Pre-Osteopathic Medicine

Receive your undergraduate degree on your path to becoming a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

As one of the most open and inclusive tracks of medicine to follow, osteopathic medicine is becoming a prominent profession in the medical field. Using hands-on techniques to alleviate pain, restore motion and support the body’s natural functions, osteopathic physicians can practice in all types of environments and many specialties.

Program Snapshot
Program type: Pre-Professional Program
Format: On-campus
Est. time to complete: 4 years
Credit hours: 120

Why Study Pre-Osteopathic Medicine at UND?

Pre-Osteopathic Medicine is not a degree at UND, but pre-professional track within the UND College of Arts & Sciences. An academic advisor will help you plan the right combination of courses to prepare you for osteopathic medical school. Whether you major in a foreign language, science, liberal arts or another field, you’ll gain the skills and knowledge you need to be successful. Some courses to complete while still an undergraduate are:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Physics
- English Composition
- College Algebra
- Statistics
- Psychology
- Biochemistry
- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Microbiology
- Cell Biology
- Genetics
- Public Speaking

This program is not a major. See the Pre-Osteopathic Medicine program information for requirements and steps needed to join.

Osteopathic medical schools do not require any particular major. Pre-Osteopathic Medicine students have completed such majors as:

- Athletic Training
- Biology
- Biology: Professional Health Sciences Emphasis
- Business
- Chemistry
- Kinesiology
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Nursing
- Physics
- Psychology

Application Deadlines

**FALL:**
FRESHMEN: FEB. 1* | AUG. 1
TRANSFERS: APRIL 15* | AUG. 1
*ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP PRIORITY DEADLINE
SPRING: DEC. 15
SUMMER: MAY 1

Program Highlights

- Work with a Health Sciences Advisor to set your curriculum and stay on track.
- Gain first-hand experience through internships and work opportunities at local hospitals.
- Set yourself apart with experiential learning, community service, and volunteer opportunities through UND.
- Earn a UND degree, a well rounded education, on your path to Medical school.

Outcomes

13%
Expected job growth for physicians and surgeons through 2026

208k
Median pay for physicians and surgeons after earning your professional or doctoral degree

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

As a large part of the country gets older, the nation faces a critical physician workforce shortage.

Osteopathic physicians are licensed to practice in all 50 states and in the full scope of medicine. They are in high demand and are able to find careers in a multitude of environments, from military to family medicine. Osteopathic doctors now make up 25 percent of all medical students.