Hello my friends, and thank you for your interest in the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM). I encourage you to explore our website as you learn more about our college and its mission, curriculum and environment. I congratulate you on the decision to investigate a career in osteopathic medicine, a philosophy of wellness that has improved the lives of millions of people and promises a better approach to the difficult healthcare challenges our society faces in the future.

BCOM started with the vision to improve the health and wellbeing of the Southwestern US and Northern Mexico by increasing both the number and diversity of physicians in the regional workforce. As our mission statement declares:

"Para la gente y el futuro: For the people and the future, the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine (BCOM) is dedicated to improving the health of the Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico through culturally humble undergraduate, graduate and continuing osteopathic medical education, research and clinical service to the community.

BCOM is focused on increasing diversity in the physician workforce and fostering a practice of life-long learning, compassion, respect and excellence in its students."

To accomplish this, a team of champions has come together, composed of experienced, respected and dedicated leaders in medical and higher education, to build a program that will enable you to feel well prepared and confident as you progress through the journey of medical school, internship, residency and practice. Whether you choose to pursue a path of primary care medicine in the rural clinics throughout New Mexico, West Texas or undergo deep subspecialty practice in the quaternary care centers in major cities across the world, this osteopathic medical college will prepare you beyond the expected standard.

Our curriculum is student-focused, clinically-oriented and delivered with careful attention to educational methods and learning style, so that you will be successful in both the high-stakes objective testing required of contemporary physicians and have the cognitive skills to excel in caring for your patients. Among the tools at your disposal will be a state-of-the-art simulation center, incorporating both standardized patients and high-fidelity mannequins and evaluation systems, a complete medical library, a hybrid gross and virtual anatomy lab, including MRI, CT and other medical imaging and an OMM facility, led by professional, university-experienced clinicians. BCOM has developed a large clinical clerkship network, with sites in New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and Chihuahua, Mexico. These experiences vary from the core general medicine and surgery basics to electives in fields as specialized as cardiology, anesthesiology and radiation oncology. Similarly, BCOM is facilitating the development of numerous residency opportunities throughout the region that include this spectrum of practice, from Family Medicine and Psychiatry in Las Cruces to Urology and Anesthesiology in El Paso, to name just a very few.

Although we are not part of New Mexico State University (NMSU), our close relationship with NMSU allows our students to enjoy all the life, social, athletic and educational services of NMSU students. This includes, but is not limited to intramural sports, housing, meals and health services. Our physical location in the Land of Enchantment and City of Dreams permits a wealth of outdoor experiences and adventures on both sides of the border in a culture of joy and passion for life.

Once again, congratulations on your decision to make a difference and do something important with your life. The practice of medicine is a sacred trust given to those with the intellectual, emotional and physical fitness to routinely intervene in some of the most critical and intimate moments of peoples’ lives. Often, a physician is an individual’s first and last human contact. That is a duty we take extremely seriously and that is the ethos that drives this institution. This is not an easy path that you have chosen, nor should it be, but it will likely be the most rewarding thing you will do in your life. We hope that you will choose to partner with BCOM as we work para la gente y el futuro, for the people and the future. If you have any questions that we have not answered or if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to write me at gmychaskiw@bcomnm.org. If you are ever in the area, feel free to stop by and see us. Our Office of Student Affairs will be happy to show you around.

Saludos,

GEORGE MYCHASKIW, DO
Founding Dean & Chief Academic Officer
Welcome to the next chapter of your academic future! The Admissions Team at BCOM is here to assist you in preparing for your next steps. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 575-674-2210 or admissions@bcomnm.org.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

BCOM considers all eligible applicants who submit a competitive application. We will give value to students who are committed to serving rural and medically underserved areas and who will continue to demonstrate the potential impact of BCOM and the osteopathic medical profession in these areas. We believe that a diverse student body is imperative for the development of all future physicians and therefore will dedicate effort in recruiting a diverse student body.

Applicants are evaluated using a holistic philosophy within a competitive and selective framework. Our admissions criteria* are:

- A minimum of a 3.0 cumulative Science GPA, and
- A minimum of a 493 on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT). Scores older than 3 years prior to matriculation date (August 2015) will not be considered.
- Prerequisite coursework passed with a grade of C- or higher in:
  - 2 Biology courses with labs (8 semester hrs.)
  - 2 General/Inorganic Chemistry courses with labs (8 semester hrs.)
  - 2 Organic Chemistry courses with labs (8 semester hrs.)
  - 2 Physics courses with labs (8 semester hrs.)
  - 2 English courses (6 semester hrs.)
  - 1 Science course** elective (3 semester hrs.)

Advanced coursework in biological sciences is highly recommended in addition to the above prerequisite requirements. Students who have a stronger biological sciences foundation have been shown to be more successful in their transition to medical school studies.

*Subject to change at any time.

**Faculty recommends science elective be in one of the following: Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Genetics, Human Anatomy, Physiology, Immunology, Microbiology, Neuroscience, or Behavioral Science.
HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1  Complete the AACOMAS Application
BCOM participates in the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS), which offers prospective students a convenient and centralized online application service for accredited osteopathic medical schools. Through AACOMAS, students file one electronic application that is distributed to all the osteopathic colleges designated by the student. As part of the AACOMAS application you will need to:

- Arrange for your original transcripts to be sent directly to AACOMAS.
- Have your MCAT scores transmitted electronically to AACOMAS.

Go to www.aacom.org/become-a-doctor/applying/aacomas for specific instructions.

STEP 2  Complete the BCOM Supplemental Application
If minimum admissions criteria are met through the AACOMAS application, students will automatically receive a supplemental invite. The supplemental application must be accompanied with the appropriate supporting materials:

- A nonrefundable $75 processing fee or proof of AACOMAS waiver.
- A letter of recommendation from a physician (D.O. or M.D.) that details your exposure to patients via shadowing, volunteer, or work experience and your ability to perform in a medical setting.
- One of the following:
  • A pre-med advisory committee letter that includes the names and departments of the committee members.
  • Two academic letters written by college biology, chemistry or physics professors who have instructed you in the prerequisite courses.
  • A letter from an immediate supervisor (for non-traditional students only).

All letters must include name and signature of letter writer(s) on official letterhead. Letters should be sent to BCOM through the preferred services of AACOMAS, VirtualEvals or Interfolio.

STEP 3  Arrange an On-Campus Interview
Applicants selected for an on-campus interview will be contacted by email and given pertinent information about the schedule of events for the interview day.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

AACOMAS Application
- The AACOMAS Centralized Application Service opens in May.
- BCOM begins reviewing AACOMAS applications on a rolling basis in June.
- AACOMAS applications must be submitted by April 2.

BCOM Supplemental Application
- BCOM invitations to complete the supplemental application are sent to qualified applicants beginning in June.
- BCOM will accept and process supplemental applications until all class seats have been filled.
- The supplemental application and its supporting documents must be submitted by April 16 in order for applicants to be considered for an interview.

Interview
- The interview schedule begins in August.
- Interviews will continue to be conducted until the class is filled.
Did You Know?

Gypsum doesn’t absorb heat, so even on the hottest days of the year, the dunes at White Sands National Monument are cool and comfortable to walk on.

Most of the formations found inside Carlsbad Caverns today were active and growing during the last Ice Age.

New Mexico has more Ph.D.s per capita than any other state (Washington Times).

Even though Pluto is no longer a planet, its discoverer was New Mexican Clyde Tombaugh.

More chile peppers are born in New Mexico than all other states combined.

Averaging roughly 12 people per square mile, New Mexicans are greatly outnumbered by the livestock in their state.

The founder of the Hilton Hotel Chain, Conrad Hilton, was born in San Antonio, New Mexico.

The first atomic bomb ever detonated was set off in 1945 at the Trinity Site near Alamogordo.

Outlaw Billy the Kid once called New Mexico home.
**FINANCIAL AID**

At BCOM, we want students to be able to achieve their dream of earning a high-quality medical education and are committed to help make that a reality. The Office of Financial Aid can help students explore their financial aid options and assist with strategies on how to meet the cost of attending BCOM by providing them with resources and information needed to develop goals for meeting educational expenses. In addition, the Financial Aid office can provide students with resources and material about maintaining healthy credit, managing debt, and other financial planning information.

BCOM’s tuition and fees are extremely competitive among osteopathic medical schools across the nation. Although federal student loans cannot currently be utilized, the Office of Financial Aid is prepared to assist students in exploring their options for alternative student loans.

For more information, contact the Office of Financial Aid at financialaid@bcomnm.org or 575-674-2223.

**FOUNDATIONS IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM**

The road to medical school can be a long and challenging one as the application process is highly competitive. Not only must pre-medical students demonstrate academic excellence, they are expected to have a solid track record of volunteer work and exposure to the medical field.

For a variety of reasons, not everyone capable of becoming an outstanding physician leaves college with credentials sufficiently competitive to gain acceptance to a medical school. BCOM recognizes the reality of life’s challenges and has developed a program to provide an opportunity for those who need to demonstrate their ability to succeed in medical school.

The Foundations in Biomedical Science Program (FBMS) consists of a demanding, one-year curriculum that is similar in rigor to what students would encounter during the first year of medical school. Students enrolled in the FBMS Program who meet qualifications will be eligible for a seat in the next available class. For more information visit the Foundations in Biomedical Science website at fbms.bcomnm.org or contact The Office of Admissions by email at admissions@bcomnm.org or 575-674-2210.
The Office of Student Affairs at BCOM provides a variety of support services to enable our students to reach their personal and professional goals. Our friendly staff is available to assist students with any needs they may have. Contact the Office of Student Affairs at 575-674-2225 or studentaffairs@bcomnm.org

NMSU FACILITIES

While BCOM is a private and free-standing college, our unique partnership with NMSU allows students to enjoy the student life and campus community benefits that come with a major public university. Included in BCOM’s tuition and fees, students have access to many NMSU facilities and services such as athletic events, health resources, intramural sports, recreational facilities, and transportation. Using the BCOM student ID, students may take advantage of the following resources on the NMSU campus:

Activity Center
BCOM students have free access to the NMSU Activity Center. Included in the Activity Center are a weight and cardio room; basketball, volleyball, and racquetball courts; climbing wall; dance studios; group fitness classes; and much more!

BCOM students also have the opportunity to compete in intramural sports at NMSU. Intramural sports offer competitive and fun individual, dual and team sports, such as flag football, table tennis, badminton, kickball, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, soccer, disc golf, racquetball, grass volleyball, dodgeball, softball and golf. Teams compete against each other within the NMSU and BCOM community. Divisions include men’s, women’s, co-recreational and open.

Natatorium (Aquatic Center)
The NMSU Aquatic Center contains a 25-yard indoor pool and an Olympic-size outdoor pool. Both pools are heated and are open year round. BCOM students can swim laps or go off the 1-meter or 3-meter diving boards during recreation time. Access to the Natatorium (Aquatic Center) is free for BCOM students.

Tennis Center
The NMSU Aggie Tennis Center is one of the top facilities in the Southwest. The Center’s 12 lighted courts easily handle the multitude of events and tennis functions that call ATC home. Tournaments, leagues, socials, instruction and team competition make tennis fun. BCOM student membership is free with BCOM ID.

Campus Health Center
The NMSU Campus Health Center is a nationally-accredited outpatient ambulatory health care center offering services in acute medical care, mental health, women’s health, immunization and health education. A routine office visit is covered in BCOM’s Tuition and Fees.

Intercollegiate Athletics
Admittance and seating in the student section for all NMSU athletic games is free with BCOM ID.

University Golf Course
BCOM students have access to the NMSU golf course at an affordable student rate. Student discounts are offered for both daily and monthly rates. The championship, 18-hole golf course, is open to the public year round for your golfing enjoyment. It is home to the NMSU Aggie Golf Team and PGA Professional Golf Management Program.

Student Resource Services
There are a variety of student community and resource services, such as childcare, food assistance, and LGBT+ programs available at NMSU for BCOM students.

BCOM STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Student Government Association is the official voice for osteopathic medical students at BCOM (BCOM-SGA). BCOM-SGA is open to all medical students at BCOM and welcomes participation from the entire DO student body. SGA is responsible for dispersing funds for student activities; acting as liaison for the DO medical student body; promoting osteopathic medicine; supporting club and classroom activities; and working to improve the quality of life for all BCOM medical students.

BCOM STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

BCOM students have the opportunity to charter student organizations through the Office of Student Affairs.