

# M.D. and D.O. Medical Programs

This graphic illustrates many of the similarities and differences between M.D. and D.O. medical school programs. Speak to your pre-health advisor to decide which programs might be right for you.

## Similarities



The MCAT® Exam is used in the admission process



Students matriculate after completing their undergraduate degree



Programs typically last 4 years



Physicians are fully certified after passing board exams



Graduates can practice any specialty



Medical degree is followed by 3-7 years of residency

## Just M.D.

- Applicants apply using AMCAS®
- 141 medical schools in the United States and 17 in Canada
- Students take the USMLE licensing exams

## Just D.O.

- Applicants apply using AACOMAS®
- 30 D.O. medical schools in the United States
- Students take the COMLEX licensing exams
- Additional training in the musculoskeletal system and Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT)