

PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE  
FACULTY COMMITTEE ON D.O. ADMISSIONS  
Policies on Candidates from PCOM's Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences  
Philadelphia and Georgia Campuses  
2017-2018 Admissions Cycle

In recognition of the history of academic success by students who have completed the certificate or master's in PCOM's Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences, the following policy has been approved by the Faculty Committee on D.O. Admissions for the 2017-2018 academic year.

GUARANTEED INTERVIEW

To receive a guaranteed interview, Biomed students must meet these criteria:

- Currently enrolled in Biomed, or have completed the Certificate or Master's within the last three years.
- Passed all Biomed courses to date at the full-time completion rate.
- Biomed cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- MCAT scores in the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher in each section (MCAT2015).
- AACOMAS application and PCOM Supplemental Application on file in the Office of Admissions by December 1.
- Current transcript on file with D.O. Admissions, including Biomed Term One grades.

Biomed students who are accepted into the D.O. program via the guaranteed interview process must successfully complete their current year of the Biomed program earning a grade of "B-" or better in each course and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. If these conditions are not met, the acceptance may be revoked.

Students from either campus can interview at either or both campuses.

## GUARANTEED CONDITIONAL ADMITTANCE

Current first-year Biomed students may qualify for guaranteed admittance into the D.O. program subject to these criteria and conditions:

- Passed all Biomed courses to date at the full-time completion rate.
- Biomed cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher.
- MCAT total score in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher and at least 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in each section (MCAT2015).
- "Overall Science" GPA of 3.2 or higher as calculated by AACOMAS.
- AACOMAS application and PCOM Supplemental Application on file in the Office of Admissions by December 1.
- Current transcript on file with D.O. Admissions, including Biomed Term One grades.
- Received favorable interview and review by the DO FCA.

First-year Biomed students who accept an offer of guaranteed conditional admittance to the D.O. program must successfully complete the first year of the Biomed program earning a "B" or better in each course. If this condition is not met, the guarantee and/or the acceptance may be revoked.

Current second-year Biomed students may qualify for guaranteed admittance into the D.O. program subject to these criteria and conditions:

- Passed all Biomed courses to date at the full-time completion rate.
- Biomed Year One cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher.
- MCAT total score in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher and at least 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in each section (MCAT2015).
- AACOMAS application and PCOM Supplemental Application on file in the Office of Admissions by December 1.
- Current transcript on file with D.O. Admissions, including Biomed Year One grades.
- Received favorable interview and review by the DO FCA.

Second-year Biomed students who accept an offer of guaranteed conditional admittance to the D.O. program must successfully complete the master's year of the Biomed program earning at least a "B" or "P" in each course. If this condition is not met, the guarantee and/or the acceptance may be revoked.

## ADVICE TO APPLICANTS

The Faculty Committee on D.O. Admissions reviews all applications holistically, considering all aspects of the application and its supporting materials.

A guaranteed interview does not guarantee a seat in the D.O. program or that the interview will occur early in the admissions cycle.

The D.O. Faculty Committee on Admissions cannot access student records in other programs, even those at PCOM. Applicants are solely responsible for submitting official transcripts to the Office of Admissions as necessary, such as at completion of a course or term. Currently enrolled students can request a transcript online through PCOM Nucleus portal Banner Web services link.

An MCAT total score in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher and at least 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in each section (MCAT2015) is recommended. Applicants not meeting these criteria may be encouraged to retake the test. At the mid-point of the first year, students will be reminded of these criteria for competitive MCAT scores.

Depending on the circumstances, students may be encouraged to postpone application and take the MCAT after completing the first year of Biomed.

These policies and guidelines are effective for the admissions cycle listed in the document title, and are subject to change for subsequent years.