

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

### [Admission Requirements for Bachelors' + DO Early Assurance Program for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine through LECOM for Current High School Students Accepted and Planning to Attend Messiah College](#)

Admission is open to current *accepted* Messiah College applicants who reach or exceed the following academic benchmarks:

- high school GPA of 3.5 or higher on an unweighted 4.0 scale;
- combined SAT score of at least 1240 on the evidence-based reading & writing and math composite requirement; OR
- ACT score of at least 26; and
- have completed at least 25 hours of combined allopathic (MD) and osteopathic (DO) medically-related experience by the time of their interview at LECOM.
- Prospective students who fall into this category are eligible to interview with LECOM as high school seniors for a provisional acceptance into the LECOM / DOD program before graduating from high school.

Other Details:

- Application is initiated by the current high school student through this LECOM link: (<http://portal.lecom.edu>) prior to March 1 of the year of Messiah matriculation.
- High school students should contact the Martha Smith, Coordinator of Pre-Health Professions Advising for their EAP enrollment requirements.
- High school applicants are required to interview during their senior year of high school with a LECOM representative prior to March 1<sup>st</sup>. Interviews are in-person; either on a LECOM campus, in an offsite location, or by videoconferencing.
- Students accepted into the LECOM EAP DO program as high school seniors will receive a **provisional** acceptance letter to this program.
- In order to maintain their LECOM EAP provisional accepted status, as Messiah students current high school seniors 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 the Bachelors' + DO Early Assurance Program for Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine through LECOM for Current High School Students Accepted and Planning to Attend Messiah College](#)

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.

#### 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)  $\geq$  1260 **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.)

**Comment [SM1]:** What are the appl requirements for current MC students? I'm assuming that the HS requirements no longer apply?

After graduating from Messiah College, at the **time of their transition to LECOM**, 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

- The time that it takes a student to earn his/her 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.
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## 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.
- The undergraduate portion of this agreement is Phase I. Phase II begins after transitioning to LECOM/
- At least 150 hours of documented medically-related experience must be completed at the time of matriculation to LECOM. Fifty 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.