

FGCU/LECOM Bradenton Osteopathic Medicine and Pharmacy Education Program FAQs

The following are answers to common questions from parents, students and high school counselors about the Medical Education Program. If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Biological Sciences at (239) 590-7481 or via email at jwilson@fgcu.edu. You may also wish to visit our website at www.fgcu.edu/CAS/Departments/BS

▪ **Who is eligible to participate in this program?**

High school seniors, those qualifying as *First Time in College* (FTIC) students with Freshman status who will obtain their high school diploma prior to starting the program or FGCU students with less than 59 credits of university courses.

▪ **What are the requirements for admission to the FGCU/LECOM Bradenton Medical Education Program?**

The initial entry requirements for admission to the program are unique to each program. The Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine requires a 3.5 unweighted High School GPA and a 1200 SAT or 25 ACT. The Doctor of Pharmacy Program requires a 3.0 unweighted High School GPA and an SAT score of 1100 or ACT of 24. However, students must continue to meet the GPA and curriculum requirements to stay in the program. For a complete list of the program and curriculum requirements please refer to the FGCU catalog.

▪ **I have an SAT score above the requirement but my GPA is below the required number, can I apply to the program?**

Although you may apply to the program, the admissions requirements are strictly upheld by the FGCU Department of Biological Sciences and LECOM Bradenton.

▪ **What requirements must I meet while at FGCU to receive full admission to the LECOM Bradenton program?**

Students in the FGCU/LECOM Bradenton Medical Education Program must complete all LECOM and FGCU curriculum requirements.

In addition students aspiring to the LECOM Bradenton Osteopathic Medicine program must meet the following requirements:

- FGCU GPA of not less than 3.3 at the completion of the first, second, and third year
- Completion of AACOMAS application
- Completion of LECOM Bradenton supplemental application, personal statement, and FERPA Waiver no later than September 1 of year three at FGCU.
- MCAT with minimum score of 25, and with no individual score less than 7 in verbal and physical science and 8 in biological science
- Letters of recommendation from FGCU
- Interview with a LECOM Bradenton Admissions Committee representative
- Completion of all FGCU requirements for conferral of Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Completion of all LECOM Bradenton requirements for the conferral of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine

In addition students aspiring to the LECOM Bradenton Pharmacy program must meet the following requirements:

- FGCU GPA of not less than 3.4 at the completion of the first, second, and third year and full-time student status
- Completion of PHARMCAS application
- Completion of LECOM Bradenton supplemental application, personal statement, and FERPA Waiver no later than January 28 of the year of matriculation to LECOM Bradenton School of Pharmacy
- Submission of PCAT scores prior to January 28 of the year of matriculation to LECOM Bradenton School of Pharmacy
- Letters of recommendation from FGCU
- Letter of recommendation from a licensed pharmacist if applicable
- Interview with a LECOM Bradenton Admissions Committee representative
- Completion of all FGCU requirements for conferral of Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Completion of all LECOM Bradenton requirements for the conferral of Doctor of Pharmacy

▪ **When is the application deadline?** The application deadline is September 1 of each year.

▪ **Do you have an early admission application? How soon after my application is completed would I receive an admissions notification?** We do not have an early admission deadline. However, students are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible. Once your application packet is completed, it is processed for evaluation. In most cases a decision is mailed in about two weeks after the September 1st deadline.

▪ **I am interested in the Accelerated 3+4 Pre-Medicine concentration, but I am not sure. Can I change my mind later on?**

Yes! Students may elect to decelerate and pursue the 4+4 track at any point prior to September 1 of the third year at FGCU.

▪ **I have taken several AP exams while in High School, will my AP credits count in this program.**

Your scores will be evaluated by FGCU and determination of credit will follow FGCU policies.

▪ **Where is Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine Bradenton located?** The Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine is located in Bradenton, Florida. You can find more information about LECOM at <http://www.LECOM.edu>.