DOs understand how all of the body’s systems are interconnected and affect each other. They know osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM), which allows them to use their eyes and hands to identify structural problems and relieve pain. They can support the body’s natural tendency to heal itself. And instead of just treating specific symptoms, osteopathic physicians concentrate on treating the human as a whole.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine is one of the nation’s most respected osteopathic medical schools. Our students consistently enter the finest internships and residencies, and our alumni work in some of the nation’s most prestigious hospitals.

Our four-year DO program is offered at both the Philadelphia and Georgia campuses. Each setting is a unique, collaborative environment, in which students work across disciplines to develop a wider perspective of healthcare. At PCOM, you’ll learn to treat the whole well-being of your patients, using a specialized set of skills.

There is one huge difference between an osteopathic physician (DO) and an allopathic physician (MD). Both can become licensed to prescribe medication and perform surgery in all 50 states, but osteopathic physicians have extra skills and training that allow them to do more for their patients.

TREATING BODY AND MIND REQUIRES MIND AND BODY
Students collaborate outside their disciplines to gain experiential learning. Many PCOM students are highly engaged in their communities through a wide variety of philanthropic efforts and advocacy.

We teach not just how to treat problems but how to prevent them altogether.

The additional skillsets students gain at PCOM empower them to impact humanity.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine has been at the forefront of medicine for more than a century, and Georgia Campus was founded more than a decade ago with the same underlying principles.

Osteopathic medicine emphasizes total wellness — in body, mind and spirit. In every discipline, we learn to treat the whole human by considering physical, environmental and psychological aspects of a problem.

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Our osteopathic curriculum involves four years of academic study, with an emphasis on preventive medicine and holistic patient care, leading to the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO).

**YEARS 1–2**
In your first and second years, the curriculum will introduce you to both basic and clinical sciences. You’ll train hands-on in our Clinical Learning Assessment Center (CLAC) with patient simulators as well as standardized patient actors. These experiential learning and proficiency modalities are reflective of actual clinical procedure and practice. You will also have opportunities to shadow DOs in a wide range of clinical settings.

**YEARS 3–4**
In your third and fourth years, you’ll further enhance your skills by working in some of the finest teaching hospitals in the Philadelphia or Atlanta areas. You will be exposed to a broad scope of medical problems, gradually assuming more responsibility under the direction of experienced physicians. Through participation in rounds, lectures, conferences, morning reports and case presentations, you will develop skills in history taking, physical examination, differential diagnosis, and invasive and non-invasive procedures.

Many DOs complete a residency program in a specialty area, which typically requires two to six years of additional training.

As practicing clinicians and scientists, PCOM faculty are actively engaged in research, and thus bring a cutting-edge perspective to their classroom teaching.

PCOM’s 2015 graduating class of DO students had a 100% GME match rate. Nearly a fifth of medical students in the U.S. are attending an osteopathic medical school.
Dr. Gordon had the opportunity of a lifetime — to play a role in the largest and most complex face transplant in the world; and he credits PCOM for his success.

“As a fourth-year student, I received a PCOM alumni research grant,” he recalls. Dr. Gordon used the grant to spend five months at the Plastic Surgery Lab within Harvard Medical School, where he was first introduced to composite tissue allotransplantation.

When Dr. Gordon was just three weeks into his plastic surgery fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic, he met a woman who had received multiple surgeries for severe facial trauma. Nobody in the US had ever completed a full facial transplant, but Dr. Gordon walked into the head of plastic surgery’s office and made his case.

Months later, he and his team completed the surgery in 22 hours, and he spent the next eight hours at the patient’s bedside overseeing her recovery.
PHILADELPHIA CAMPUS
Our main campus is located on the beautiful outskirts of Philadelphia, a city that boasts some of the top hospitals and medical schools in the nation. It’s the perfect environment to build a network and launch a career in the world of healthcare.

Our students are just as committed to the community as they are to their coursework. More than 50 student organizations at PCOM are actively making a difference in people’s lives. And our four PCOM Healthcare Centers serve people who need care in urban areas of Philadelphia and rural Sullivan County. We even have a location on campus to treat community members.

GEORGIA CAMPUS
Responding to a need for more medical professionals in the South, Georgia Campus opened in 2005. Our modern facilities offer many resources for students as we train them to become pharmacists, physicians, physician assistants and scientists who focus on the whole person.

Students at Georgia Campus are deeply involved in the community, volunteering their time and talents to serve, educate and mentor both young and old. The campus is also home to the Georgia Osteopathic Care Center, an osteopathic manipulative medicine clinic, which is open to the public.
APPLYING TO PCOM

We review our applications the same way our students take on challenges — with a holistic approach. Transcripts and test scores are important. However, we evaluate our prospective students as complete individuals.

To find out more about our admissions requirements, please visit pcom.edu/admissions.

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