

Current Messiah College Students' Accordion
(LECOM DO)

This document is for Messiah College students prior to the start of their junior year.

Admission Requirements for Current Messiah College Students Applying to the Bachelors' + DO Early Assurance Program for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine through LECOM

Admission is open to current Messiah students prior to their junior year who have met or exceeded the application requirements for LECOM

- Application is initiated by the current student through this LECOM link: (<http://portal.lecom.edu>)
- Students are required to contact the Martha Smith, Coordinator of Pre-Health Professions Advising for their EAP enrollment requirements.
- Applicants are required to interview with a LECOM representative and must be in-person; either on a LECOM campus, in an offsite location or by videoconferencing.
- Students accepted into the LECOM EAP DO program as current Messiah students will receive a **provisional** acceptance letter to this program.
- In order to maintain their LECOM EAP provisional accepted status, Messiah students will be expected to meet the GPA and shadowing criteria, submit all required information to LECOM in a timely manner, and to participate in the “keeping in touch” activities initiated by LECOM

Academic Requirements for Current Messiah College Students Applying to the Bachelors' + DO Early Assurance Program for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine with LECOM

Most DOD EAP students major in biology, chemistry, biochemistry, applied health science or biopsychology. With early and careful planning, other major choice may be appropriate. See Martha Smith for further details.

Required undergraduate courses:

- 6 Credit Hours of English
- 6 Credit Hours of Behavioral Science
- 8 Credit Hours of Physics including labs
- 8 Credit Hours Biology including labs, minimum
- 8 Credit Hours Inorganic Chemistry including labs
- 8 Credit Hours Organic Chemistry including labs
- 4 Credit Hours Biochemistry including lab
- 3 Credit Hours Genetics

GPA Requirements - Students are eligible to participate in this program by meeting these program requirements and interviewing at the end of their **sophomore** year:

- Overall GPA of 3.3/4.0
- Science GPA of 3.1/4.0
- SAT (Math + Critical Reasoning) \geq 1240 **OR**
- ACT Composite Score \geq 26
- Working to obtain the required 150 hours of medically-related experience by the time of their matriculation to LECOM. (50 hours of this must be with a DO.)

At the time of graduation from Messiah College students must reach or exceed the following benchmarks:

- Overall GPA of 3.4/4.0;
- Science GPA of 3.2/4.0;
- MCAT score of at least 500, if required; and
- 150 hours of medically-related experience, 50 hours of which must be with a DO.

MCAT

Students will be exempt from the MCAT requirement providing:

- They have taken at least one Biochemistry* course and one Genetics* course and have earned a final grade of "C" or higher in each; and
- have qualified by way of their GPA **AND** SAT (math and critical reasoning) or ACT composite scores.

Students not meeting **both** of these requirements must take the MCAT and score at or above the 500. (Messiah College students in this category should complete the relevant required coursework for LECOM by the end of their third year at Messiah College so that they are prepared to take the MCAT prior to the start of their senior year.)

Curriculum Options

- Most DO EAP students major in biology, chemistry, biochemistry, applied health science or biopsychology. With early and careful planning, other major choice may be appropriate. See Martha Smith for further details.
- The time that it takes a student to earn their undergraduate degree from Messiah College varies. Some students are able to complete the degree in fewer than four years depending on a variety of factors including summer school attendance, AP test scores and college dual-enrollment during high school. Regardless of the timing, the undergraduate degree must be completed prior to matriculating at LECOM.

Other

- A grade of at least 'C' is required to transfer prerequisite coursework.
- No required class should be taken P/F
- Required classes should be taken at Messiah College unless approval is granted.

- At least 150 hours of documented medically-related experience must be completed at the time of matriculation to LECOM. (50 hours of this must be with a DO.)
- Provisionally accepted students may not apply to any other medical (MD or DO) school. Application to another medical school will result in the loss of the student's provisional acceptance.
- LECOM has campuses in Erie and Greensburg, PA; and a branch campus in Bradenton, FL. A student enrolled in the EAP may attend any campus. LECOM will try to honor the applicant's campus choice.
- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents.