



The Office of Admissions has assembled this timeline to assist you in the admissions process to PCOM's DO program. Please check the PCOM Web site for opportunities to visit our campus in Philadelphia or Georgia.

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*Georgia Campus*



## PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104, 215-662-5606. The Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation. PCOM is also accredited by the American Osteopathic Association through its Bureau of Professional Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.



# PRE-MEDICAL STUDENT'S GUIDE TO A COMPETITIVE APPLICATION

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## Freshman and Sophomore Years

- Maintain competitive academic standing in all coursework.
- Make contact with your school's pre-health advisor.
- Carefully select extracurricular activities on campus and in your local community that are of interest to you. Choose a wide variety of activities; however, do not get so involved that you jeopardize your academic performance. Do what you enjoy. Do not join an activity because you think it will "look good."
- Work/volunteer in a health care environment and/or shadow a physician, preferably an osteopathic physician.
- Begin your required coursework for admission to PCOM. Most advisable: General/Inorganic Chemistry and General Biology in your freshman year and Organic Chemistry or Physics in your sophomore year. If your schedule permits, you should begin fulfilling your English requirement in your freshman year—preferably English composition. Be sure to complete your school's freshman/sophomore coursework requirements.
- Apply early for any summer research/workshop positions if you are interested. (Although not a PCOM requirement, a research background will aid you in any science field you may choose, including medicine.)

## Junior Year

- Continue to maintain competitive academic standing.
- Stay involved in your selected extracurricular activities. If you haven't volunteered or experienced the healthcare field, now is a good time to do so. If you have already, keep up the good work.
- Complete course requirements for PCOM. Ideally, these should be completed before taking the MCAT to enhance your performance.
- In February, apply for a spring MCAT. Apply early to reserve your spot for the test. The MCAT exam dates and times are found on the AAMC website. Be sure to request your scores be sent to AACOM. You can also access your scores on-line at "http://www.aamc.org".

- Be sure to follow deadlines set by your advisor/committee regarding the request for a recommendation letter(s).

## Senior Year

- In May, before your senior year, apply to AACOMAS online at [www.aacom.org](http://www.aacom.org).
- A letter of recommendation from an osteopathic physician is strongly suggested.
- Maintain competitive academic standing.
- Be sure you complete your college's graduation requirements.
- Stay involved in your selected extracurricular activities.
- Send AACOMAS application ASAP – the **PCOM AACOMAS deadline is February 1st**, but **DON'T WAIT FOR DEADLINES!** PCOM has a rolling admission process and early applications are strongly recommended.
- Be sure you check with AACOMAS to verify that all of your transcripts have been received so that the processing of your application is not delayed.
- Complete and return the PCOM supplemental application in a timely manner. PCOM sends a supplemental application to all candidates once the AACOMAS information is received in the Office of Admissions. **The PCOM supplemental deadline is March 1st.**
- Be patient. If the committee wishes to meet with you for a personal interview, you will be contacted by e-mail. PCOM conducts interviews from mid-September through the end of March.
- Once accepted, PCOM requires a non-refundable \$250 tuition pre-payment to reserve your seat in the class as well as a \$1,500 non-refundable deposit due by April 15th.
- If you have any additional questions, please e-mail the Office of Admissions.

## Admission requirements for PCOM

Bachelor's Degree from a regionally accredited college or university

- G.P.A. average 3.5 overall
- G.P.A. average 3.4 science

### Undergraduate Coursework Requirements

8 credit hours each of:

- General Biology with Lab
- Physics with Lab

3 credit hours each of:

- English Composition
- Literature

16 credit hours of:

- Chemistry – At least 4 credits of Organic Chemistry is required

### Recommended Undergraduate Coursework

- Anatomy
- Biochemistry
- Genetics
- Histology
- Immunology
- Physiology

### Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)

- The Faculty Committee on Admissions recommends that a student have at least a 500 composite MCAT score with at least a 125 on each section to be competitive.

A letter of recommendation from your pre-health or academic advisor/committee (undergraduate, post-baccalaureate or graduate programs). NOTE: This is the preferred letter of recommendation by the DO Faculty Committee on Admissions.

OR

### Three faculty letters of recommendation:

Two of those three letters must be from SCIENCE professors (undergraduate, post-baccalaureate or graduate programs). NOTE: A "Science letter refers to the BCPM Category (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math).