

MD and DO Programs

MD and DO programs are similar in some ways and different in others. Speak to your prehealth advisor to decide which programs might be right for you.

Similarities



The Medical College Admission Test® (MCAT®) is used in the admission process.



Students matriculate after completing an undergraduate degree.



Programs typically are four years.



MD and DO degrees are followed by three to seven years of residency.



Graduates can practice any specialty.



Physicians are fully certified after passing board exams.

Just MD

- Most applicants apply through the American Medical College Application Service® (AMCAS®).
- 152 MD-granting schools in the United States and 17 in Canada.
- Students take the USMLE licensing exams.

Just DO

- Applicants apply through the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS).
- 34 DO-granting schools in the United States.
- Students take the COMLEX licensing exams.
- Additional training in the musculoskeletal system and Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT).