

FGCU/LECOM Medical Education Program

Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Doctor of Pharmacy

Why attend The FGCU/LECOM Medical Education Program?

The Department of Biological Sciences *Medical Education Program* at Florida Gulf Coast University offers eligible students a combined undergraduate and professional education degree by articulation agreement with the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine Bradenton (LECOM). Qualified students who complete all program requirements can earn their baccalaureate degree while at FGCU and pursue their Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine or Doctor of Pharmacy degree at LECOM Bradenton after a minimum of seven years of study provided they continue to meet all program requirements. Through an interdisciplinary curriculum at FGCU, students prepare to succeed in medical or pharmacy school.

3+4 Track (Accelerated)

This track requires that the first 3 years of study be completed at FGCU and the 4th year be completed in residence at LECOM Bradenton, as part of the first year of the professional medical or pharmacy curriculum. FGCU will confer a Bachelor of Science Biology degree following successful completion of the first year of medical or pharmacy program at LECOM Bradenton. Students may elect to decelerate and pursue the 4+4 track at any point prior to September 1 of the third year at FGCU.

4+4 Track (Traditional)

Students may elect to complete their baccalaureate degree following the more traditional pattern of four years of undergraduate coursework at FGCU and then enter the LECOM Bradenton program. Students selecting this option must complete the same requirements as in the Bachelor of Science Biology *Accelerated 3+4 Pre-Medicine* concentration, but also must complete additional requirements of the BS Biology Pre-Professional concentration. This allows for students to have an opportunity to take more advanced coursework and become involved in additional activities.

BENEFITS

FGCU's program is unique in the benefits and opportunities it offers its students, including:

- MCAT or PCAT preparation
- Assistance in obtaining community and clinical volunteer experience
- Research/internship experience
- Small classes and close relationships with professors
- Personalized faculty advising
- Problem-based-learning session with LECOM Bradenton faculty

REQUIREMENTS

DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE: Initial Entry Requirements Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine Program

- Florida residency
- US citizen or permanent resident
- Admission to FGCU
- SAT score of 1200 or ACT of 25
- Unweighted high school GPA of 3.5 or in the top 10% of their graduating class
- Entering freshman status or up to 59 credit hours at FGCU (3.3 FGCU GPA)
- Completion of the *FGCU/LECOM Medical Education* application and all accompanying materials by September 1st
- Interview

Additional Program Requirements (once admitted to the program)

- 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
- Submission of two 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

PHARMACY: Initial Entry Requirements Doctor of Pharmacy Program

- Florida residency
- US citizen or permanent resident
- Admission to FGCU
- SAT score of 1100 or ACT of 24
- Unweighted high school GPA of 3.0 or in the top 25% of their graduating class
- Evidence of scholarly and extracurricular activities
- Entering freshman status or up to 59 credit hours at FGCU (3.4 FGCU GPA)
- FGCU GPA 3.4 for all science coursework
- Completion of the *FGCU/LECOM Bradenton Medical Education Application* and all accompanying materials by September 1st
- Interview

Additional Pharmacy Program Requirements (once admitted to the program)

- 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

Curriculum Requirements

In order to be admitted to the LECOM Bradenton, students must complete all FGCU major requirements and LECOM Bradenton requirements for the program. Please refer to the FGCU catalog.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

How to Apply

Candidates should submit their application and supplemental materials by September 1st. Please see the check-list below for required information.

You must submit the following materials to the address below:

- The completed and signed Program Application form
- Essay
- One official final High School transcript
- One personal letter of character recommendation. This letter should come from your family physician or pharmacist, employer, close friend, a neighbor, alumni, or a person who can attest to your interest in Osteopathic Medicine or Pharmacy as appropriate. Please do not submit letters from family members, relatives or faculty who have taught you in a course. This letter should be sent directly from the author of the letter to the Department of Biological Sciences at FGCU at the address noted below. This letter must be received by the stated deadline.
- Completed Residency Classification Form. The Department of Biological Sciences should be informed promptly of changes in your telephone number and mailing address throughout the program.

For more information, please contact:

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