



Dual Degree Osteopathic Medicine Paths

with New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine

Major information

Osteopathic medicine focuses on the whole person, the relationship of the body's nerves, muscles, bones and organs, and the body's innate ability to heal itself. It is one of the fastest-growing health professions.

This partnership between St. Bonaventure and New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine, a private, nonprofit medical school for osteopathic medicine with campuses on Long Island in New York state and in Jonesboro, Arkansas, offers two competitive pathways for students to earn a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree:

- **3+4 Pathway**
Students spend three years at St. Bonaventure before moving on to a reserved seat at NYIT, where they complete their SBU degree and finish their doctorate in four years. Students need to major in biology while at SBU.
- **Early Admissions Pathway**
After their sophomore year at SBU, students declare their interest in applying to NYIT-COM and gain entry to the admissions process with early interviews and review. Students then apply to NYIT-COM at the end of their junior year. Students must have at least a cumulative 3.5 GPA to apply.

State-of-the-art facilities

St. Bonaventure University's historic Francis Hall underwent a comprehensive \$18 million renovation project in 2020-2021 to become the modern new

home of the Dennis R. DePerro School of Health Professions.

The building's garden level includes a sprawling physical diagnosis lab with three exam rooms, 20 clinic exam tables, and inpatient hospital style beds. This level also includes a student breakout room. The main floor houses academic offices and instruction space including high-tech classrooms with computers, microphone and speaker systems, high-end web cameras, projectors and TV displays, and a number of group study spaces with TVs as well as laptop and wireless connections.

In addition, the William F. Walsh Science Center houses state-of-the-art computer science laboratory and classroom space, biology labs, organic and general chemistry labs, a natural world lab, a 150-seat amphitheater, and faculty offices integrated with lab space for enhanced student-faculty accessibility.

Admission requirements

- **3+4 Pathway**
 - a. Applicants must submit a complete application to SBU. Applications that are complete by Dec. 10 receive priority
 - b. A combined SAT score of at least 1310 (or ACT composite score of at least 28)
 - c. A high school grade point average of at least 90%.
 - d. Community service and clinical exposure are evaluated and taken into consideration.
 - e. At least two confidential letters of recommendation, at least one of

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which should be from a science teacher.

- f. Two essays: One a personal statement that will be included with your Common App; a second titled “Applying to Medical School,” which is to detail your interest in working in the profession of medicine and why you are interested in starting that process at SBU and continuing at NYITCOM.
- g. A resume that organizes in one place all of your extracurricular activities (church, clubs, sports, hobbies, volunteering, clinical exposure, employment, etc.
- d. A minimum of 8 hours of biology (course/lab), 8 hours each of inorganic and organic chemistry (course/lab), 8 hours of physics (course/lab), and 6 hours of English, with no grade below C in any of these courses or labs. Students are encouraged to enroll in additional courses such as calculus, anatomy, genetics, physical chemistry, biochemistry, behavioral sciences and neurosciences;
- e. A favorable recommendation by SBU’s Franciscan Health Care Professions Committee;
- f. A personal interview conducted by NYIT-COM faculty.

- **Early Admission Pathway**

- a. Students must maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA while at St. Bonaventure. (High school grades are not considered.)

- **Requirements for all candidates, regardless of which pathway they seek**

- a. An overall science grade point average of 3.5 each semester with a 3.5 cumulative GPA;
- b. Students must declare their intention to apply for admission at NYIT-COM by the end of their second year;
- c. An MCAT score (on the MCAT taken between August and January of the third undergraduate year) at least equal to the mean MCAT score of the applicable NYIT-COM campus first-year class of the year the student began undergraduate study;

How to apply

The Common Application is preferred for this program

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