Mission
OSU Center for Health Sciences educates and trains osteopathic physicians, research scientists and other health care professionals with emphasis on serving rural and underserved Oklahoma.

Vision
OSU Center for Health Sciences will be recognized for:
■ Fulfilling the health care needs of rural and underserved Oklahoma
■ Producing graduates who are dedicated, effective, and compassionate community leaders
■ Advancing the frontier of medical research
■ Providing excellent medical care and health-related community service
■ Being a leader and innovator in education
■ Being the medical and graduate school of choice

Degree Programs
■ D.O., Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
■ D.O./M.B.A. (Master of Business Administration)
■ D.O./Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences
■ D.O./M.S. in Biomedical Sciences
■ Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences
■ M.S. in Biomedical Sciences
■ M.S. in Forensic Sciences
■ M.S. in Interdisciplinary Sciences - Health Care Administration

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Our top-ranked academic programs
The OSU Center for Health Sciences was named the Most Popular Medical School in the nation by U.S. News & World Report in 2012.

Our superior board pass rate
Our students boast an above average pass rate on the COMLEX, exceeding the national average of 92 percent.

Our class size
We keep our class sizes small to foster an environment of personal attention and strong relationships with faculty and staff. This allows for one-on-one learning interactions with faculty, physician mentors and other students.

Our technology
We integrate state of the art technology into student curriculum through online learning resources, patient simulators, and our mobile telemedicine clinic.

Our student life
Tulsa is a great place to live, work and attend school. As a student you have the opportunity to be involved in the many student organizations tailored to your specific goals and hobbies. Our student ambassadors are trained to help you navigate campus. In addition, we are one of the few medical schools in the nation offering stress management skills programming for students by students.

Our commitment to community
From local health fairs to an active adopt-a-school program, getting involved in the community is part of the OSU culture.

Our diversity
The world is your patient. OSU Medicine prepares you by providing diversity training and awareness in all aspects of academics and activities. Our students will have the skills necessary to educate and appreciate patients from diverse backgrounds.

Our graduates
From the Medical Center of Southeastern Oklahoma in Durant to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland, our students can seek residencies across the country practicing any specialty they choose.

Why OSU Medicine?
Simply put, OSU Medicine sets expectations for students that transcend other schools. The real measure of success here is not based solely on board scores, but also in fostering leadership, enthusiasm, compassion, and confidence – characteristics that engage us not only as doctors, but as osteopathic physicians. These are the skills that will allow us to truly connect with our patients, and ease their fears with a steady hand in their time of crisis.

– Phillip Friesen, D.O.
Class of 2012
Here at OSU we have what we call our OSU family. This includes not only the students, but the faculty and staff as well. Students share notes and study guides, but most of all, we rely on each other for support and encouragement. The professors and staff have a big impact on our student body as well. They open their doors for unconditional knowledge, encouragement, and advice. They go above and beyond while helping us exceed our individual goals. Everyone at OSU-COM is committed to each of the students’ success and happiness, just as much as we are to ourselves. I can truly say that OSU-COM is my second family. The family atmosphere is what makes attending this school such a unique experience.

– Nikki Warren
Class of 2015
Our facilities

Located on the west bank of the Arkansas River, minutes from downtown Tulsa, the main OSU Center for Health Sciences campus is housed in a modern, six-building complex on 16 acres. The complex consists of classrooms, biomedical and clinical science teaching and research laboratories, clinical simulation labs, offices, lecture halls, break-out rooms, a medical bookstore and a medical library.

The Tulsa Police Department forensic laboratory is also located on the campus in conjunction with the Forensic Sciences graduate program, one of only two facilities like it in the nation.

Thirteen OSU Physicians clinics are located within one mile of the main campus serving as both teaching clinics for students and a health care resource for the community. Interstate Highway 244 borders the campus and provides convenient access to the Center. The Phoenix Building across from the main campus houses the Oklahoma Rural Health Policy and Research Center.

Our city

Tulsa is a city that feels Southern, Eastern and Western all at once. You will enjoy its cosmopolitan flavor and small-town friendliness. It is big enough to have everything you need, but small enough to make you feel right at home.

Why OSU-CHS?
Student-centered philosophy

The heart of the school is our students. OSU’s student-centered philosophy allows faculty and staff to get to know students and to provide a supportive, caring environment where future physicians can freely explore their interests. The outstanding faculty, researchers and other professionals set high standards that inspire and motivate.

We do not forget that our students have lives, and loved ones, either. The Student Advocate Association is specifically designed to assist and support your family with its needs. There is even a playgroup for the kids.

Diversity training

As a physician, you will be exposed to all facets of society, and key to understanding diversity is being exposed to it. At OSU, you will learn that the world is your patient. You will learn about other cultures through formal classes, and through workshops, student organizations and community service. Whether you choose a career in a rural setting, a bustling city or an emerging nation, diversity training helps you to better serve all patients.

The level of excellence at OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine is not only attributable to an outstanding medical education, but is also a product of the leadership skills that are obtained while here. There are many opportunities to serve fellow classmates and the community through numerous clubs and activities, as well as student government. This unique combination along with experience instills a great deal of confidence into each student to become a great physician who will be able to provide the utmost level of patient care.

– Jake Whitener
Class of 2015
Students have an active voice

Through the Student Senate, clubs and committees, students can raise issues, and work with administrators, faculty and staff to suggest improvements and learn to become more effective leaders. On the fun side, helping plan the annual Holiday Ball, taking part in the annual faculty-student softball game or organizing the Osteopathic Run all give students a chance to be active, contributing members of the OSU family.

Leadership opportunities

Students do not just become physicians, they become leaders in many areas, and should have the ability to communicate with diverse audiences. Educating the whole physician and providing leadership opportunities is an important part of our program and our graduates will have a chance to learn how to be articulate advocates for their patients and for their profession. Students can serve as class or club officers (on campus and national levels), become student ambassadors to the school and the community, and actively work with the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association and other professional groups to hone their leadership and professional skills.
The world is your patient.

Real experience

Several health fairs each year give student doctors the opportunity to become familiar with providing health care, while helping others. A local nurses’ clinic at a homeless shelter, a school/community health fair, or travel to a small community for a day of screenings all provide the “hands-on” feel of what being a health care provider is about.

Community service focused

Getting a feel for how a community works and what it needs requires being involved, and involvement is the operative word for our community service offerings. Opportunities for leadership abound through nearly two dozen student organizations. Students have opportunities to collect books for young readers, serve as mentors at our adopted school, gather toys for holiday giving and help at health fairs for underserved communities both in Tulsa and in smaller communities.

Student Life

One of the reasons I chose OSU-COM is their students’ commitment to community service. I was very involved in my local community during my undergraduate education and I wanted to continue my involvement as a medical student. OSU-COM provides both an outstanding education as well as opportunities to serve underserved populations through events such as health fairs, mini-med school, helping in local clinics, and so much more. Serving the community helps me practice the skills that I have learned and educate those around me about their health. By doing those things, it reminds me of why I wanted to become a physician and encourages me to continue to pursue excellence in my education.

– Keyaria Gray, D.O.
Class of 2013
Residency Requirements

Preference is given to applicants from Oklahoma. Non-U.S. citizens who do not have a permanent resident visa at the time of application cannot be considered for admission. To qualify for Oklahoma residency, a student must be a lawful resident of the United States and meet one of the following two requirements:

Non-independent students: A non-independent student must have at least one parent, stepparent, or court-appointed guardian who is an Oklahoma resident. Additionally, this individual must have claimed the student as a dependent on his/her federal income tax return for the previous year.

Independent students: An independent student must have lived in Oklahoma in some capacity other than as a full-time student at a post-secondary institution, for a period of at least 12 continuous months prior to matriculation.

Minimum Required Coursework

At the time of entry, the applicant must have completed:

■ At least three years (90 semester hours) and not less than 75 percent of the courses required for the baccalaureate degree at a regionally accredited college or university.

■ Satisfactory completion of the following courses, including laboratory, with no grade below “C” (2.0 on 4.0 scale):

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■ Satisfactory completion of at least one upper division (3000-4000 level) science course (3-5 courses strongly preferred), with no grade below “C” (2.0 on a 4.0 scale). Examples include but are not limited to:

- Biochemistry
- Human or Comparative Anatomy*
- Microbiology or Molecular Biology
- Histology*
- Embryology
- Immunology
- Physiology
- Genetics

*Preferred course

■ At the time of application, the applicant must have at minimum:

- Overall GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
- Minimum of 21 on MCAT
- MCAT must be taken within last three years prior to application
- Pre-professional science GPA of at least 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale)

OSU-CHS institutional research indicates that students with 4 or more upper division science courses, including lab, are better prepared for the medical school curriculum. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated preparation for academic success in medical school.

Timeline and Fees

Begin application process June 1 the year before planned matriculation.

■ June 1 – ACOMAS starts processing applications
■ October – Interviews begin
■ February 1 – ACOMAS application deadline; fee $175
■ March 1 – Supplemental application/materials deadline; fee $40
■ Interviews are conducted October through April
Four Step Application Process

These steps are in a recommended order. All applicants are welcome to submit the supplemental application and letters of recommendation before the AACOMAS application is sent to the institution.

STEP ONE - AACOMAS Application

- Apply online at: www.aacom.org
  - Please allow 4-6 weeks for AACOMAS to process a complete application to OSU Medicine
  - Complete applications include all undergraduate transcripts
- AACOMAS deadline February 1, the year of matriculation
- AACOMAS application fee $175
- Contact information:
  American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service
  5550 Friendship Blvd., Suite 310
  Chevy Chase, Md. 20815-7231
  301-968-4100
  www.aacom.org

STEP TWO - Supplemental Application

- Supplemental application deadline March 1, the year of matriculation
- Supplemental application fee $40
- We ask that all applicants submit a supplemental application. Applicants do not need to wait for an invitation to submit the application.
- Send application to:
  Admissions Office
  OSU Center for Health Sciences
  College of Osteopathic Medicine
  1111 W. 17th St.
  Tulsa, Okla. 74107-1898

STEP THREE - Letters of Recommendation

Send letters directly to OSU Center for Health Sciences from the evaluator. The student may choose between two tracks:

- **Track 1**
  - One letter from a college or university pre-professional/pre-med committee
  - One letter from an osteopathic physician (D.O.)
- **Track 2**
  - Three letters preferably from faculty (two science and one non-science faculty)
  - One letter from an osteopathic physician (D.O.)

STEP FOUR - Personal Interview

All on-campus interviews with the applicant interview committee are by invitation only and are mandatory for further consideration. The following information must be on file before an interview is considered:

- MCAT scores
- Completed AACOMAS application
- Completed supplemental application
- One D.O. letter of recommendation
- Pre-professional committee letter of recommendation OR three letters of recommendation from faculty

What Makes a Competitive Applicant?

- GPA of 3.6 and above
- MCAT of 27 and above
- Clinical experience and community involvement experience, e.g., physician shadowing, medical field hands-on experience, medical certifications, community service
- Recent upper-division science coursework (3000-4000 level) with laboratory taken within previous 12 months (3-5 courses strongly preferred)
- Early application

What makes a competitive applicant?

Admissions Information: College of Osteopathic Medicine

The educational environment at OSU-COM has fostered some of the top osteopathic physicians in the country. A unique family atmosphere allows students to work together instead of against one another to enhance the learning experience. With caring faculty to guide the way, the academic rigor becomes an exciting journey towards the future. Besides being an outstanding academic institution, the school’s strong emphasis on the whole person has led its students to become some of the most generous and caring physicians in practice. With thousands of hours of volunteering and mentoring in the community, OSU-COM students are able to complete the “whole” educational experience.

— Mark Keuchel, D.O. Class of 2013
Admissions Options

Early Admissions Programs

The Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine seeks to admit students who desire to become primary care physicians in rural and underserved Oklahoma. The Rural and Underserved Primary Care Early Admissions Program allows students to complete pre-doctoral training in seven years. The early admissions program provides an academic plan for students to complete at the following universities:

- Oklahoma State University
  - College of Arts and Sciences
  - College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
- East Central University
- Southeastern Oklahoma State University
- Northeastern State University

Utilizing an approved academic plan at one of these universities, students would complete three years at one of the universities listed above, and combined with the OSU-COM first year curriculum, will earn a bachelor’s degree. Students then progress through the second, third and fourth years of the rural and underserved osteopathic medical track to graduate with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree. For more information on these programs, please visit our website: www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/com/admissions/options.php

Early Assurance Programs

Through Early Assurance Programs, OSU-COM seeks to admit students into the D.O. program who are well grounded in the biological and physical sciences and who display academic and personal skills required to be successful in our program. Students meeting the requirements described in the programs below are granted admission to the College of Osteopathic Medicine provided they receive satisfactory scores on the qualitative portion of the admissions process. For these programs, students will typically complete four years of undergraduate coursework and then enter into the four year medical school program.

- Oklahoma State University Honors College
- Oral Roberts University
- University of Central Oklahoma

More information on these programs can be found on our website: www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/com/admissions/options.php

Rural Medical Track

The Rural Medical Track (RMT) at the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences prepares medical students for a rural primary care residency and a successful practice in rural or underserved Oklahoma. The RMT offers unique learning opportunities for motivated students to fully develop their skills, knowledge and abilities to succeed in a challenging practice environment.

A key facet of the RMT is rural-based clinical education. Beginning with a rural physician shadowing experience after the first year of medical school, students in the RMT have the opportunity to complete most of their required clinical education in a rural setting. Students work side-by-side with rural physicians learning the skills and performing the tasks necessary for a successful rural practice.

The RMT also incorporates a guided research component that each student must complete. Aside from gaining exposure to contemporary rural health research topics, RMT students are expected to produce scholarly works that are suitable for publication or presentation.

Beyond the classroom and the clinic, students in the RMT hone their leadership skills through membership in the Student Osteopathic Rural Medical Club (StORM). The club also provides students with service opportunities and an advocacy platform.

RMT Curriculum at a Glance

Year One
- Summer Rural Experience

Year Two
- Rural Focus Week
- Rural Research Project

Year Three
- Didactic Weeks
- Clinical Core Rotation
- Rural Clinic Rotation
- Community Clinic Rotation
- Elective on Vacation

Year Four
- Community Hospital 1 & 2
- Sub-Internship 1 & 2
- Sub-Internship 3 (optional)
- Specialty Selectives 1-3
- Specialty Selectives 4 (optional)
- Elective or Vacation
- 2-week Electives 1-3 (optional)

*Items in orange text are completed by both traditional and RMT students.
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Year One

- Meet with advisor to discuss overall premedical curriculum
- Begin prerequisite coursework – this typically begins with the biology and/or inorganic chemistry sequence
- Become involved in prehealth organizations and extracurricular activities on campus
- Gain clinical experience in health fields through shadowing, volunteer, employment (e.g., CNA, EMT), and internship opportunities – keep records of your experiences

Year Two

- Meet with prehealth advisor to discuss current coursework, activities, and to begin thinking about preparations for the MCAT exam
- Continue prerequisite coursework
- Continue to gain clinical experience
- Focus on building relationships with professors, advisors, and medical professionals – they are future sources for recommendations
- Attend health professions fairs in your area to learn more about schools of interest
- Stay involved in prehealth organizations and get involved in community service – look for leadership opportunities
- Continue to keep records of experiences

Year Three – Fall

- Consult with prehealth advisor regarding letters of recommendation
- Continue prerequisite coursework
- Continue to gain clinical experience
- Explore available research opportunities
- Stay involved in prehealth organizations, volunteer experiences, and extracurricular activities
- Begin serious preparation for the MCAT exam (offered in April and August each year)
- Set aside time to work on personal statement – revisit and rework statement over a period of time

Year Three – Spring

- Meet with prehealth advisor to review the details of your application
- Contact those who will be writing recommendations for you – give them plenty of time to write a quality letter
- Research medical schools that are of interest to you – contact each school to inquire about specific admissions criteria and, if possible, schedule a time to visit campus
- Continue prerequisite coursework
- Continue to gain clinical experience and stay involved in prehealth activities
- Take MCAT exam
- Start the AAMC application process and arrange to have your transcript sent

Year Three – Summer

- Apply to AAMC as early as possible – applications can be submitted in June for the fall of the following year
- Submit supplemental application
- Periodically contact each school to verify your application status

Programs in this category:
- Direct Loan Program
- Direct Graduate PLUS Loan
- Federal Work-Study

Educational Costs and Financial Aid

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financing a medical education is an expensive proposition. The primary responsibility for meeting your educational costs rests with you and/or your family, but the Office of Student Affairs makes every attempt to assist you financially. You will undoubtedly rely on student loans to finance your education.

The purpose of financial aid is to help students and families meet educational expenses that cannot be met through their own resources. Financial aid can be either need-based or non-need-based. The results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, along with the cost-of-education will determine whether a student has financial need. All students requesting financial assistance of the Financial Aid Office are required to submit a FAFSA.

There are a number of programs awarded under separate, individual application. The Financial Aid Office can provide additional information about these programs. The most commonly used are:
- Armed Forces Health Profession Scholarship Program
- Indian Health Service Scholarship
- National Health Service Corps Scholarship
- OSU Foundation Scholarships

For additional information contact:
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800-677-1972
jason.marrujo@okstate.edu
Year Four
- Meet with prehealth advisor to prepare for upcoming interviews - if possible, complete a mock interview
- Review www.studentdoctor.net for current and past feedback on your schools of interest
- Complete prerequisite coursework - if possible, enroll in multiple upper-level science courses such as biochemistry, anatomy, or histology
- Continue to gain additional clinical and/or research experience
- Stay involved in prehealth organizations and volunteer activities
- Periodically contact each school to verify your application status
- Share news of upcoming interviews and acceptances with those who helped along the way - prehealth advisors, professors, physicians, family, and friends

Application Checklist
To complete your application to OSU Medicine, the following items must be submitted:

Step One - Application Process
- Application process begins June 1 of the year prior to the August entering class
- Log on to www.AACOM.org and complete the online or paper application
- Submit MCAT scores
- Submit official transcripts
- Submit AACOMAS application fee ($175)
- Contact AACOMAS to verify that all above have been received
- Deadline for submission: February 1, prior to the fall of anticipated enrollment

Step Two - Supplemental Materials
- Supplemental applications can be obtained by contacting the admissions office or online at www.healthsciences.okstate.edu
- Complete supplemental application online
- Submit letter of recommendation/evaluation forms
- Premedical committee or three faculty letters/evaluations
- One letter of recommendation from D.O.
- Submit supplemental application fee $40
- Contact OSU Medicine to verify all above have been received

Contact us or request a tour:
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College of Osteopathic Medicine
Office of Student Affairs
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Students receive training in all areas of medicine.
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/Master of Business Administration (D.O./M.B.A.)

The Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences offers a joint Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Master’s of Business Administration degree with Oklahoma State University Spears School of Business. Classes are held at the OSU-Tulsa campus, with an occasional course at the OSU main campus in Stillwater, Okla.

The OSU Spears School of Business is composed of seven academic departments with a student body of more than 3,900 undergraduate students pursuing 15 degrees and approximately 800 graduate students pursuing six master’s degrees. The school also offers doctoral degrees in business administration and in economics.

The school is home to more than 100 tenure-track educational professionals, many of whom have received outstanding teaching awards and have been recognized for innovative instruction. The Spears faculty is nationally and internationally recognized for its publications and leadership positions in professional academic associations, as sought-after consultants, practitioners, and caring teachers.

The D.O./M.B.A. Experience

Today’s successful physicians must be able to excel on multiple levels. At Oklahoma State University, the M.B.A. program is designed to integrate the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to help you achieve your career goals. The D.O./M.B.A. is an accelerated program that allows D.O. students to gain their M.B.A. through the Spears School of Business in a single year. This 36-hour program captures 30 hours of the M.B.A.’s core coursework in the fall and spring semesters. Six hours of elective credit can be shared from the D.O. coursework or business electives of the students’ choice.

Quantitative and Behavioral Curriculum

The M.B.A. curriculum is a blend of quantitative and behavioral classes, often with real-world applications, designed to reflect today’s integrated and global marketplace. While basic tools, theories, and concepts are a constant, modifications as a result of feedback from the M.B.A. advisory committee, industry, and alumni help keep the curriculum fresh, current, and timely.

Real-World Applications

The faculty, with varied academic, governmental, corporate, and consulting backgrounds, bring real-world experience to the classroom. As a student, you will receive the necessary theoretical background but you will also learn about the latest trends and developments from faculty attuned to what is going on in the real world. Real-world applications may be in the form of a lecture, company-based consulting project, a practicum, or other means.
Entrance Requirements

The D.O./M.B.A. program is open to current and selected new students of the College of Osteopathic Medicine with the approval of both the College and the M.B.A. Program. The Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT) and business prerequisites are not required.

Students may pursue the D.O./M.B.A. on one of two tracks: 2-1-2 or 1-4. Current students may apply for the dual degree on the 2-1-2 track at any time during their first or second year of medical school. New students admitted into the 1-4 track of the program must complete one full year of M.B.A. degree requirements and remain in good academic standing with the graduate college in order to retain deferred admission into the D.O. program.

Application Process for D.O./M.B.A.

Current MSI and MSII students applying to the 2-1-2 track must make direct inquiry to the Office of Admissions before beginning the M.B.A. application process.

Prospective students who wish to pursue application to the D.O./M.B.A. program on the 1-4 track must indicate their interest on the supplemental application. Prior to beginning the M.B.A. application process, dual degree candidates for the 1-4 track must have a successful interview with an offer of deferred admission to the D.O. program.

Upon the request of admissions, applicants must submit the following:

- Official MCAT score
- D.O./M.B.A. application
- Statement of objectives
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Graduate College application - $40 application fee
- Resume

For more information visit: www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/college/degrees/do-mba.cfm

D.O./M.B.A. Program Curriculum

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Curriculum is subject to change.

Today’s successful physicians must be able to excel in the business of medicine.

- Micah Relic
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/ Masters of Biomedical Sciences (D.O./M.S.)

The D.O./M.S. program is offered to medical students interested in medical research and/or academic medicine. This degree is ideal for the future physician who wishes to maintain an interest in research while also treating patients in a clinical setting.

Students in the dual degree D.O./M.S. program, upon successful completion of required coursework, are guaranteed acceptance into OSU-COM in the following year. The student must complete one full year of M.S. requirements and maintain good academic standing with the graduate program in order to receive deferred admission.

Successful completion of the D.O./M.S. program requires fulfillment of the requirements for the D.O. medical degree and a minimum of 32 semester hours of graduate credit.

The M.S. portion of the D.O./M.S. program is designed to be accomplished in approximately 2 years; however, all degree requirements must be completed within 7 years of entering the D.O./M.S. program. The dual degree student will receive 9 hours of transfer credit from the osteopathic medical program. The M.S. degree will be awarded whenever the graduate degree requirements have been accomplished, which is usually during the D.O. portion of the program.

Credit hours and required courses for the D.O./M.S. program are the same for the regular master’s degree.

Application Process for the D.O./M.S. Degree

Track one: Students wishing to receive deferred admission to the medical school and complete their M.S. coursework prior to the first year of medical school should indicate their interest in the D.O./M.S. degree on the OSU supplemental application for medical school. Only students who successfully complete an on-campus interview for the D.O. program will be considered for this track and will be contacted with application instructions by the admissions department after interviews have concluded.

Track two: At any time after receiving an offer of admission to OSU-COM, medical students interested in the M.S. degree may apply to the program and take courses concurrently with the medical school curriculum if accepted.

In addition to submitting the graduate application materials listed in the Biomedical M.S. portion of the view book, dual degree students must apply separately to the D.O. program. The student must submit an AACOMAS application online at www.aacom.org

AACOMAS application deadline - February 1, the year of matriculation
AACOMAS application fee - $175

Please consult the D.O. admissions section of the view book for a complete list of application materials and procedures. Dual degree students are not required to pay the $40 graduate application fee and may substitute the MCAT for the GRE exam. Initial inquiries and correspondence and all formal application materials should be sent to:

Coordinator of Graduate Admissions
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OSU Center for Health Sciences
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www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/biomedical/index.cfm

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine/ Doctor of Philosophy (D.O./Ph.D.)

The D.O./Ph.D. program is offered to medical students interested in medical research and/or academic medicine. Areas of emphasis include: biochemistry, cell biology, microbiology, pathology, pharmacology, and physiology. This degree is designed for the future physician who desires to see patients in a clinical setting while still maintaining an active interest in research.

The Ph.D. portion of the program is designed to be completed in approximately three years; however, all degree requirements must be completed within nine years of entering the dual degree program. A total of 90 graduate credit hours are required for the Ph.D. degree; with a minimum of 30 hours course work and 30 hours of Research and Dissertation. D.O./ Ph.D. students receive 30 hours of graduate credit for the medical school courses taken in the first two years of the medical school curriculum. Therefore, D.O./Ph.D. students are typically not allowed to transfer graduate credit from other institutions. However, under specific circumstances, additional transfer credit may be allowed. Students are required to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or better in their biomedical coursework. An academic review will occur in May at the end of each year of coursework to evaluate the progress of the student in the program. The D.O./ Ph.D. student is required to enter the Ph.D. portion of the program after completing the first 2 years of the medical curriculum.

All other coursework, credit hours, research proposal, and qualifying examination requirements are the same as outlined in the Ph.D. program requirements and restrictions.

Application Process for the D.O./Ph.D. Degree

In addition to submitting the graduate application materials listed in the Biomedical Ph.D. portion of the view book, dual degree students must apply separately to the D.O. program. The student must submit an AACOMAS application online at www.aacom.org

AACOMAS application deadline - February 1, the year of matriculation
AACOMAS application fee - $175

Please consult the D.O. admissions section of the view book for a complete list of application materials and procedures. Dual degree students are not required to pay the $40 graduate application fee. D.O./Ph.D. students may apply upon acceptance to medical school or within their first two years of medical coursework.

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Graduate Programs in Biomedical Sciences (M.S. and Ph.D.)

Advances made in recent years by biomedical scientists have greatly expanded our understanding of disease mechanisms, creating a demand for well-trained professionals with a breadth of knowledge about human diseases as well as in-depth research training.

The Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences offers students a broad foundation of interdisciplinary training in the areas of anatomy, biochemistry, cell biology, microbiology, pathology, pharmacology, and physiology.

In addition to conventional biomedical sciences, we offer an Anatomy and Vertebrate Paleontology track. Program requirements for this track are slightly different as appropriate and can be obtained by contacting Dr. Anne Weil or Dr. Kent Smith.

Graduates have a wide range of career opportunities including:
- Biomedical Education in universities, colleges, and medical schools
- Biomedical Research in university, private, and government laboratories
- Pharmaceutical Industry
- Biotechnology

Master of Science (M.S.)

Thesis option
Students in the M.S. degree program take required courses, as well as elective courses in a specific area of interest. Additionally, M.S. students conduct original research under the guidance of a Biomedical Sciences graduate faculty advisor. The M.S. degree program in Biomedical Sciences has a thesis option and a non-thesis option. Each option has different course work and research requirements that total 32 semester credit hours.

Thesis option - minimum of 24 hours of course work and eight hours of research and thesis. Students pursuing this option will conduct original research, culminating in a written thesis that is presented as a seminar and publicly defended.

Non-thesis option
A minimum of 30 hours of course work and two hours of research. Students pursuing this option will conduct original research and present a written report based on the research project to their advisory committee. However, the non-thesis option does not require a public presentation or defense of the research project.

In addition, there is an Anatomy and Vertebrate Paleontology track M.S. degree program. Students pursuing this track are trained to teach human anatomy at the university, college or professional level, and will gain experience in vertebrate paleontology research under the guidance of a Biomedical Sciences graduate faculty mentor. This track has no non-thesis option.

The thesis and non-thesis M.S. options are designed to be accomplished in 2 years; however, all degree requirements must be completed within 7 years of entering the program.
Admission Standards for the M.S. Program

Prospective students must have earned a baccalaureate degree and completed coursework in general biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry and physics. Applicants are also expected to have an undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and to have earned a Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score of at least 150 on both the verbal and the quantitative sections, and a writing score of at least 4.0. International students, for whom English is a second language, are required to have earned a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 550 (213 computer based or 79 internet based). Under certain circumstances, a student may be accepted into the program without meeting all of the requirements written above.

M.S. Program Curriculum

Required Courses:
- Foundations in Medical Biochemistry
- Foundations in Medical Genetics, Molecular Biology & Developmental Anatomy
- Foundations in Medical Cell & Tissue Biology
- Foundations in Medical Immunology
- Foundations in Medical Microbiology
- Foundations in Medical Pharmacology
- Cornerstones of Graduate Biomedical Sciences
- Scientific Communication in the Biomedical Sciences
- Research Ethics and Survival Skills for the Biomedical Sciences
- Statistics for Experimenters I (or equivalent)

Academic Review

An academic review will occur in May of each year to evaluate the progress of students enrolled in the M.S. program.

Transfer Credit

A student may transfer up to 9 hours of graduate credit from an approved institution and apply it towards earning their M.S. degree. Required courses must be taken at OSU-CHS.

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Successful completion of the Ph.D. degree requires a minimum of 90 semester credit hours beyond the bachelor’s degree (60 hours beyond the master’s degree).

Students in the Ph.D. program will take interdisciplinary graduate courses, take a comprehensive qualifying examination, conduct research, present research seminars, and write and publicly defend a dissertation. The Ph.D. program is designed to be accomplished in 4 years; however, all degree requirements must be completed within 9 years of entering the program.

Admission Standards for the Ph.D. Program

Prospective students must have earned a baccalaureate degree and completed coursework in general biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry and physics. Applicants are also expected to have an undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and to have earned a Graduate Record Examination (GRE) score of at least 150 on both the verbal and the quantitative sections, and a writing score of at least 4.0. International students, for whom English is a second language, are required to have earned a Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 550 (213 computer based or 79 internet based). Under certain circumstances, a student may be accepted into the program without meeting all of the requirements written above.
Academic Review
An academic review will occur in May of each year to evaluate the progress of students enrolled in the Ph.D. program.

Transfer Credit
A student may transfer up to 30 hours of graduate credit for a M.S. degree earned from an approved institution. Required biomedical courses must be taken at OSU-CHS.

Application Process for the M.S. and Ph.D. Degrees
The student must submit to the Coordinator of Graduate Admissions:

- An official graduate application
- An official transcript from each college and university attended
- Test scores for the GRE and TOEFL examinations as appropriate
- Three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the educational background of the applicant. Comments should be made regarding the applicant’s research experience and expected motivation and productivity in research
- Application fee
- Statement of research interests

Financial Aid
Students needing assistance with loans should contact the Office of Financial Aid. There are a limited number of stipends available to Ph.D. students and stipends are awarded on a competitive basis. Stipend applications are accepted in May of each year and stipends are awarded in July. Additionally, tuition waivers are available to Ph.D. students on a competitive basis.

Ph.D. Program Curriculum
Students in the Ph.D. program will take a minimum of 30 semester credit hours of coursework, which includes required courses (see table below) and courses in a specific area of interest. Additionally, doctoral students will pursue their own research in an area of interest with a graduate faculty mentor of their choosing. The research component of the Ph.D. program requires a minimum of 30 semester credit hours of research and dissertation.

Required Courses:

Required Courses for Biomedical Sciences
- Foundations in Medical Biochemistry
- Foundations in Medical Genetics, Molecular Biology & Developmental Anatomy
- Foundations in Medical Cell & Tissue Biology
- Foundations in Medical Immunology
- Foundations in Medical Microbiology
- Foundations in Medical Pharmacology
- Cornerstones of Graduate Biomedical Sciences
- Scientific Communication in the Biomedical Sciences
- Research Ethics and Survival Skills for the Biomedical Sciences
- Statistics for Experimenter II (or equivalent)

Required Courses for Anatomy and Vertebrate Paleontology Track
- Research Ethics & Survival Skills for the Biomedical Sciences
- Statistics for Experimenter II (or equivalent)
- Paleomammalogy
- Scientific Communication in the Biomedical Sciences
- Foundations in Medical Cell and Tissue Biology
- Foundations in Medical Genetics, Molecular Biology & Developmental Anatomy

In addition to the course requirements, doctoral students are required to write a research proposal that describes their research interest, research methods, and any data collected up to the time of writing the proposal. Students also must pass a qualifying examination that consists of both a written and oral component.

I have always been fascinated by the wonder of the nervous system, its function, and restoration in the face of injury. As such, I feel so fortunate that my research as a Ph.D. student at OSU-CHS is focused on understanding the metabolism of glutamate and its role during spinal injury and inflammatory pain conditions. Glutamate is the major excitatory neurotransmitter in the nervous system. By understanding the change in glutamate metabolism during pain and nerve damage we can further our pursuit to effectively tackle the pervasive issue of nervous system damage.

– Brittany Bolt
School of Forensic Sciences

The School of Forensic Sciences provides a master’s degree for training in research, methodology, practice, and management in support of crime investigation. In *Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States Sciences*, recommendations from the National Academies of Science paint a promising picture for careers in forensic science. Backlogs of unsolved criminal cases, expectations for high standards and quality control, and the need for accurate and reliable research point to a demand for a highly educated workforce in the coming 5-10 years. Examples of alumni jobs include the following positions:

- Criminalist
- Forensic document examiner
- Research analyst or technician
- Quality assurance manager
- Special investigator
- University instructor

Master of Science in Forensic Science (M.S.)

The master’s program features interdisciplinary courses; most theory classes are available online while laboratory classes and research are held on campus. The degree offers several research-thesis tracks and two non-thesis options. The thesis tracks typically involve two semesters of online classes, followed by three or more semesters of on-campus laboratory classes and supervised research. Participants in non-thesis options may complete the degree program entirely through online classes. Both programs require satisfactory completion of 39 graduate credits, a comprehensive examination, participation in graduate or continuing-education seminars, and a research project. Students in either program may enroll on a full- or part-time basis. The Master of Science in Forensic Sciences has the distinction of being accredited by FEPAC, the Forensic Education Program Accreditation Commission of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. This accreditation is an asset for graduates seeking employment.

Research and Thesis

The thesis program offers a choice of advanced studies and research in four disciplines: forensic biology/DNA, forensic pathology (microbiology or death scene investigation), forensic psychology, and forensic toxicology/trace evidence. Students complete two semesters of online studies before coming to campus for laboratory courses and research, which includes six hours of research enrollment. The program culminates with the presentation and defense of the master’s thesis.
Graduate Programs: Forensic Sciences

Non-thesis option

Non-thesis options are available in the areas of forensic science administration and forensic document examination. Admission requires either a professional background in forensic sciences or participation in document examiner training. Online classes allow active professionals to pursue graduate studies without relocating or interrupting their careers. The required research project is supported by the Ethical Research and Scientific Writing course and facilitated through the Non-thesis Creative Component course. The project culminates with the submission of the research paper along with a public presentation, which may be achieved through a videoconference/Webinar or presented in person.

Admission Standards

Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree with a recommended undergraduate grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Three letters of recommendation, and a letter from the applicant stating career goals are also required. Applicants to the thesis program should have an academic background in support of the chosen field of study. Applicants to the thesis program submit scores, either for the previously offered Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or for the currently available GRE Revised General Test. The recommended score should equate to a score of at least 1000 (combined score) for the verbal and quantitative portions on the earlier GRE test, as shown on the concordance tables at gre.com, with the writing score also taken into consideration. Applicants for non-thesis options may submit scores from GRE, as recommended above, or from the Miller Analog Test (MAT), with scores above the 50th percentile recommended. Non-thesis applicants must also verify related employment or training.

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Degree Requirements and Curriculum

The master’s degree requires 39 graduate credit hours, a research project, a comprehensive examination,1 and participation in graduate seminars or continuing education,2 all to be completed within 7 years of admission. Typical time for graduation is 2-3 years for full-time enrollment and 3½-4 years for part-time. The thesis program features tracks in forensic biology/DNA, forensic pathology3 (either microbiology or death scene investigation), forensic psychology,4 and forensic toxicology/trace evidence. Non-thesis options in forensic science administration and forensic document examination are available entirely online. See the chart below for requirements for each degree track or option. The M.S.E.S. is accredited by the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission of the American Academy of Forensic Science, also known as FEPAC.

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### Other Requirements

**Credit for coursework:** The M.S. student must successfully complete at least 39 credits of graduate coursework. The student will cooperate with the faculty advisor in developing a plan of study that complies with core requirements for the respective discipline, unless otherwise stipulated by the graduate faculty committee. All M.S. students must also satisfactorily present a research paper and complete the comprehensive examination. M.S. thesis students must successfully defend the research thesis before the graduate faculty committee.

**Transfer hours:** Upon approval by the student’s advisory committee, the student may transfer a maximum of nine hours of graduate credit toward the M.S. degree.

**Enrollment:** Degree-seeking students will matriculate in the program with the first enrollment after formal acceptance. All M.S. students must enroll in at least six hours per calendar year and maintain a 3.0 grade point average to remain in good standing. Thesis students in the research phase of the program must maintain continuous enrollment in at least two credit hours, including summer semesters, and dedicate a minimum of one semester to full-time coursework and research. Any student who interrupts enrollment for one calendar year must reaply for admission.

**Time of study:** The M.S. program may be completed in as few as four semesters, although course sequencing may necessitate a longer time. Thesis students attending full time typically require at least five semesters. Non-thesis students with full-time careers usually need seven semesters or more to complete the program. The master’s degree must be completed within seven years of the matriculation semester.

**Residence requirement:** Thesis students must spend at least one full-time semester on campus for laboratory courses and for research; however, thesis research must often requires two or three semesters on campus. Non-thesis students do not need to relocate to campus because the administration and FDE programs are available completely online.

**Thesis research:** Throughout the research phase of the thesis program, the student must perform tasks in the department, including course and research activities, under the guidance of the faculty advisor. In addition, the student must demonstrate ongoing progress with the research until the degree is completed. During the final semester, the student must present the research thesis according to graduate college guidelines and as defined in the graduate college style manual, which is available online. A public defense of the research is required with advance notice posted at least ten days prior to the defense. The format of the defense is left to the major advisor but must include an opportunity for members of the audience to ask questions. The student must send the graduate college an electronic copy of the final thesis and two copies of the abstract printed on OSU thesis bond. Students pay a processing fee to cover charges of electronic publication. The thesis becomes the property of the University and is available online through the OSU Library Catalog.

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I recently finished my Masters of Science in Forensic Science and I am fortunate to be continuing work on my PhD in Biomedical Sciences. Throughout my graduate studies at OSU, I have witnessed the need for continued research and development in the forensic sciences to help maintain crime labs at the forefront of available technology, resources, and training. My research deals with monitoring time since deposition of body fluid stains through the assessment of RNA degradation. Although currently available molecular technology can aid with human identification through DNA analysis, research in more broad range molecular techniques, such as RNA analysis, can help forensic investigators glean a deeper amount of information from biological evidence.

– Kate Weinbrecht
Non-thesis research: Non-thesis students will produce a research paper according to standards set by the School of Forensic Sciences faculty. Guidance will be provided through the faculty advisor and facilitated in conjunction with the Non-thesis Creative Component course, with support also provided through the Ethical Research and Scientific Writing course. Along with the paper, the student must present the work in a public forum, either in person or via electronic transmission, with an opportunity for audience questions and discussion.

Additional Information
Requirements for online classes: This program requires self-discipline and adaptability necessary for collaborative and independent learning. In addition, applicants should have the necessary equipment, knowledge, skills, and access for using high-speed Internet, e-mail accounts, and basic office applications.

Background checks: Anyone considering a career in the forensic sciences should be aware that the job applications typically go beyond normal requirements for transcripts, employment history, references, interviews, and criminal-record checks. Because of the comprehensive screening involved, students applying for permanent positions or even for internships in forensic laboratories are encouraged to apply well in advance, as the approval process may take several months.

Although varying by agency or employer, background checks may extend to inquiries about social companions, financial history, military history, use of alcohol and illegal drugs, medical history, mental health conditions, motor vehicle accidents, police records, personal weapons records, and civil court actions. In addition, personal information posted on the Internet, including social networking sites like Facebook, may be subject to review. Work samples and medical examinations may also be required along with drug, personality, and polygraph tests. Although the OSU-CHS application asks about felony convictions only, the prospective student should carefully consider any and all factors that could influence future employment.

Employers’ academic requirements: While the School of Forensic Sciences prepares students for employment in particular fields, prospective employers may have other requirements, especially related to laboratory accreditation. To ensure high standards of quality for forensic practitioners, agencies that govern laboratory accreditation may require employees to have completed courses not necessarily offered in the OSU forensics program. Applicants should therefore research the requirements for the chosen field of forensic science and for prospective employers within that field to learn what courses may affect eligibility for employment. For more information, go to http://forensicsciences.okstate.edu; click “Admission” and then “Academic Requirements by Employers.”

Financial aid: Students needing assistance with loans should contact the Office of Financial Aid. Thesis students may inquire with the Program Director about any available assistance through the departments or faculty research grants; those with a documented interest in agricultural biosecurity may apply with the Program Director for a stipend that is awarded on a competitive basis. M.S./Non-thesis students residing in southern states in the Academic Common Market may qualify for a tuition waiver of the non-resident portion of tuition. Information on this option is available through the Program Coordinator in the department office.

Non-program enrollment: Students in other graduate programs as well as individuals not pursuing a degree may enroll in classes not filled by M.S.F.S. students. The Application for Special Graduate Admission available on the OSU-CHS Web site is required, along with college transcripts verifying an undergraduate degree. Students in any other graduate programs must have the advisor’s signature on the enrollment form.

Formal Application
Initial inquiries, correspondence, and all formal application materials should be sent to:

Penelope Carr, Program Assistant
School of Forensic Sciences
Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
1111 West 17th Street
Tulsa, Okla. 74107-1898
918-561-1145 or 800-677-1972, E-mail: forensic@okstate.edu

Application requirements
All M.S. applicants:
- Completed, official application (obtained from the Office of Student Affairs, the Graduate Program in Forensic Sciences, or the OSU-CHS Web site)
- Payment of application fee of $40 ($75 for International students)
- An official transcript from each college and university attended
- Official test scores for the GRE, MAT, and TOEFL examinations as appropriate
- Three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the educational and/or professional background of the applicant, with comments reflecting the applicant’s experience and expected motivation and productivity
- A letter of application describing personal career goals

M.S./Non-thesis applicants only:
- Employment verification on the form provided with the application materials or from the program Web site

Non-program enrollment:
- Completed, official “special” application (obtained from the Office of Student Affairs, the Graduate Program in Forensic Sciences, or the OSU-CHS Web site)
- Payment of application fee of $15
- An official transcript from each college and university attended
Health Care Administration Program
(M.S. in HCA)

The Health Care Administration (HCA) Program is a Master’s degree in Health Care Administration with an option in healthcare leadership and entrepreneurship or an option in administration. The curriculum provides exposure to management concepts, processes and techniques associated with administration and entrepreneurship functions in a variety of health care organizations. This degree is ideal for those individuals working in health care who wish to move into management or executive positions however healthcare experience is not required. This degree offers on-site courses at OSU-Stillwater and OSU-Tulsa as well as distance learning opportunities. This degree can be completed in-class or fully online.

The M.S in HCA consists of 32 total hours with a creative component or thesis including six hours of general graduate level electives.

Requirements for the master’s degree include:
■ A 3.0 or better grade point average
■ A baccalaureate degree

Admission Procedures
Applicants to the HCA Program may apply on-line at:
https://app.it.okstate.edu/gradcollege
■ Please mark Degree Candidate as the admission status
■ Please list Health Care Administration as the proposed major
■ Please list Master of Science as the degree sought

Paper applications and transcripts should be sent to:
OSU Graduate College
202 Whitehurst Hall
Stillwater, Okla. 74078-1019

Statement of Qualifications, Goals & Objectives—Please prepare a one- to two-page, typed, double-spaced essay that includes the following:
■ Description of your current job.
■ Description of current and past health care experience, if any.
■ What are your career goals?
■ How will the HCA program help you in achieving these goals?
■ Why are you applying to OSU’s HCA program?
■ What personal strengths will help you attain your goals?
■ What personal challenges do you face to attain your goals?

The Statement of Goals should be emailed to patrick.anderson@okstate.edu.

Formal application includes:
■ Completed, official application (online or paper) submitted to the Graduate College
■ Payment of application fee of $40 (online applications), $50 (paper applications), or $75 (international applications)
■ One official transcript from each college and university attended
■ Statement of goals, qualifications, and objectives

This degree is ideal for those individuals working in health care who wish to move into management or executive positions.
M.S. Program Requirements and Restrictions

The Master of Science in Health Care Administration degree requires 32 graduate credit hours which includes a thesis or creative component project.

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Research thesis, supported by enrollment in HCA 5010 or creative component project, supported by enrollment in HCA 5013, 5073, 5123, or HCA 5033.

Core Elective Courses

Other requirements vary by option or track: (20 credits)

Financial Aid

Students needing assistance with loans should contact the financial aid coordinator on either the OSU-Tulsa or OSU-Stillwater campus.

- OSU-Stillwater Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships: 405-744-6604
- OSU-Tulsa Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships: 918-594-8355

If you have questions or need additional information contact:
Patrick Anderson, Coordinator of Graduate Admissions
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918-561-1228