

Standard 9 – Element 9.1-1

Evidence Submission

Admissions Requirements, Policy, & Procedure

DYU-COM Admissions Policy

The admissions policy of DYU-COM is designed to equitably identify and select candidates who demonstrate a strong commitment to the holistic principles of osteopathic medicine. We seek individuals with a passion for patient-centered care, a dedication to community health, and a diverse range of experiences that reflect their readiness for the rigorous academic and clinical training we offer. Our admissions process aims to cultivate future osteopathic physicians who are not only skilled in the science of medicine but also compassionate in their approach to healing and wellness.

DYU-COM promotes service, compassion, and leadership in its mission statement. All DYU-COM students are expected to participate in community service, understand the biopsychosocial context of osteopathic medicine, and understand the importance of leadership and the role of the physician in the community and as a team player. Every applicant who seeks admission to DYU-COM is expected to possess those intellectual, moral, social, ethical, physical, and psychological capabilities required to undertake the full curriculum and achieve the levels of competence required by the faculty of DYU-COM.

Application Submission Procedure

Applicants to DYU-COM must submit a primary application through AACOMAS, the centralized online application service for U.S. osteopathic medical schools. If your primary application meets the minimum application requirements for the DYU-COM, the College will invite you to submit a secondary application. Those selected to complete a secondary application must pay a \$200, non-refundable fee. Upon request, applicants who have received an AACOMAS fee waiver will be granted a waiver for the secondary application fee. Applications are considered on a rolling basis and deadlines are subject to change. For the best chance of admission, please submit your materials as soon as possible.

Admission Requirements

A prospective DYU-COM student must satisfy the following requirement to be considered for admission:

- 1. Citizenship:** Be a U.S. Citizen or a U.S. Permanent Resident
- 2. Academic Pre-requisites:** Have a baccalaureate degree from a college or university accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. Candidates from an institution where a formal articulation agreement exists for a combined degree are an exception to this requirement. Candidates applying to the DO program should have met the following pre-requisites in their undergraduate or post-baccalaureate studies. Please note the minimum grade for any course below is 'C' or better. Also, 'P' or 'S' grades given during the COVID Pandemic semesters are also acceptable if traditional grading procedures were not available from the institution.

| Discipline | Requirement |
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| English | 6 semester hours only if your BS/BA was completed in a non-English speaking college or university |
| Biology | including a basic course in general biology or zoology (lecture and lab): 4 semester hours |
| General Chemistry | (lecture and lab): 8 semester hours |
| Organic Chemistry I | (lecture and lab): 4 semester hours |
| Organic Chemistry II | (lecture and lab): 4 semester hours o Biochemistry, with or without lab, may be substituted for Organic Chemistry II |
| Physics | At least 4 semester hours |
| Mathematics and/or Computer Science | At least 3 semester hours |
| Behavioral Sciences | At least 6 semester hours. Behavioral Sciences include psychology, sociology, and anthropology, amongst others |

- 3. Advanced Placement Examinations: Students** may fulfill certain discipline requirements through successful completion of Advanced Placement (AP) exams or equivalent International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations.

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| English | English Composition or English Literature exam or a 6 or 7 on the 1B Language A are acceptable substitutes |
| Biology | 4 or 5 on the AP Biology exam or a 6 or 7 on the 1B Biology are acceptable substitutes |
| Inorganic Chemistry | 4 or 5 on the AP Chemistry exam or 6 or 7 on the 1B Chemistry are acceptable substitutes |
| Physics | 4 or 5 on the AP Physics exam or a 6 or 7 on the 1B Physics are acceptable substitutes |
| Mathematics and/or Computer Science | Mathematics and/or Computer Science: 4 or 5 on the AP Pre-Calculus, Calculus AB or BC, or Statistics exams, or 6 or 7 on the 1B Mathematics are acceptable substitutes |

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| Behavioral Sciences | Behavioral Sciences: 4 or 5 on the AP Psychology exam, a 6 or 7 on the 1B Psychology are acceptable substitutes |
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4. **MCAT Requirement:** The MCAT will be required for admission. MCAT should be greater than or equal to 501 (50th percentile). However, it is essential to understand DYU-COM will place a strong emphasis on the culture of service to the community. The MCAT is just one aspect of the admissions process. GPA, letters of recommendation, personal statements and interviews all play a vital role in determining one’s personal fitness for the osteopathic medical school. There is no minimum GPA. Applicants should note that with the intensity of medical education, a GPA of 3.2 and greater is highly preferred.
5. **Letters of Recommendation:** A Pre-health Committee Letter/Composite Letter (Preferred), or three individual letters of recommendation to include two individual from faculty (at least one from science) who have taught you. In addition, one letter from a supervisor of a long-term work, service, research, or clinical experience. If you are unable to provide a letter from a supervisor, you may provide an additional faculty letter. In addition, we strongly recommend D.O./M.D. letters from non-family members.

Accessibility Services & Student Accommodations

Certain elements of the osteopathic curriculum deemed essential to the acquisition of knowledge include the demonstration of basic skills requisite for the practice of osteopathic medicine. Osteopathic medical students are unique in their need to be able to utilize osteopathic manipulative medicine techniques described by Andrew Tylor Still, D.O. and advanced through the history of osteopathic medicine. Dexterity is a necessary component of the osteopathic curriculum.

In partnership with the Office of Accessibility Services, DYU-COM follows it’s parent institution’s (D’Youville University) student handbook, policies, and procedures to make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations for physically challenged students. If you will be requesting reasonable accommodations, please reach out to the Assistant Dean for Student Services for assistance or directly to the Office of Accessibility Services.

ADA and Equal Opportunity

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and other applicable laws, the DYU-COM shall provide reasonable accommodations for otherwise qualified students with verified physical, psychological and/or learning disabilities. DYU-COM will also take affirmative action to ensure that qualified

women, minorities, veterans, and persons with disabilities are provided full access opportunities.

Inquiries and concerns may be referred to the University's Title IX coordinator, located in the Koessler Administration Building, by submitting a report through Maxient, the University's official reporting software, by calling 716-829-7812, or through email at nesselbd@dyu.edu; or by visiting the [U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights website](#) or calling 800-872-5327.

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