



COLLEGE OF
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
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Mission

To provide a transformative education in a culture that cultivates **proficiency, inclusion, collaboration, mentorship, and professionalism**. We inspire our students to become caring physicians who **embrace their identity, deliver patient-centered care, promote health equity**, and positively impact the patients and communities they serve.



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Vision

- Being a national leader in promoting fairness, representation, and access in medical education.
- **Positively impacting the physician workforce in Colorado, the High Plains region, and the Intermountain region.**
- Graduating students who are highly regarded by fellow physicians, health care teams, and patients.
- Being an innovator in interprofessional medical education.
- **Preparing graduates for opportunities to practice in rural and underserved communities.**
- **Ensuring graduates understand the critical role the primary care physician plays in patient well-being.**



Values

- Osteopathic Philosophy
- Richness of Perspectives and Experience
- Service
- Community
- Lifelong Learning



Tenets of Osteopathic Medicine

The body is a unit;
the person is a unit
of body, mind, and
spirit.

The body is capable
of self-regulation,
self-healing, and
health maintenance.

Structure and
function are
reciprocally
interrelated.

Rational treatment is
based upon an
understanding of the
basic principles of body
unity, self-regulation,
and the interrelationship
of structure and
function.



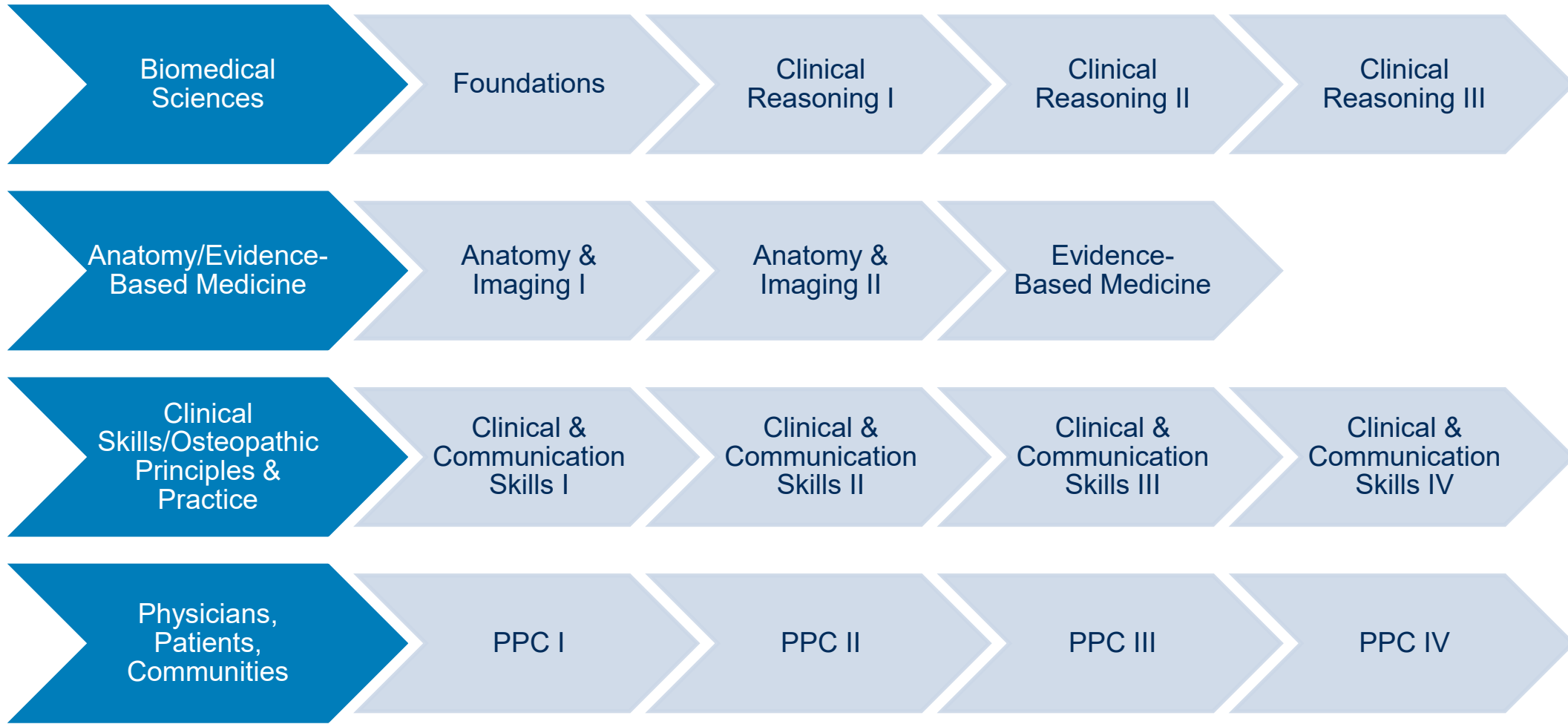


Curriculum Overview



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Preclinical Education



8-Week COMLEX I/USMLE I Dedicated Study



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Week at a Glance

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
AM	Foundations	Anatomy & Imaging	Self-Directed Learning		Self-Directed Learning		Physicians, Patients, Communities
			Foundations				Foundation SGD/TBL
	Anatomy & Imaging	Clinical & Communication Skills					
Lunch							
PM	Simulation/ Interprofessional/ Self-Directed Learning	Self-Directed Learning	Clinical Skills	Anatomy Lab	OPP	Virtual Anatomy Lab	Simulation/ Interprofessional/ Self-Directed Learning
			Anatomy Lab	Clinical Skills	Virtual Anatomy Lab	OPP	

***Subject to Change**

Clinical Education

OMS III

- Clinical Rotations Orientation Week
- 4-week rotations in the following:
 - Family medicine I and II
 - Inpatient medicine
 - Medical Specialty
 - General Surgery
 - Surgical Specialty
 - Psychiatry
 - Pediatrics
 - OB/GYN
 - Selective I
 - Elective
- 7-Week COMLEX-USA Level II /USMLE Step 2 Dedicated

OMS IV

- Emergency Medicine or Critical Care
- Selective II
- Electives
- Ready for residency one week wrap up

*Students must complete a total of 7 elective rotations



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Grading/Ranking

OMS I & II: Pass/Fail

OMS III & IV: Honors/Pass/Fail

Quartile Ranking Only

- 2/3-COM House-Written Exams
- 1/3-National Standard Basic Science Exam



Research



**Early, Structured Research
Training with UNC COM &
Campus-Wide Mentors**



**Built-In Pathway to Posters &
Publications Between Year 1
and Year 2**



**Dedicated Funding for
Student-Initiated Research &
National Presentations**



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Admissions



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Admissions Requirements

1. Bachelor's Degree from an accredited US institution conferred before July 1 of the intended matriculation year
2. Must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident (green card holder), or DACA recipient
3. Minimum 3.0 Overall GPA (3.4 Overall BCPM recommended)
4. Minimum 498 MCAT with no subsection below 123 (within the previous 3 years)
5. One Composite Letter from Pre-Health Committee OR 3 LORs- DO recommended
6. Demonstrated Commitment to service/community by involvement in outreach, advocacy, or service
7. Successful completion of a background check

Earn at least a C in prerequisite coursework

Coursework	Credit Hours	Quarter Hours
Behavioral and Social Sciences	3	4
Biological Sciences*+	8	12
English Composition~	6	9
General Chemistry*	8	12
Organic Chemistry*#	8	12
Physics*	8	12

* Must include lab; +must include a course in general or zoology biology; ~Writing intensive course can be substituted; # will substitute 2nd Semester of OChem w/ Biochem

Recommended Coursework

- Anatomy
- Biochemistry
- Cell Biology
- Genetics
- Immunology
- Physiology
- Microbiology
- Statistics



Plains to Peaks Pathway

- Residents or students attending a UG or Graduate Institutions in targeted states (CO, WY, NM, OK, KS, TX, MT, UT, ID, NE, SD, ND) applying to medical school will have a guaranteed interview if they meet the following criteria:
 - Meet the minimum academic and admissions requirements as published in UNC COM's Admissions Requirements Policy.
 - Earn a Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) score of 502 or higher within three attempts
 - Hold a 3.5 or higher overall or graduate school BCPM (science) GPA
 - Complete AACOMAS Application sent to UNC COM
 - Complete UNC COM Supplemental Application
 - Payment of the UNC COM \$75 supplemental application fee
 - First Come First Serve
 - Must Pass Screening



Plains to Peaks Pathway Partners

Contact:
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if you are interested

- CU Boulder
- CU Boulder PostBac
- CU Denver
- University of Denver
- CU Colorado Springs
- Colorado College
- Regis U
- SOFtoSOM
- Colorado School of Mines
- Adams State
- Baylor College of Medicine
BSHEq Program



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Mission-Merit-Based Admissions

Academic Profile (50%)

MCAT

BCPM GPA

Overall GPA

Grad GPA

GPA Trajectory



Regional Connection (10%)

CO, WY, NM, OK, KS, TX, MT, UT, ID, NE, SD, ND



Supplemental Essays (10%)



Community Engagement & Impact (10%)



Personal Characteristics/Distance Traveled (10%)

Resilience

Adaptability

Determination

Professionalism



Mission-Aligned Extracurricular (10%)

Healthcare

Research

Leadership/Extracurriculars

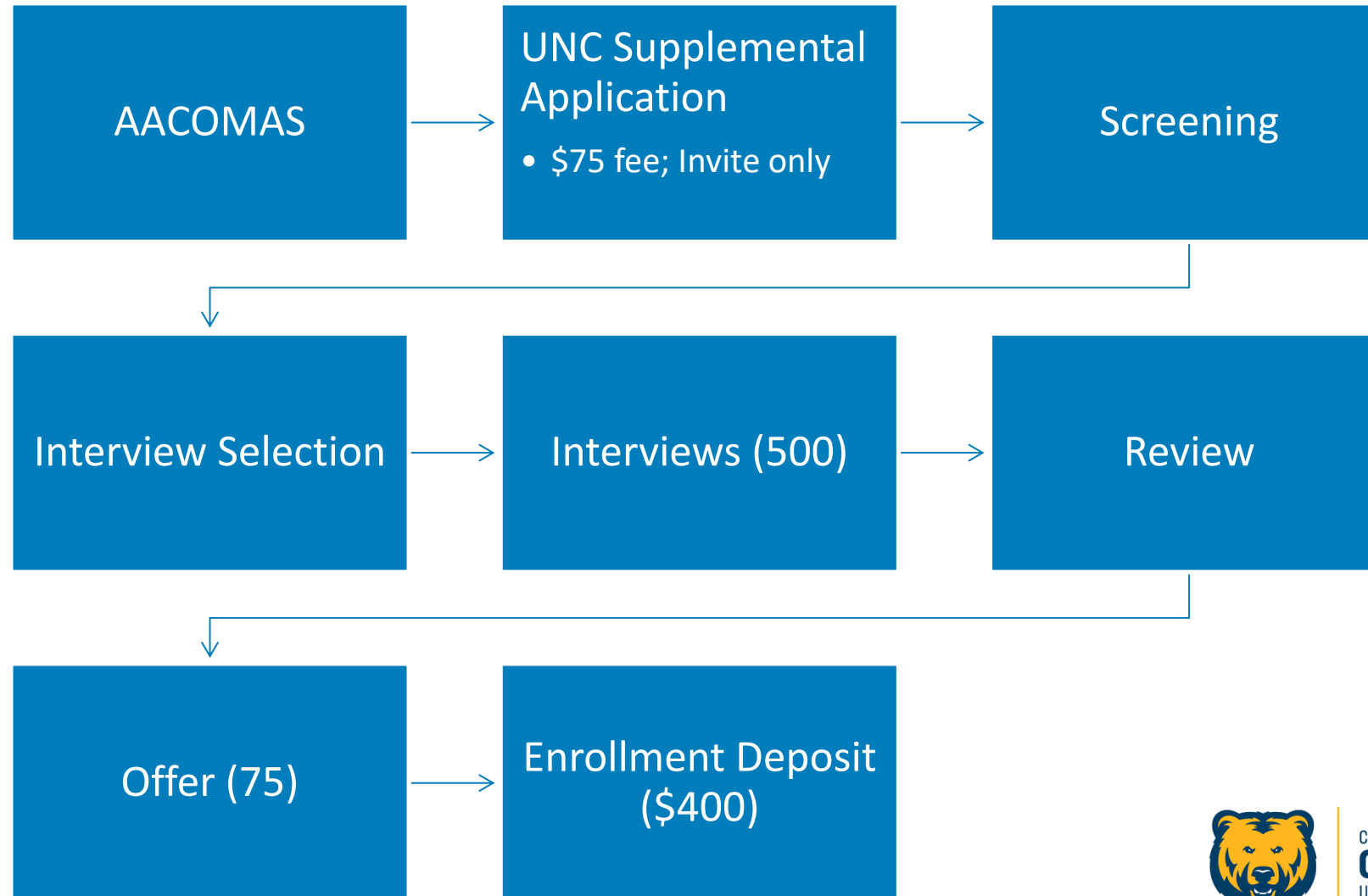
Employment



Interview

Two-Blinded Physician/Faculty Interview

Overview of Application Process



2025-2026 Cycle Timeline

December	UNC COM application opens on AACOMAS
December	Supplemental Invites Sent
January	Admissions Committee begins reviewing applications
January	Interviews begin
March – June	UNC COM extends acceptance offers
April 1	Supplemental application closed
May 1	Enrollment deposit due
July 1	Matriculation documentation and background check due

Tuition & Fees

- Tuition: \$55,000 regardless of residency
- Annual fee years 1-2: \$2,000
- Annual fee years 3-4: \$1,000

National Tuition Average: \$59,605¹

1. Hanson, Melanie. "Average Cost of Medical School" EducationData.org, November 9, 2024, <https://educationdata.org/average-cost-of-medical-school>



Cost of Attendance

Off Campus

Category	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Tuition and Fees	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$56,000	\$56,000
Books and Supplies	\$6,090	\$3,315	\$3,405	\$5,135
Living Allowance	\$16,874	\$16,874	\$22,002	\$22,002
Personal, Transportation and Medical	\$6,812	\$6,812	\$11,816	\$11,816
Loan Fees	\$528	\$528	\$528	\$528
Total Cost	\$87,304	\$84,529	\$93,751	\$95,481

On Campus

Category	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Tuition and Fees	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$56,000	\$56,000
Books and Supplies	\$6,090	\$3,315	\$3,405	\$5,135
Living Allowance	\$17,064	\$17,064	\$22,192	\$22,192
Personal, Transportation and Medical	\$6,624	\$6,624	\$11,628	\$11,628
Loan Fees	\$528	\$528	\$528	\$528
Total Cost	\$87,306	\$84,531	\$93,753	\$95,483

Financial Aid & Scholarships



UNC FAFSA Code: 001349



Phelps Family Scholarship

Apply via supplemental application
UNC Alum Only
Two Recipients
\$120,000 total award (\$30,000 per year)



Dean's Award

Merit-based (MCAT, Science GPA, Grad Science, and GPA Trajectory)
30 \$40,000 total award (\$10,000 per year)



Free Laptop and Medical Supplies

Student Success

- Mental Health Counselor
- Financial Aid Counselor
- Learning & Career Specialist
- Financial Literacy Curriculum
- Wellness Programming
- Career Development and Specialty Advising Program
- COMLEX and USMLE Board Preparation Program
- Student Success Committee
- UNC Center for Student Well-Being
- Bear Food Pantry
- Student Government and Student Organizations



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QUESTIONS?



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