

Inside Medical School Admissions: Perspectives from Burrell COM

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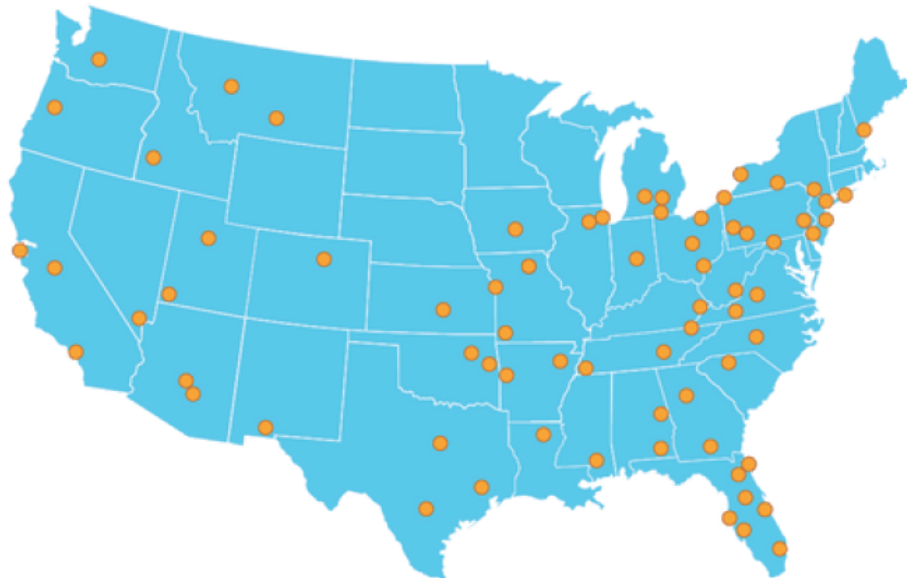
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE FAST FACTS

Doctors of osteopathic medicine, or DOs, are physicians who practice in all areas of medicine. Emphasizing a whole-person approach to treatment and care. DOs are trained to listen and partner with their patients to help them get healthy and stay well.

 23,000+ OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL SCHOOL APPLICANTS A YEAR	 1-IN-4 MEDICAL STUDENTS IN THE U.S. ATTEND A COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE	 9 AVERAGE NUMBER OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL COLLEGES APPLICANTS APPLY TO
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2025 BY THE NUMBERS:	197,398 DOS AND OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENTS IN THE US	157,456 DOS IN THE US	39,942 OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL STUDENTS
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Source: American Osteopathic Association OMP Report

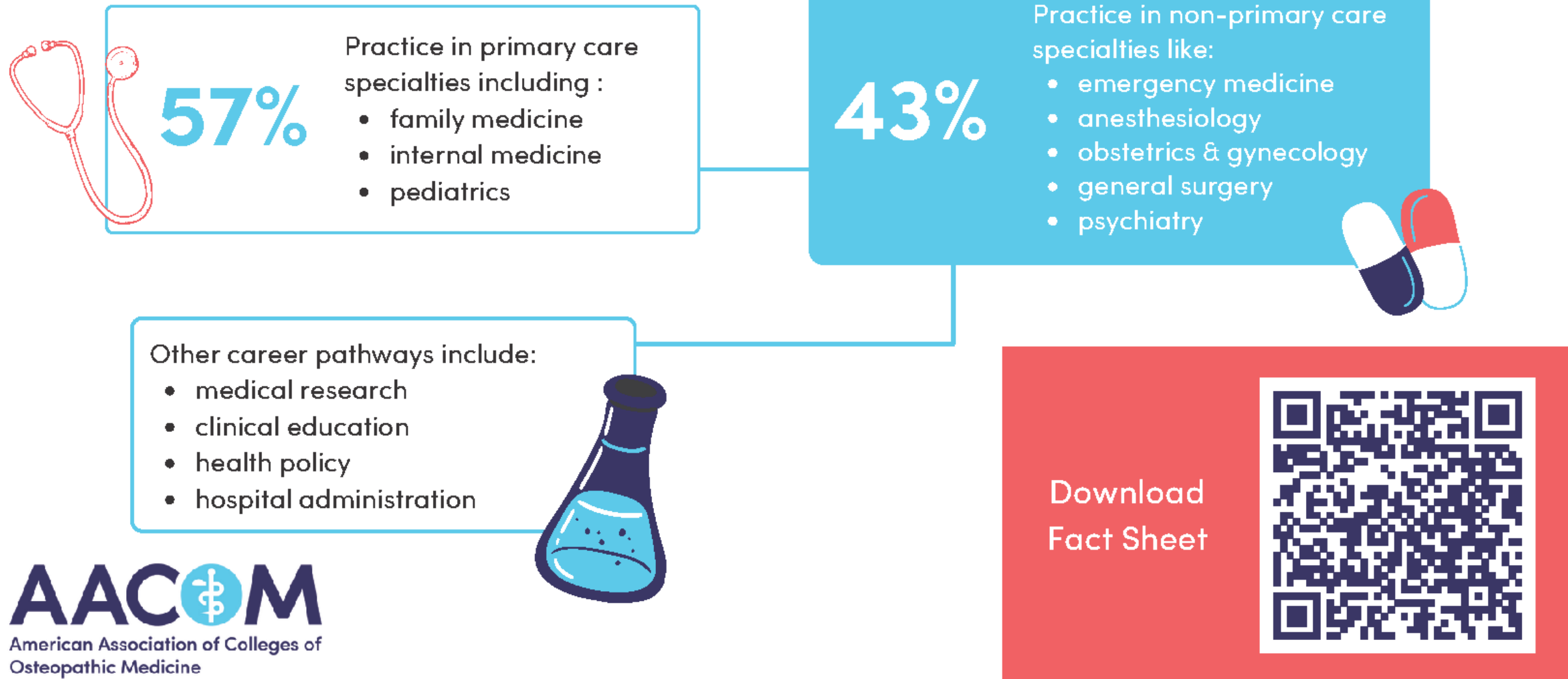


WE HAVE A COLLEGE FOR YOUR STUDENTS:

- 46** COLLEGES OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
- 73** TEACHING LOCATIONS
- 36** STATES

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CAREER OPTIONS FOR DOS:



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2025 ENTERING CLASS PROFILE

Mean MCAT Scores	
Psychological, Social & Bio	126.75
Bio & Biochemical	125.77
Chemical & Physical	125.44
Critical Analysis & Reasoning	124.98
TOTAL MCAT	502.95

Mean GPA	
Science	3.53
Non-Science	3.73
OVERALL	3.62



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2025 Burrell Admissions Profile

Total AACOMAS Designations	Matriculated Students
7,422	300

Mean MCAT Score	Mean GPA	Mean Science GPA
500	3.47	3.37
MCAT Range	GPA Range	SGPA Range
483 - 524	2.5 - 4.0	2.57 - 4.0

Keep in mind: A student falling well below the recommended academic minimum in one area, would likely exceed the recommended academic minimum in another area, **AND** also have other standouts in their application, such as excellent medical experience, community volunteering, excellent LORs, etc.

Understanding Holistic Application Review

Aiming to understand the whole person by balancing evaluation across a combination of attributes and experiences and seeking alignment with our school community

- Yes, this includes and even emphasizes academics
- Yes, it also includes your experiences (both in and out of healthcare), your background, your perspective shared in essays, your letters, your interaction in interviews, and more

“Mission-Aligned Selection and Retention”
(COMs have been doing this for years, too)

Understanding Holistic Application Review

After submission of the Supplemental Application, each application is read completely by a member of the Admissions team.

- **Will you be academically successful in our curriculum?**
 - Demonstrated history of academic success
 - Academic trends in coursework
 - Length of time since most recent science coursework and/or MCAT performance in the context of what you've been doing

Aiming for minimums is not the strategy

- Minimum recommended MCAT 496
- Minimum recommended SGPA 3.0
- Ask yourself, what does my record show?
 - Perseverance, self-awareness, and growth
- OR
- Lack of reflection and just getting by

COMPARE ALL
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REQUIREMENTS



Understanding Holistic Application Review

- **Evaluating your experiences, personal statement, supplemental responses, and letters of recommendation**
 - How do you align with the mission of Burrell College? What about Osteopathic Medicine?
 - What distinct attributes might you bring to the community?
 - Do you work well with others?
 - Why do you want to be a physician?
 - Are you sufficiently prepared?

Evaluating Your Application for Success

Ask Yourself:

- What are my strengths? Have I showcased them to the best of my ability?
- Did I communicate all my experiences, any leadership roles I may have held within those, and how they may align with Burrell's mission?
- Does my application have any weak points? Have I taken steps to improve and/or address these in my application?
- Where do I fall in comparison to the recommended guidelines?
- Does my application contain the most up to date information about my coursework and experiences?

Evaluating Your Application for Success

Prepare for Interviews

- Practice to ease nerves but not to memorize answers
- Test your technology ahead of virtual interviews
 - Note the different time zones for your interview times
- Research the schools you are applying to
 - Follow along via social media and institutional webpages
- Prepare questions for your interviewers

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Tips for Reapplicants:

- Don't submit the same identical application again
- Revise your personal statement
- Enhance your experiences section by providing important details
- Improve academics if needed
 - Taking additional science coursework
 - Preparing for and retaking the MCAT exam
- Be mindful of application timelines
- Review admissions communications completely for important information

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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