*** is an early assurance program designed for selected undergraduate students of West Virginia colleges and universities. Students who enter into this program must express an overall desire to become an osteopathic physician and must identify the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine as their first choice in pursuing a medical education. Students may apply for the program in their sophomore year and must maintain a specific Grade Point Average (GPA) and receive (or achieve) a minimum Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) score. Applicants who are successful in maintaining good academic standing will be assigned a WVSOM faculty mentor and will be required to participate in programs specifically developed for these students at their undergraduate institution and also on the campus of WVSOM. A goal of five eligible students per year from the Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track program will be accepted to WVSOM.

*Applicants are **Accepted** to WVSOM provided they:*

- Are US residents or permanent citizens.
- Meet the criteria for application and matriculation.
- Participate in the WVSOM admissions interview process and receive acceptance.

*At the time of application to the **Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track** in the spring of their sophomore year, applicants:*

- Will have completed or be scheduled to complete the following courses:
 - 8 hours Biology
 - 8 hours General Chemistry
 - 8 hours Organic Chemistry
- Have a Science GPA equal to or greater than 3.2.
- Have an ACT score of 21 or higher, or a SAT score of 980-1020 or higher (or 1500 with writing test addition).
- Demonstrate evidence of empathy, compassion, altruism, maturity, and commitment to life-long learning.
- Plan to attend a two day summer program specifically designed for **Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track** students on the campus of WVSOM.

During their junior year students should:

- Submit an application to the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine through AACOMAS.
- Schedule a summer admissions interview date with the WVSOM Admissions office.
- Take the MCAT exam and post a score of 23 or above with a minimum sub-score in any one area of no less than 6.

At the time of matriculation, applicants:

- Must have completed the requirements for obtaining a bachelor's degree and include courses in general chemistry (8 hrs)*, organic chemistry (8 hrs), physics (8 hrs), math through calculus and statistics, biology (8 hrs) and English (3 hrs). To insure success at the osteopathic medicine level, courses in microbiology, immunology, biochemistry, and cell biology are highly suggested.
- Must have maintained a semester undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 or higher after acceptance into the program.

**Hours listed in () are WVSOM general admission requirements*

Extra Curricular Development Opportunities include:

- Assignment of a WVSOM faculty mentor/advisor. It will be expected that routine contact will be made with the faculty mentor by email, phone, or visits. The faculty mentor will be able to assist in answering questions that might come up as the applicant proceeds through the ***Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track*** program.
- Visits at various times during the academic year by WVSOM representatives who will be present on the applicant's campus to discuss the ***Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track*** program and to answer questions. Applicants in the ***Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track*** program will be expected to attend these meetings.
- Required programs on the campus of WVSOM provide in-depth tours of the various facilities, a chance to meet one-on-one with faculty mentors, be oriented to the uniqueness and efficacy of osteopathic principles and practice as demonstrated by osteopathic manipulative treatment, and to talk with practicing physicians, basic scientists, and osteopathic medical students.



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Timeline and Checklist

Spring of sophomore year

Students who plan to apply for admission into the *Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track* should meet with an advisor for the program to discuss the following requirements and timeline:

- Students should have completed or be scheduled to complete the following courses (maintaining a science GPA no less than 3.2): 8 hours biology, 8 hours General Chemistry, 8 hours Organic Chemistry.
- Students have shown evidence of an ACT score of 21 or higher, or a SAT score of 980-1020 or higher (or 1500 with writing test addition).
- Students should fill out the "Application for Pre-Osteopathic Medicine" form and submit the form *by May 1st* to the:
Office of the Associate Dean for Affiliated and Sponsored Programs
West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
400 N. Lee Street
Lewisburg, WV 24901
- A letter of support from the Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Advisor must be included.
- All applications will be reviewed by the *Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track* Advisory Committee.
- Upon acceptance into the program, the student applicant will be notified with:
 - The name of a WVSOM faculty mentor who has been assigned to them.
 - Assistance information on identifying a D.O. shadowing experience.

Summer between sophomore and junior year

Students will be required to attend a two-day summer program specifically designed for *Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track* students on the campus of WVSOM.

Junior Year

An expedited application review and interview process will occur when the applicant:

- Submits an application to the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine Admissions Office through the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS) by May 1st of the junior year. The Admissions Office will supply information concerning the submission of all Secondary Application materials.
- Supplies a MCAT score of 23 or above with minimum sub-score in any one area of no less than 6 to complete their application for admission prior to the summer interview date.
- Shows that all WVSOM requirements are met.
- Shows that all *Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track* requirements are met.

Interviews will occur in the summer (July-August) and notification of acceptance anticipated to be prior to the beginning of the candidate's senior year. The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine must remain the candidate's first choice for a medical career through-out this process.

Senior Year

To insure success at the osteopathic medicine level the following elective courses are highly suggested:

- Biochemistry
- Cell Biology
- Microbiology
- Immunology



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APPLICATION for Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track

NAME _____

Last

First

Middle

Preferred mailing address _____

Street or Box Number

City

State

Zip Code

Phone Number _____ Cellular Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Are you a legal resident of WV? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, Please supply County of Residence here: _____

Do you identify WVSOM as your first choice in pursuing a medical education? ____ Yes ____ No

Name of POMT Advisor: _____

Do you have a family member or friend who is a D.O? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, please list below:

Name:	Relationship:	Osteopathic School Attended
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APPLICANT ESSAY

Please state your reasons for wishing to become an Osteopathic Physician and why you feel WVSOM should consider you for the Pre-Osteopathic Medicine Track. Indicate, as appropriate, evidence of empathy, compassion, altruism, maturity and commitment to life-long learning. (Please attach and limit to 500 words).

The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine operates under a positive program of non-discrimination to ensure equal opportunity to all students and applicants regardless of sex, age, race, religion, creed, color, national origin or sexual orientation. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, provides that "no otherwise qualified handicapped individual...shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance...from the Department of Health and Human Services."

Signature _____ **Date** _____