ATSU-KCOM ALUMNI AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

The ATSU-KCOM Alumni Ambassador Program offers select alumni the chance to assist with the recruitment of prospective students, build further relationships with fellow alumni, and provide leadership to all ATSU-KCOM students. Alumni considered are members of the Board of Trustees, KOAA Alumni Board, former Student Ambassadors, and other select alumni. Ambassadors act as regional resources for students and other ATSU alumni.

GOALS:

• To assist the Admissions Office in the recruitment of prospective students.
• To positively represent the osteopathic medical profession.
• To provide information to potential applicants.
• To report back to Admissions and Alumni Services about communication with students.
• To provide support at ATSU-KCOM sponsored events in your area.
• Refer students interested in other ATSU programs to Admissions.
• To increase the number of highly competitive and qualified students considering ATSU-KCOM.
• To act as a regional information source for inquiring students, applicants, admitted and enrolled students.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

• Stay current on admissions requirements and process.
• Assist in coordinating events in your area. Ex: College presentations, retention events, speaking to students.
• Maintain contact with the Assistant Director Alumni Services via mail, email, fax, or phone.
• Respond to all correspondence from the Alumni Services department.
• Welcome the opportunity to meet a prospective or current ATSU-KCOM student, promote the osteopathic medical profession, and promote ATSU-KCOM.
• Relate personal experiences about being an ATSU-KCOM student, living in Kirksville, and life as an osteopathic physician. Reflect on how Kirksville and ATSU-KCOM has changed since your graduation.
• Be sensitive to prospective student’s background, heritage, gender, religion, sexual orientation, etc.
• Refer questions that you cannot answer to Admissions or Alumni Services, do not guess or make-up answers.
• Do not speak negatively about other colleges or other professions.
• Do not promise prospective students an on-campus interview and/or acceptance into any ATSU program.
• Allow student to tell you about him/her background, goals, and motivations.
• Allow student to ask questions.
• Remember, your experience makes the University a real place for students, one that they’ll want to experience firsthand.

INTERACTION TIPS AND GUIDELINES

**Do’s for Alumni Ambassadors**

Do…

• Be friendly, attentive, and smile. The best thing you can do is to convey your enthusiasm for ATSU-KCOM with those who come to talk to you. *They are more apt to remember an impression of ATSU-KCOM than the details you discuss.*
• Realize that the way you represent yourself is the way you are representing ATSU-KCOM. You *are* ATSU-KCOM in the eyes of the students and their families.
• Know the basics (admissions requirements, costs, facts).
• Make sure that if you say you will get back to someone that you do.

**Don’ts for Alumni Ambassadors**

Don’t…

• Don’t be afraid to say you don’t know the answer to a question. Have the student contact the Office of Admissions or Alumni Services directly.
• Don’t say negative things about other institutions. Discuss ATSU-KCOM’s strengths, not other schools’ perceived weaknesses.
• Don’t guarantee admission, or even speak of specific possibilities. Only the Office of Admissions can make admissions decisions.

**TRAINING**

• The Alumni Services Department and the Office of Admissions recognize the importance of providing training information and resource materials. Each Alumni Ambassador will have access to an electronic copy of the training manual on the portal. In addition, information updates will be emailed or posted on the portal as soon as changes take effect. Additionally, a newsletter will be emailed twice a year—in the spring and fall.
• A Microsoft PowerPoint presentation will be made available to Alumni Ambassadors upon request. The presentation will either be emailed or mailed on a CD-Rom to the requesting Alumni Ambassador. This presentation can be used when presenting to undergraduate Pre-Med Clubs, community organizations or other public discussions relating to the medical profession. To request a copy of the presentation Alumni Ambassadors may email, phone or fax ATSU Alumni Services.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALUMNI SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

The Alumni Services department will work in partnership with the Alumni Ambassadors to provide the following support:
• Recruitment materials to be distributed at programs.
• Updates on policies, programs and campus facilities.
• Answer questions and concerns you have as an ambassador.
• Bi-annual newsletter
• Maintain Alumni Ambassador Portal
• Yearly program evaluations to all Alumni Ambassadors
• Track how many prospective and current students are using the program
• Notify Alumni Ambassador when their name and contact information has been given to a prospective or current student.
ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Kirksville Admissions Requirements

Applications for admission to the first-year class must meet the following requirements prior to matriculation:

1. Applicants must have completed 90 semester hours or three-fourths of the required credit for a degree from a college or university (30 hours of which must be at a four-year, degree-granting institution) accredited by a regional educational association. Most of the candidates who are accepted for admission have earned a baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation.

2. The applicant must have achieved a minimum 2.8 cumulative grade point average overall and a 2.8 minimum science grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

3. Applicants seeking admission with the intention of not have a degree prior to matriculation are required to have a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade-point average overall, a 3.5 science grade-point average on a 4.0 scale and a composite MCAT score of at least a 28.

4. Applicants must have completed:
   Biology: One year with laboratory
   8 semester hours/12 quarter hours
   Physics: One year with laboratory
   8 semester hours/12 quarter hours
   Inorganic Chemistry: One year with laboratory
   8 semester hours/12 quarter hours
   Organic Chemistry: One year with laboratory
   8 semester hours/12 quarter hours
   English: 6 semester hours/8 quarter hours

5. Elective subjects should afford a broad educational and cultural background as recommended by the applicant's pre-professional advisor. Courses in biochemistry and comparative or human anatomy are recommended.

6. Applicants are required to submit scores from the Medical College Admission Test. The College requires MCAT test scores taken within three year of application.
Kirksville Application Checklist

In order to complete your application to the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, the following items must be submitted to the Office of Admissions. Additional information can be found at Advisor & Student Resources.

STEP ONE
APPLICATION SERVICE
Application process begins in June of the year prior to anticipated enrollment

- Log on to www.AACOM.org and complete online or paper application
- Submit MCAT scores
- Submit official transcripts
- Submit AACOMAS Application fee
- Contact AACOMAS to verify that all of the above have been received
- Deadline for Submission: February 1 prior to the fall of anticipated enrollment

STEP TWO
SECONDARY APPLICATION
Secondary applications will be made available once the AACOMAS application has been received and minimum requirements have been met.

- Complete secondary application online or paper application
  - Biographical Information
  - Dual Degree Program (optional)
  - Test Scores
  - Clinical Health Experience
  - Essay Questions
  - Statement of Disciplinary Actions
  - Statement of Nondiscrimination

- Submit two letters of evaluation
  - Evaluation I: Premedical Advisor, Premedical Committee, or Basic Science Faculty Member
  - Evaluation II: Physician (D.O. or M.D.) or Employer

- Submit Secondary application fee

- Contact KCOM to verify that all of the above have been received
Kirksville Application Process

The Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine participates with other osteopathic colleges in a centralized application processing service called the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS). An application may be submitted on-line at www.AACOM.org or obtained from:

AACOMAS, Suite 310
5550 Friendship Boulevard
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7231
301.968.4190

Applicants meeting the minimum 2.5 cumulative and science grade point average requirement will receive a KCOM Secondary Application. A non-refundable application fee of $60 and letters of evaluation from the pre-professional college and a physician or employer are required at the time the additional information is submitted. Applications should be submitted no later than February 15 of the academic year prior to which admission is sought. Applicants are encouraged to apply far in advance of the February 15th deadline. As “The National College of Osteopathic Medicine,” KCOM seeks students from all parts of the United States who are interested in a career in osteopathic medicine. The College also actively seeks and encourages underrepresented minority students to apply.

Applicant Protocol

Applicants aspiring to become osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) are expected to act professionally in their interactions with the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS) and with each college of osteopathic medicine. Responsibility, respect, good judgment and cooperation are qualities valued by the osteopathic medical profession and it is expected that applicants will demonstrate these qualities throughout the application process.

- Applicants are responsible for becoming familiar with admission requirements, following application procedures, and meeting all deadlines at each school to which they apply.
- Applicants are responsible for the collection and timely submission of supplemental applications, letters of evaluation, transcripts, and all applicable fees.
- Applicants are responsible for reporting and updating any changes in the initially submitted applications (e.g. address, telephone number, academic status, and state of residence).
- Applicants are responsible for responding promptly, either to accept or to decline all interview invitations and offers of admission.
- Applicants who have made a final decision on the medical school they plan to attend have the obligation to promptly withdraw their applications from all other schools.
Admission Guidelines

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) encourages each of its member colleges to conduct an application process that is inclusive and professional. The purpose of these guidelines is to allow prospective students to explore their options within the osteopathic medical community and to give the colleges of osteopathic medicine an ability to process, select and matriculate applicants in a fair and timely manner.

- Colleges of osteopathic medicine will publish and follow an application schedule.
- Colleges of osteopathic medicine will publish their respective application procedures and admission requirements.
- Colleges of osteopathic medicine may begin extending offers of admission at any time after an interview. Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following schedule:
  - Those accepted prior to November 15 will have until December 14;
  - Those accepted between November 15 and January 14 will have 30 days;
  - Those accepted between January 15 and June 14 will have 14 days;
  - Those accepted on or after June 15 may be asked for an immediate deposit.
- Colleges of osteopathic medicine are encouraged to adhere to reasonable admission fees, policies and schedules.

Prospective osteopathic medical students are expected to provide factual, accurate and good complete information throughout the admission process. AACOM believes this process requires mutual respect, integrity and honesty among the colleges of osteopathic medicine and with prospective osteopathic medical students.
**Kirksville Early Decision Process**

The Early Decision Program is a service for the highly qualified medical school applicant who has made a definite decision that the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM) is their first choice among medical schools. In order to be considered, the applicant must meet all the following requirements and agree to apply only to KCOM until an early decision notification is made.

**To qualify for early decision the applicant must:**

1. Meet a minimum GPA of 3.5 both cumulative and in the sciences (biology, chemistry, physics).
2. Have taken the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) and earned a composite score of 24 or higher.
3. File the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS) application and supporting credentials by August 1.
4. File all secondary materials with KCOM by September 15.
5. Submit Letter of Intent by August 1, indicating that the applicant is applying only to KCOM and wishes to be considered for early decision.
6. Withhold all applications to other medical schools until early decisions are made by KCOM.

**Procedure:**

1. Applications become available through AACOMAS on June 1. To contact AACOMAS, write: 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 310, Chevy Chase, MD 20815-7231, telephone 301.968.4190, or visit their web-site at: [www.AACOM.org](http://www.AACOM.org).
2. Applications, transcripts from all institutions attended, and MCAT scores must be received by AACOMAS by August 1.
3. Secondary materials must be received by the KCOM Office of Admissions by September 15. Secondary materials include: application; $60 application fee; Letter of Intent; letter of evaluation from premedical advisory committee, premedical advisor, or science faculty member; and a letter of evaluation from a physician or employer.
4. Interviews are conducted in early fall for applicants deemed qualified by the Admissions Committee.
5. Notification of status will be made within two weeks of interview.
6. A $1,000 non-refundable tuition prepayment will be required by December 14.
7. Those applicants not accepted for early decision will be automatically returned to the regular applicant pool for later evaluation.
“What are the prerequisites to gain admission?” Applicants must complete one full academic year of the equivalent of each of the following:

- **8 semester or 12 quarter hours:**
  - Biology
  - Physics
  - General Chemistry
  - Organic Chemistry

- **6 hours of:**
  - English

“How does the application process work?” ATSU-KCOM participates in a centralized application process service called AACOMAS. Students must begin the application process with AACOMAS at www.aacom.org. Students that meet the minimum 2.5 grade point average in science and overall receive access information to our online secondary application. Two letters of evaluation are also required: one letter must be from a premedical advisor, premedical committee, or a basic science faculty member; the second letter must be from a physician (D.O. or M.D.) or a past/present employer. The prescreening committee reviews completed applications and then an interview will be granted if approved. On campus interviews are required the Admissions committee grants final admission decisions. The application deadline is February 1 each application year. ATSU-KCOM uses a rolling admissions process.

“As an Alumni Ambassador, do I have access to an applicant file?” Alumni Ambassadors do not have access to applicant files. It is important as an Ambassador to encourage the applicant to complete their application and keep it up to date.

“Is there someone available to help counsel an applicant?” Yes, there are admission counselors available to assist and counsel applicants on requirements and application questions. Encouraging applicants to call an admission counselor gives them direct contact with the applicant and allows us to gain an impression of their communication skills.

“How does ATSU screen an applicant for an interview?” The prescreening committee reviews academic qualifications, MCAT scores, quality of institutions attended, clinical experiences, extracurricular activities, letter’s of evaluation, exposure to the osteopathic profession, interpersonal skills, and motivation for a career in medicine. The committee is made up of faculty clinicians, basic scientists and administrators.

“What is the interview day like?” The interview day is from 8:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. The day includes: a welcome to ATSU, academic presentation, two faculty interviews, a meeting with an admissions officer, lunch with student ambassadors, an osteopathic case study demonstration, financial assistance program, tour of the campus, tour of the Thompson Campus Center and the Still National Museum presentation. A special program for spouses, partners and parents is available.

“What happens after the interview?” The Admissions committee reviews the applicant file in conjunction with the interview day evaluations. The committee votes to accept, reject or place an applicant on the alternate list. The Admissions Office generally releases decisions one to four weeks after the interview.
“Does ATSU-KCOM have an alternate list?” Yes, each year a number of applicants are selected for the alternate list. Alternates are applicants who are acceptable by ATSU-KCOM standards, but only if seats become available later in the application cycle. It is possible that an alternate may not receive an acceptance. Applicants that are selected for alternate status may not defer their application to the following year if they are not accepted for the current entering class. They must reapply through AACOMAS.

“How can a rejected applicant get feedback if not selected for admission?” At the end of the application cycle, the Admissions Staff will respond to any applicants requesting feedback for improvement of their application. It is not uncommon for applicants to apply two or three time for admission. ATSU-KCOM is competitive and does not want to admit students that will struggle from the start. It is a better investment if the applicant takes the time to become competitive academically before starting medical school than face a long struggle or failure. To receive feedback, the applicant should send a letter to: Associate Director or Admissions, ATSU, 800 W Jefferson St, Kirksville, MO 63501.

“What if my favorite applicant is rejected?” Please encourage that person to get feedback directly from the admissions office. The Admissions Office cannot legally disclose confidential admissions decision or reasons for rejection to you. You are encouraged to sit down with the applicant and guide them to work out a plan to improve their credentials.

“Does ATSU-KCOM give preference to Missouri residents?” No, as a private institution, ATSU-KCOM recruits nationally with no preference given to residents of a particular state. However, ATSU-KCOM does recruit heavily from Missouri colleges and universities and has several articulation agreements in place. The Admissions Office also administers the Pre-Osteopathic Scholars Program.

“Where do student conduct their clinical rotations?” Currently, ATSU-KCOM has eight regions, which provide clinical training during the third and fourth years. These sites are Arizona (Phoenix area), Colorado (Denver area), Florida (St. Petersburg and Sun Coast area), Michigan (Detroit, Flint, Trenton, Grand Rapids, and Saginaw areas), Missouri (Cape Girardeau, Jefferson City, Kirksville, Moberly/Macon, Poplar Bluff, Rolla, and St. Louis areas), Northeast (New Jersey and Pennsylvania), Ohio (Cleveland and Dayton areas), and Utah (Provo, Salt Lake and Logan area). These sites are subject to change.
Osteopathic Medicine

Established in 1892, A.T. Still University (ATSU) offers two Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) programs through the founding school of osteopathic medicine—Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine, located in Kirkville, Missouri, and the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona, located in Mesa, Arizona, respectfully. ATSU educates students to become competent professionals and leaders in improving community health and wellness.

There are nearly 53,000 osteopathic physicians in active practice in the United States today. The American Osteopathic Association estimates that by the year 2020 that number will increase to more than 100,000 (www.osteopathic.org). In fact, each year 100 million patient visits are made to D.O.s. As fully licensed doctors, osteopathic physicians embrace a holistic philosophy, considering the body as a unit of interrelated systems (body-mind-spirit) that work together to ensure optimal health. Osteopathic physicians, as well as allopathic physicians, practice traditional forms of medicine, prescribe medications, and perform surgery. More than half of all D.O.s practice in the primary care areas of general practice, internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, and pediatrics.

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A.T. Still University was founded in Kirkville, Missouri, in 1892. ATSU is a professional and graduate institution offering a variety of healthcare degrees. ATSU has two campuses, which are located in Arizona and Missouri.

Missouri Campus

Kirkville College of Osteopathic Medicine
Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)
Biomedical Sciences (M.S.)

School of Health Management (Online)
Geriatric Health (M.G.H.)
Health Administration (M.H.A.)
Health Education (M.H.Ed., D.H.Ed.)
Public Health (M.P.H.)

800 W. Jefferson St.
Kirkville, MO 63501-1497
866.626.2878

Arizona Campus

School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona
Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)

Arizona School of Health Sciences
Athletic Training (M.S.)
Audiology (Au.D.)
Health Sciences (D.H.Sc.)
Human Movement (M.S.)
Occupational Therapy (M.S.)
Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)
Physician Assistant Studies (M.S.)

Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health
Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)

5850 E. Still Circle
Mesa, AZ 85206-3618
866.626.2878
Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.C.) – Missouri Campus

A.T. Still University
Home of the world's first osteopathic medical school, founded in 1892, A.T. Still University is a renowned healthcare education and training university and a leading educator in multidisciplinary healthcare founded on whole person care. ATSU comprises the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM), the School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA), the Arizona School of Health Sciences (ASHS), the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ASDOH), and the online School of Health Management (SHM).

Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine
Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, located in Kirksville, Mo., offers three degree programs: doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.), master of biomedical sciences (M.S.), and a dual degree D.O./M.S. KCOM has a rich history of providing leadership for comprehensive medical education, research, and healthcare. KCOM uses the latest technology to give students broad educational experiences.

The Curriculum
KCOM students spend the first two years studying the basic sciences and clinical introductions in a classroom setting. The Complete DOctor, a course specific to KCOM, incorporates early clinical experiences with didactic study in medical law and ethics, physical exam skills, cultural diversity and spirituality in medicine, and communication skills. Third and fourth year students have the option of completing their clinical rotations in one of KCOM's national rotation regions. These regions currently include Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Utah. View our catalog and complete curriculum online at www.atsu.edu.

Requirements for Admission
1. Applicants must have completed 90 semester hours or three-fourths of the required credit for a degree from a college or university (30 hours of which must be at a four-year, degree-granting institution) accredited by a regional educational association. Most accepted candidates have earned a baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation.
2. The applicant must have achieved a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average overall and a 2.5 minimum science grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
3. Applicants are required to submit scores from the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). The college requires MCAT test scores taken within three years of application.
4. Applicants must have completed the following courses prior to matriculation:
   - Biology – one year with laboratory or 8 semester hours/12 quarter hours
   - Physics – one year with laboratory or 8 semester hours/12 quarter hours
   - Inorganic Chemistry – one year with laboratory or 8 semester hours/12 quarter hours
   - Organic Chemistry – one year with laboratory or 8 semester hours/12 quarter hours
   - English – 6 semester hours/8 quarter hours

KCOM D.O. Facts
Entering Class
| Average overall GPA | 3.4 |
| Average science GPA | 3.3 |
| Average MCAT score | 26 |
| States represented | 33 |
| Foreign countries | 1 |

| On campus student population | 347 |
| Total college enrollment | 719 |
| Student organizations | 29 |
Faculty
Faculty to on campus student ratio 1:4
Basic science full-time and adjunct faculty 26
Clinical full-time and adjunct faculty 62

Applicants
KCOM received more than 3,000 applications and matriculated 172 students into the D.O. program for the 2007-2008 school year.

Application Information
KCOM participates in the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS). Primary applications may be completed at https://aacomasaacom.org. AACOMAS begins accepting applications in May for the following year. KCOM's application deadline is February 1. KCOM has a rolling admissions cycle, and applicants are encouraged to apply early.

For additional information, contact:
ATSU Admissions
860.628.2237; Toll Free: 866.628.2878, ext. 2237
admissions@atsu.edu
www.atsu.edu

Tuition and Expenses
Tuition for the KCOM 2007-2008 academic year is estimated at $37,275 for first year students. In addition, all students will be assessed annual fees for additional education supplies. Average cost of books per quarter is $300, and the average cost of medical equipment for the first year is $1,450. Tuition and fees are subject to change and will be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Financial Assistance
Financial support, including private and federal loans, is available for students accepted into KCOM through the Financial Services Office. This office assists students in developing a comprehensive financial assistance package based on individual needs. For additional information, contact financialaid@atsu.edu.

Accreditation
The Kicksville College of Osteopathic Medicine is accredited by the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association, 142 East Ontario St., Chicago, IL 60611, 800.621.1773. The Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602, phone 800.621.7440 accredits A.T. Still University.
DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are your requirements for admission?

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How do I apply?
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When is the application deadline?
Deadline for submitting the AACOMAS application is February 1 prior to the fall of anticipated enrollment.

When should I apply?
We are rolling admissions so applicants are encouraged to apply early. AACOMAs applications can be submitted in June for the fall of the following year.

Can I contact a current medical student?
Ambassadors are second year student at KCOM who are more than willing to talk to you about their medical school experiences. The Office of Admissions maintains a current list of Ambassadors that is available upon request. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact us at (660) 626-2410 or at admissions@atsu.edu.

Do you have any alumni in my area?
KCOM Alumni Ambassadors are willing to answer questions for future osteopathic physicians. We have Alumni Ambassadors in every region of the United States. We encourage prospective student to contact our Alumni Ambassadors to learn more about osteopathic medicine and KCOM. If you would like to contact an Alumni Ambassador, please contact Kimberly Pfeiffer, Assistant Director Alumni Services, at (660) 626-2307 or at kpfeiffer@atsu.edu.

Does state residency play a role in admissions?
No, we are a private not for profit school, so state residency does not play a role in admissions or for tuition purposes.

What is the Class size?
172 students

What is a completed application?
A completed application includes 1) AACOMAS application 2) Secondary application with fee 3) Official U.S. MCAT scores 4) 2 Letters of Recommendation (Evaluation I: Premedical Advisor, Premedical Committee, or Basic Science Faculty Member; Evaluation II: Physician (D.O. or M.D.) or Employer)

I am interested in visiting campus, what should I do?
Call (866) 626-2878 x2237 or email admissions at admissions@atsu.edu to schedule a tour.
What are the tuition and fees?
$36,045
***Tuition is subject to change upon conferral of the Board of Trustees

What is the average MCAT and GPA?
Average MCAT: 25
Average GPA: 3.5 cumulative and 3.4 sciences

What is the Boards pass rate?
98% Pass Rate (First Time), COMLEX-USA, Part I
93% Pass Rate (First Time), COMLEX-USA, Part II

What is the interview process like?
- Interviews are held at KCOM in Kirksville, Missouri on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays
- Open file interviews are one-on-one, not panel style
- Candidates will have three interviews
  - 40 to 60 minute interview with one basic science faculty member
  - 40 to 60 minute interview with one clinical faculty member (clinical interviews maybe cut short due to emergency procedures)
  - 20 to 30 minute interview with an admissions administrator
- KCOM’s interview style is more conversational in nature; however, any concerns about a candidate’s application will be addressed.
- KCOM interview days last from 8am to 3pm; we want candidates to get to know us as much as we get to know them.
- Interviews will be conducted in the morning, leaving the rest of the day for: lunch with current KCOM students, osteopathic manipulative treatment demonstration, facilities tour, financial aid information and student wellness program information
- Guests are welcome and can join candidates for any part of the day except the interviews-there is a special session for guests during the candidate interviews

How many applications did you receive last year?
KCOM received 2634 applications, interviewed 538 candidates and matriculated 172 students.
ATSU-KCOM FAST FACTS

- Osteopathic Medicine was developed in 1874 by Andrew Taylor Still, M.D., D.O.
- Osteopathic physicians take a whole person approach to caring for patients
- Osteopathic physicians are one of the fastest growing segments of healthcare providers
- Kirksville, Missouri, is known as the home of osteopathic medicine
- Ranked US News America’s Best Graduate Schools 2008
- Received President’s Honor Roll recognition
- Graduated 15,000 D.O.s
- Opened $12.5 million Connell Information Technologies Center
- Home of Still National Osteopathic Museum
- $1.6 million in University grants to incoming students in 2008-09
- Broke ground on $350,000 SHM administrative facility in 2008
- KCOM professor Richard Cenedella, Ph.D., named 2008 Fulbright Scholar

- **National Awards**

- **Programs**
  Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)
  Master of Biomedical Sciences (M.S.)

- **Class of 2012 Profile**
  Average MCAT – 26
  Average GPA – 3.45 cumulative, 3.35 science
  Average age – 25.08
  28 different states represented
  6 different countries represented

- **Board Scores**
  98% pass rate (first time), COMLEX-USA, Part I
  93% pass rate (first time), COMLEX-USA, Part II

- **Faculty**
  25 basic scientists, 65 clinicians
  4:1 student/faculty ratio

- **KCOM Campus Profile**
  28 student organizations
  366 students on campus
  688 enrolled in college

- **Training Regions**
  Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio and Utah
KIRKSVILLE FAST FACTS

- Located in Northeast, Missouri.
- County seat of Adair County.
- Population of over 17,000 people.
- Size: 14.1 square miles.
- Workforce: 4.3% unemployment rate
- Employment industries by size: Non-manufacturing, Services, Trade, Government and Manufacturing
- Lodging: 10 hotels/motels located in and around the Kirksville area
- Restaurants: Over 40 restaurants ranging from home-cooking to upscale dining and barbeque to sea food.
- Libraries: 2 public libraries are available to residence
- Public Primary and Secondary Education: Kirksville School District, enrollment size: over 2,300 students, Grades: Preschool-12th, Class AAA, district size: 255 square miles
- Postsecondary Educational Institutions: A.T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and School of Health Management, Moberly Area Community College, Truman State University
- Kirksville is surrounded by 3 state Conservation areas
- Kirksville has 9 public park facilities, including North Park which features 6 baseball/softball fields and batting cages, and Rotary Park.
- 3 Museums are located in Kirksville including the Still Osteopathic Museum

- View Value-Added Benefits worksheet
Value-Added Benefits of Living in Kirkville, Missouri

We want to encourage applicants to seriously review and consider the significant value-added benefits of living in Kirkville, Missouri. The chart below illustrates both financial and quality of life benefits that are often overlooked when considering medical school location.

We suggest that applicants consider that they may save $3 in repayment for every dollar not borrowed. For example, if the cost of living each year in Kirkville is $9,640.80, compared with the annual cost of $14,894.40 in Chicago, that savings is $5,253.60. If you save the $3 in repayment for each dollar not borrowed, that could add up to $15,760.80 in savings each year ($5,253.60 x $3).

### Financial Benefits

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### Quality of Life Benefits

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References & Terminology

*The values on the opposite page were determined by using www.bestplaces.net

Two-Bdr.Apartment/mo: The average rent for a two-bedroom apartment.

Transportation/mo: The average cost of gasoline, car insurance and maintenance expenses, and mass transit fare for the area. The cost of the vehicle and any vehicle registration and license taxes are not included.

Food & Groceries/mo: The average cost of food and groceries (not including restaurants).

Healthcare/mo: The average cost of healthcare calculated using the standard daily rate for a hospital room and the costs of a doctor's office visit and a dental checkup.

Commute Time: The average number of minutes that residents of an area require for a one-way commute to work.

Violent Crime: Violent crime is composed of four offenses: murder and nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. All violent crimes involve force or threat of force.

Future Job Growth: The projected change in job availability over the next 10 years based on migration patterns, economic growth, and other factors. A projected decrease in available jobs is represented as a negative number.

Unemployment Rate: The most recent unemployment data for an area. The unemployment rate is expressed as a percentage of available work force that is not employed.

Water Quality: A measure of the quality of an area's water supply as rated by the EPA. High values are better. The EPA has a complex method of measuring the watershed quality using 15 indicators such as pollutants, turbidity, sediments, and toxic discharges.

Air Quality: The Air Quality Index is based on annual reports from the EPA. Higher values are better. The number of ozone alert days are used as an indicator of air quality, as are the amounts of seven pollutants including particulates, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, lead, and volatile organic chemicals.
STUDENT SERVICES

Counseling Services:

Counseling Services provides individual, couple and group counseling, as well as referral and consultation services. All services are provided free of charge for ATSU students and their significant partners/families.

Counseling is a confidential service. Anything you say to a counselor and/or the fact that you used this service will not be disclosed to other persons or agencies without your consent, within ethical limitations. No information about counseling goes on your academic record.

Counseling Services can also assist students in locating resources and other services available on campus or in the city that are specific to their needs. Programs using a workshop format are offered to enhance personal growth and skill development. These may include stress management, relationship enhancement, anxiety, depression and eating disorders.

The Counseling Services staff adheres to the ethical code of the American Counseling Association.

Financial Services:

Investing in your future as a student is one of the most important steps you will take in your life. ATSU can help you put together a financially sound aid package that will let you focus on your education instead of worrying about how you will finance it.

To get started, choose your program from one of the drop-down menus below. With assistance from various sources, we hope to make applying for financial aid to attend ATSU an easy process for all.

Registrar:

ATSU’s Office of the Registrar supports the institutional mission by providing quality services to students, faculty, academic and administrative departments, and alumni. The Registrar’s Office protects the integrity of the University through fair and consistent application of the academic rules and regulations established by the faculty, administration, and state and federal governments.

Core Functions

- Collect and record student and instructional academic program information, including processes related to registration, grades, and verifications
- Officially respond to requests for information about students and programs, and serve as the official manager for access to and release of academic and educational information (e.g. requests for student information, including all issues related to FERPA)
- Provide support for determining academic progress (e.g. degree audits, dismissal and probation, withdraws, and commencement certification)
- Monitor compliance with Student Health Insurance policy and Criminal Background Check policy
- Advise and provide services to international students
- Provide support and services to prospective, current, and former students
- Provide training to university personnel regarding FERPA policies and guidelines

**Student Resources:**

Individual consultation is available for students who would like help improving their study strategies or their test taking skills. Student Resources staff provide academic advising in the areas of note taking, memorization techniques, determining study priorities, using resource materials, studying for tests, reducing test anxiety, effectively using a tutor, and studying in a small group.

Throughout the year a variety of seminars and/or workshops may be offered for both students and faculty. Students may be offered sessions on study strategies, test-taking, preparing for boards, becoming an effective tutor, etc. Workshops for faculty could include such topics as teaching strategies, working with students with special needs, test writing, research findings from cognitive science research, etc.

Students may contact their campus Student Resources Office to request services by telephone, email or by mail.

**Thompson Campus Center (TCC)**

The overall philosophy of the ATSU TCC is to provide an atmosphere of health and programs which will enable each individual to reach his/her maximum potential in mind, body, and spirit. This "holistic" approach to medicine is distinctive to the osteopathic profession. We encourage you to use the TCC and participate in the variety of amenities and activities.

The TCC's programs and activity classes include aerobic/step fitness, toning, spin, Pilates, yoga, cardio kickboxing, and circuit weight training. Qualified instructors teach all classes. Also available are men's and women's racquetball, "A" and "B" league basketball, power and co-ed volleyball leagues, indoor soccer, as well as numerous tournaments and special one-day road races. (Pick up a schedule if interested).

We are proud to serve the fitness, exercise, and recreational needs of the students and their families. The hallmark of the TCC is quality facilities and programs in a convenient-to-the-student location.
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