**Osteopathic Medicine Pathway Program**

Students interested in a career as a physician are invited to apply for admission to the New Mexico State University and Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine Osteopathic Medicine Pathway Program (OMPP).

This exclusive program creates a pathway to medical school admissions for selected students strongly committed to serving the southwest region and bringing healthcare access and excellence to an underserved population. Students admitted to the pathway will receive comprehensive programming designed to hone their passions as future physicians*.*

During your time in the OMPP, you will:

1. Work with a mentor
2. Interact with physicians, educators, and students from Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine
3. Other exclusive benefits only for OMPP students

**Eligibility**

Eligible students for OMPP must:

1. Be admitted and currently enrolled full-time freshman at New Mexico State University
2. Be a Freshmen and have an NMSU cumulative science GPA of 3.0 or higher and a cumulative overall NMSU GPA of 3.25 or higher
3. Agree to the Burrell College Minimal Technical Standards set forth in the Burrell College’s Catalog for admissions cycle in which the candidate is applying to Burrell College
4. Agree to comply with the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine admission requisites put forth in the College's Catalog for the admissions cycle in which the candidate is applying to Burrell College, including, but not limited to, citizenship or permanent resident status, passing criminal history checks, drug screenings, and immunizations records
5. Have no prior academic or legal sanctions, infractions, probations, conduct violations, misdemeanors, disciplinary actions, and/or felonies, (etc.)

**Application**

Applications for OMPP **open the first business day of January**. All application material must be **received by the last business day in March** of the first year of freshmen enrollment at NMSU. Students with transfer credits or dual credits will be considered on a case-by-case basis and should contact the NMSU OMPP Representative for guidance.

To apply:

1. Complete OMPP Application (Below)
2. Respond to the Personal Statement prompt:
   1. "Why you wish to pursue a career in osteopathic medicine" not to exceed 5000 characters (with spaces)
3. Provide two Letters of Recommendation:
   1. Letters should be authored by an academic advisor, science professor, employment supervisor, high school teacher, or volunteer supervisor
      1. All letters must be submitted by the referees official letterhead (when available) directly to the NMSU OMPP Representative on the applicant's behalf
4. If invited, participate in an on-campus interview

Submit your completed application packet (as one complete packet) to NMSU. All packets must be postmarked and mailed by 5:00 pm MST on the last business day of March or hand-delivered to NMSU at the below address.

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| **Mailing Address**  CAASS  MSC CAASS  New Mexico State University  P.O. Box 30001  Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001  Attn: OMPP Application |  | **Drop-Off Location**  Center for Academic Advising and Student Support  New Mexico State University  Educational Services Center  1780 East University Avenue  Suite 200  Las Cruces, NM 88003  (Mark "OMPP Application") |

Qualified applicants will be considered for entry into the OMPP, and final selection shall be based on the outlined criteria and will be at the discretion of the selection committee comprised of representatives from both institutions.

After the application deadline, the NMSU OMPP Representative and the Burrell College Office of Admissions will review applications. Selected students will be invited for an interview before the end of the semester. Final decisions on applicants will be announced no later than June 1, with each student being contacted directly.

**Renewal**

Students' eligibility in the OMPP will be evaluated throughout the academic year. While eligibility can vary by cohort, all students must:

1. Attend joint advising appointments with the NMSU OMPP Representative and Burrell College's Office of Admissions after grades are posted at the end of the spring semester
2. Attend advising session with NMSU OMPP Representative before registration each semester
3. Maintain full-time enrollment status with at least 15 semester hours at NMSU (main campus) each semester – *maximum four years to complete a baccalaureate degree*
   1. Extension of program length will be reviewed by both schools on a case-by-case basis for documented extenuating circumstances causing a lapse in consecutive enrollment
4. Achieve a cumulative science and overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale, calculated at the end of each academic year for both years one and two of the program
5. Achieve a cumulative science and overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, calculated at the time of graduation
6. Complete all prerequisite coursework as described in the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicines Catalog for the admissions cycle in which the candidate is applying to Burrell College with a grade of "B" or higher on the first attempt at NMSU (main campus) *- if a grade of "B" is not received on the first attempt for a requisite course, the participant will be released from the Pathway.*
7. Sign Letter of Commitment to Burrell during junior year at NMSU
8. Receive a score of 500 or higher, with no sub-sections lower than the 15th percentile, on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)
9. Accrue relevant medical, non-medical, and community volunteer experience hours – *a minimum of 100 hours of medical experience*
10. Remain in good standing legally and with NMSU – *any sanctions, infractions, probations, conduct violations, misdemeanors, disciplinary actions, and/or felonies, (etc.) must be reported to the OMPP Representative immediately for review*
11. Agree to the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine Minimal Technical Standards
12. Agree to comply with the Burrell College admission requisites put forth in the College's Catalog for the admissions cycle in which the candidate is applying to Burrell College, including, but not limited to, citizenship or permanent resident status, passing criminal history checks, drug screenings, and immunizations records
13. Apply to the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine through AACOMAS during the senior year of undergraduate studies, meet all admissions requirements set forth by Burrell College, including any requirements that may not be specifically disclosed in OMPP documents, and follow the set admissions process, including an interview and review by the Burrell College Medical Student Admissions Selection Committee.
14. If at any time a participant does not meet the set criteria or standards, the participant will be removed from the OMPP
    1. Participants being removed from the Pathway will be notified and receive exit advising
    2. If applicable, participants will be counseled to contact Burrell College's Office of Admissions for information on applying

**Application Packet Checklist**

Please take the time to read all instructions carefully. The items listed below are required for application to the Osteopathic Medicine Pathway Program. *Failure to include any of the materials will disqualify your application.*

**Completed OMPP Application:** Complete each section leaving no blanks.

**Personal Essay**:

Respond to the Personal Statement prompt:

1. "Why you wish to pursue a career in osteopathic medicine" not to exceed 5000 characters (with spaces), double-spaced, 12-point font

**Two Letters of Recommendation**:

1. Letters should be authored by an academic advisor, science professor, employment supervisor, high school teacher, or volunteer supervisor
   1. All letters must be submitted by the referees official letterhead (when available) directly to the NMSU OMPP Representative on the applicant's behalf
2. Letters should be submitted with the below Letter of Recommendation Form in a sealed envelope.

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**Personal information**

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**Educational Background**

1. Please list any credit from previous colleges or dual credit:

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| 1. Current NMSU Cumulative GPA: | \_ |
| 1. Current NMSU Science GPA: | \_ |

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**Additional Information**

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| 1. List any honors/recognitions/awards you received: |
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| 1. List the extracurricular activities you participate in or have participated in: (i.e., sports, clubs, student government, etc.) |
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| 1. List your volunteer or community service activities: |
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| 1. Have you ever been employed? |  Yes |  No |
| If yes, list employment: | | |
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**Supplemental Questions**

(Boxes will expand as you type)

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| 1. Describe your understanding of the osteopathic profession, and discuss how the principles and philosophy of osteopathic medicine would influence your future practice as a potential graduate of an osteopathic medical school. |
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| 1. Why do you think Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine is the ideal place for you, and what qualities do you feel you would bring to Burrell that would support our school's mission? |
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| 1. What school subject did you find the most difficult, and explain what you did to ensure success in the class? |
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*I certify that all information given is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I agree to provide all necessary documentation.*

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Signature of Applicant Date

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Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

**(Required if under 18 years old)**

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All application materials must be received or postmarked by **5:00 pm on the last business day of March.**

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**Letter of Recommendation Form**

**Applicant**: Provide this form to each of your letter writers. Once completed, submit all recommendations, **sealed in their envelopes**, and your Application. Any recommendation not sealed will disqualify the application.

Please complete this section in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature Date

(Required if under 18 years old)

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**\* TO BE COMPLETED BY LETTER WRITER\***

Please rate the applicant on each of the following items:

1-below average; 2-average; 3-above average; 4-superior; 5-truly outstanding

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|  | Spoken expression |  | Attitude toward learning |
|  | Ability to express in writing |  | Self-reliance and independence |
|  | Interest in science and math |  | Emotional maturity and stability |
|  | Appropriate classroom behavior |  | Motivation for health studies |

**Letter of Recommendation**:

Using official letterhead (if applicable), please provide a narrative assessment of any **academic and personal qualities** that the student may have which will make them a suitable participant in our program. You may use the attached guidelines for assistance (<https://ompp.nmsu.edu/OMPP%20Letter%20Writing%20Guide%201.27.2022.pdf>)

**Recommendation Guidance:**

Letters of recommendation are an essential part of a professional health school

application. The application process has become increasingly competitive, and a persuasive

recommendation letter can have a significant impact on an applicant's chances of acceptance.

**Do you know them well?**

Before you agree to write a recommendation, you should think carefully about how well you

know the applicant. Do you know them well enough to write an endorsement for professional

school? If, for any reason, you don't feel that you can write positively or in-depth on a student's

behalf, be honest with them and decline to write the letter. Generic or superficial letters can hurt their chances. Suppose you feel like you need additional information before your decision. In that case, you can sit down with the student and discuss their interest in medicine and reasons for pursuing a medical education.

**What to include:**

Make sure that you briefly explain your relationship with the applicant. It would be best to briefly mention how long you've known the applicant and in what capacity you've interacted with them (as faculty, pre‐health advisor, research supervisor, shadowing physician, etc.). You should only include information on grades, GPA, or Admission Test scores if you provide context to help interpret anomalies in a candidate's academic record or circumstances contributing to a dip in academic performance.

Provide an accurate assessment of the applicant's suitability for medical school rather than

advocating for the applicant. Focus on behaviors you observed directly when

describing the applicant's suitability for medical school. Consider describing: the situation or

context of the behavior, the actual behaviors you observed, and any outcomes of that behavior.

Also, be as specific as possible. Give concrete examples to illustrate your characterizations of

the student.

Consider adding whether the applicant offers any unique contributions to the program.

Feel free to describe obstacles the applicant had to overcome and, if applicable, how those

obstacles led to new learning and growth. Explain how the applicant may contribute to a health

school's diversity and diversity in healthcare in general (such as background, attributes,

experiences, etc.). You may also wish to conclude your letter with a reaffirmation of your endorsement of the student's application.

**What about the Format?**

All letters should be written on official letterhead. You should sign your letter and use your full name and professional title. Quality is more important than letter length. Focus on the applicant rather than little details. Be complete but concise.

**Submission:**

Unless they refuse the confidentiality waiver, applicants will not see or handle the letter after

you've written it. Recommendation letters are submitted to the NMSU OMPP Representative.

The letter should be submitted with the student's applications, not separately.

For the recommendation to be valid, please:

1. Sign your letter
2. Seal the letter along with this completed form in an envelope
3. Write your name across the seal on the back of the envelope.

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