

University of Northern Colorado  
College of Osteopathic Medicine

## **Policy: Admission Requirements**

**Responsible Party:** Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs

**COCA Standard: 9.1**

**Review Frequency:** Annually and as needed.

The requirements for candidates seeking admission to UNC COM are:

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited U.S. institution conferred on or before July 1 of the intended matriculation year
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident of the U.S. (green card holders), or a DACA recipient. Applicants who do not satisfy one of these three eligibility requirements will not be considered.
- A letter grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better in the following coursework at the collegiate level completed at least one month prior to matriculation:
  - **Biological Sciences:** 8 Credit or 12 Quarter Hours with Laboratory; this must include a course in general biology or zoology.
  - **Physics:** 8 Credit or 12 Quarter Hours with Laboratory
  - **General Chemistry:** 8 Credit or 12 Quarter Hours with Laboratory
  - **Organic Chemistry:** 8 Credit or 12 Quarter Hours with Laboratory
  - **English Composition:** 6 Credit or 9 Quarter Hours; English Literature may be substituted if the coursework is writing intensive.
  - **Behavioral or Social Sciences:** 3 Credit or 4 Quarter Hours
- Earned cumulative overall GPA of 3.0 (on a 4-point scale) on all collegiate coursework. A cumulative overall Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math (BCPM) GPA of 3.4 is highly recommended.
- MCAT results from an examination taken within the previous 3 years with a cumulative score of at least 498 and no individual component score below 123. A total MCAT score of at least 502 is recommended. Letters of recommendation:
  - Composite letter from a Pre-Health Committee(preferred) **or**
  - 3 letters to include:
    - 2 faculty (at least one in science) who have taught the student and
    - 1 letter from a supervisor or preceptor summarizing work, service, research, or clinical experience.
- Demonstrated commitment to service/community as evidenced by involvement in outreach, advocacy, service.

- Successful completion of a background check, which is defined as the absence of findings that would preclude participation in required educational activities, clinical experiences, or licensure eligibility as determined by the College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Recommended courses to enhance student success include, but are not limited to: anatomy, statistics, biochemistry, microbiology, genetics, physiology, immunology, and cellular biology.

A letter of recommendation from a non-family member DO/MD is also highly recommended.