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## PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES PROGRAM TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND MATRICULATION

All PCOM admitted applicants and current/enrolled students (**candidates**) must meet the Technical Standards set forth below. Therefore, all candidates are required to **attest at the time they accept an offer to matriculate** that they meet the Technical Standards, with or without reasonable accommodations and they **must attest on an annual basis** that they continue to meet the standards. These standards are not intended to deter any candidate who might be able to complete the requirements of the curriculum with reasonable accommodations. **Please closely review the required Technical Standards before completing this form.**

This form is used by a candidate to give notice to the College that the candidate **either satisfies, or is not capable of satisfying** the Technical Standards based on an ADA-recognized disability (which may be physical, cognitive, sensory, or psychological in nature) **without accommodation.**

**For each Technical Standard:** Candidate must check either “I will require accommodations” to meet the standard or “I will not require accommodations” to meet the standard. **Failure to request accommodation for an ADA recognized disability, for which you know you will require accommodations, may be regarded as academic dishonesty and a failure to meet the professional expectations standard required for admission or to remain enrolled.**

**For candidate requiring and requesting accommodations associated with a Technical Standard:** Upon submission of the completed Technical Standard Form, you will receive an email from the Coordinator of Disability Services with instructions for formalizing your accommodations requests. You will be required to show documentation associated with each accommodation you are requesting, for every Technical Standard for which you will require accommodations to meet that standard. Again, **failure to request accommodation for an ADA recognized disability, for which you know you will require accommodations, may be regarded as academic dishonesty and a failure to meet the professional expectations standard required for admission or to remain enrolled.**

After review of the candidate’s request for accommodation and required supporting documentation, the College’s ADA Accommodation Committee will review and respond to any such notice and request, with a statement of the reasonable disability accommodations, if any, that it can offer to assist the prospective student in completing the educational program.

Official matriculation and continued enrollment into or in a degree program **cannot be confirmed** unless and until all required forms are completed and returned and the College responds to the notice with the reasonable accommodations it can offer, and the **student accepts** those conditions of matriculation/enrollment.

### **Accommodations For Learning Disabilities:**

You will receive **a separate email** from the Office of Student Affairs with instructions on the process for requesting classroom-based accommodations.

### **Please Note:**

If other factors, such as personal preferences, cultural traditions or religious requirements would preclude you from meeting the Technical Standards, you may **not** request disability accommodations on this form, as these factors do not relate to an ADA-recognized disability. However, if such factors apply, you are strongly advised to contact the **Office of Student Affairs** to discuss the issues and request accommodation prior to confirming your acceptance. While such requests will be reviewed and considered, there is no assurance that an accommodation will be offered.

*\*Any requests for non-disability related accommodation made after confirmation of acceptance or enrollment in the program will not be considered.*

## **NEXT STEPS:**

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- 1) Please complete the forms, in their entirety, on the following pages. **Keep a copy of each page for your records.**
- 2) Return the signed forms, along with your \_\_\_\_\_ tuition prepayment to the Office of Admissions at PCOM. The address is 4170 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

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**Technical Standards**

The graduate student in biomedical sciences must have the knowledge and skills to function in a broad variety of academic and research situations and function effectively in classroom and laboratory and clinical settings.. In order to carry out the activities described below, biomedical science students must be able to consistently, quickly and accurately integrate all information received, and they must have the ability to learn, integrate, analyze, and synthesize data.

A student must have abilities and skills of five varieties, including: observation; communication; motor; conceptual, integrative and quantitative; behavioral and social. Technological compensation can be made for disabilities in some of these areas, but a candidate must be able to perform in a reasonably independent manner.

**Technical Standards for Matriculation**

**To Meet This Requirement**

Please check the appropriate box below

**I will require  
Accommodation**

**I will not require  
Accommodation**

<p><b><u>Observation and Sensory Skills:</u></b> Candidates and students must have sufficient vision to be able to observe demonstrations, experiments, and laboratory exercises in the basic sciences. They must be able to observe demonstrations accurately for proper understanding of the science content.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b><u>Communication Skills:</u></b> Students must be able to communicate effectively and sensitively with faculty, fellow students, research subjects and others. Communication includes not only speech but also reading and writing. They must also be able to communicate effectively and efficiently in oral and written form with all members of the research and/or health care team.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b><u>Motor Skills:</u></b> Candidates and students should have sufficient motor function and strength and mobility to execute movements required to perform laboratory exercises.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b><u>Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative Skills:</u></b> These skills include measurement, calculation, reasoning, analysis and synthesis. Problem solving, the critical skill demanded of scientists, requires all of these intellectual abilities. In addition, candidates and students should be able to comprehend three dimensional relationships and to understand the spatial relationships of structures.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b><u>Behavioral and Social Skills:</u></b> Candidates and students must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of their intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the prompt completion of all responsibilities attendant to classwork, laboratory exercises and research. Candidates and students must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads and to adapt to changing environments, to display flexibility and to learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the scientific environment. Compassion, integrity, concern for others, interpersonal skills, interest and motivation are all personal qualities that will be assessed during the admissions and educational processes.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**Professional Standards**

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine maintains a biomedical science curriculum that stresses clinical applications of biomedical concepts.

As part of this training, students may participate in activities involving patients and research subjects.

Therefore, it is mandatory that all matriculating students understand and accept these professional responsibilities including fulfilling professional responsibilities to peers, faculty and research subjects, demonstrating professional demeanor at all times and adhering to appropriate dress standards.

PCOM recognizes that there may be gender, religious and/or ethnic concerns of individual students. However, successful completion of the curriculum requires that each student demonstrate proficiency and professionalism with all aspects of biomedical science instruction.