



PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

Master of Science in **FORENSIC MEDICINE**



About the Program

FORENSIC MEDICINE (MS)

PCOM is honored to offer the only forensic medicine program in the region that was developed and is overseen by a board-certified forensic pathologist. With courses taught by leading experts currently working in the field, students learn from professionals who bring in-depth knowledge and years of field experience.

The forensic medicine program focuses on the evaluation of live and deceased victims. The program provides students with a baseline of analytic and critical thinking skills that will prepare them to become medical and legal death investigators.

PCOM students engage in a broad – and very active – study of the forensic field, covering topics that include: forensic pathology; forensic anthropology (identification & investigation of human remains); forensic odontology (dental evidence); forensic entomology (insect evidence); ballistics, fingerprint, crime scene & blood spatter analysis; youth gangs; hate crimes; toxicology; DNA; arson & fire investigation; evaluation of the sexual assault victim and more.

As part of this highly experiential program, students learn forensic science by doing forensic science. Under the guidance of professional investigators, students gather in teams to conduct their own investigations – from mock crime scenes to accident reconstructions to clandestine grave sites.

The program welcomes and trains both newcomers and professionals currently in forensic medicine, preparing them for a variety of rewarding careers in the field.

More information: **[ADMISSIONS.PCOM.EDU](https://admissions.pcom.edu)**

Related Programs to Consider

- PATHWAY PROGRAM IN FORENSIC MEDICINE
- MS IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES WITH A CONCENTRATION IN FORENSIC MEDICINE
- DO/MS FORENSIC MEDICINE DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

THIS PROGRAM OFFERED
IN: PA GA

Program **HIGHLIGHTS**

Program faculty bring in-depth experience and are all current practitioners in the field, with jobs that include: chief deputy coroner, head of forensic unit, director of paramedics, FBI SWAT team member, police detective, gang detective and certified bomb expert.

The forensic medicine curriculum consists of one year of didactic (face-to-face classroom) coursework that meets one weekend per month followed by a year of online coursework as well as a capstone project.

Non-science majors who are interested in forensic medicine may first apply to the Pathway Program to receive the necessary preparation to enter the MS program.

With a low student-to-instructor ratio, the program provides highly individualized instruction.

Career Outcomes

YOUR FUTURE AS A FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR

- Career paths and, in some cases, volunteer opportunities for graduates of the MS in Forensic Medicine degree program may include the following: accident scene investigator; autopsy technician; coroner; forensic investigator; legal consultant; trauma, emergency medicine or psychiatric nurse; sexual assault nurse examiner; social services investigator and/or advocate and more.
- Post-medical school (DO program) careers include pediatrician (concentration in child abuse), geriatrician (concentration in elder abuse), emergency medicine and medical examiner.



About PCOM

THE OSTEOPATHIC DIFFERENCE

A premier osteopathic medical school, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine boasts a history that spans more than 110 years and a rich tradition of training and placing healthcare professionals who practice a “whole person” approach – treating people, not just symptoms.

Osteopathic medicine emphasizes helping each person achieve a high level of wellness by focusing on health promotion and disease prevention. Working in partnership, the healthcare professional and patient consider the impact that lifestyle and community have on the health of the individual, and they work to break down barriers to good health.

This holistic view to health care is integrated into each curriculum and practicum at PCOM. With students from various disciplines working together within a dynamic medical school setting, students have unique opportunities to learn about various aspects of health and to consider all areas of well-being.

With a broader, whole-system perspective, PCOM students learn to approach problem solving in a more professional, more team-oriented manner, preparing them to work successfully in integrated healthcare settings with other health professionals.

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*Founded in 1899,
PCOM is one of
the oldest colleges of
osteopathic medicine.*

FAST FACTS

- PCOM is just minutes from Center City Philadelphia, one of the country's leading cities for medical education.
- Athletic clubs and student organizations offer opportunities to develop friendships and leadership.
- PCOM students are committed to serving the community through various volunteer and outreach activities.
- PCOM's Activities Center features a weight room, fitness studio, racquetball courts and an NBA regulation-size basketball court.

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