

# **University of Northern Colorado College of Osteopathic Medicine**

## **Policy: Admissions for DACA Recipients**

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

**COCA Standard: 9.1**

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

Applicants who have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status may be considered for admission to the University of Northern Colorado College of Osteopathic Medicine (UNC COM). UNC COM acknowledges that DACA does not confer lawful immigration status and that, as of June 12, 2025, individuals with DACA status are not eligible for federal student financial aid.

As such, DACA applicants who are admitted must provide documentation demonstrating their ability to finance their medical education. Specifically, they must show proof of financial resources equal to the estimated cost of attendance, including tuition and living expenses, as determined by the UNC Office of Financial Aid.

For additional information on federal financial aid eligibility for non-U.S. citizens, please refer to: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/non-us-citizens>.

DACA applicants will be evaluated through the same mission and merit-based admissions process as all other applicants. An applicant's DACA status will not be disclosed to the Admissions Committee and will not influence the admissions decision.

Upon acceptance, DACA applicants will receive the following:

- A standard offer of admission, outlining all required steps for matriculation.
- An affidavit of financial support for DACA students, which must be completed and submitted along with supporting documentation confirming financial resources sufficient to cover at least one full year of tuition and living expenses. This documentation must be received no later than 60 days prior to the first day of classes.
- Confirmation from the Director of Admissions and Student Records that all financial documentation has been reviewed and verified prior to the start of orientation.