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## Description

Creating a learning-centered community to educate and mentor tomorrow's physician leaders is what drives SOMA's dedicated faculty, staff and administration. ATSU's latest school is looking for future physicians who are dedicated to serving those in need and who desire to be part of a new and exciting medical education experience. Leaders in medical education, public health, patient care, technology and business are working with ATSU in developing this innovative, learning-centered school.

## Mission Statement

Consistent with the university's heritage as the founding school of osteopathic medicine, the mission of A.T. Still University of Health Sciences is to educate students to become competent health care professionals who continuously develop and demonstrate compassion, integrity and ability, while advancing osteopathic principles and philosophy. The institution is committed to scholarly inquiry that anticipates and addresses society's health care needs. The university encourages its constituencies to become leaders in improving community health and wellness, with a comprehensive appreciation of the interaction of mind, body and spirit.

**Setting:** Mesa, Arizona; Large Metro Area

**Date Founded:** 2006

## Accreditation

A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona holds provisional accreditation from the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA) and also is accredited by the Higher Education Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

## Institutional Affiliation

A.T. Still University also includes the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (KCOM), the Arizona School of Health Sciences (ASHS), the School of Health Management (SHM) and the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health (ASDOH).

## 2007-2008 Enrollment

**Total medical school enrollment:** 107

**Total male:** 62

**Total female:** 45

**First-year enrollment:** 107

**First-year male:** 62

**First-year female:** 45

**Total enrollment affiliate institutions:** 2,880

## Curricular Offerings

SOMA students spend the first year on the Mesa, Arizona campus learning together via small groups, real-life patient interactions and simulated clinical experiences. The second year is spent in small-group settings learning from additional clinical presentations at a Community Health Center campus.

Community Health Centers are independent organizations serving as the nation's high-quality health care safety net. These health centers provide comprehensive, coordinated primary care services through 6,000 clinics in the United States and its territories. Third- and fourth-year students will complete their clinical rotations at Community Health Center campuses, associated hospitals, health care providers and other select health care institutions. Osteopathic principles and practices are integrated throughout the curriculum, and the osteopathic manipulative treatment program is designed for primary care applications. This provides distinctive training in the value of healing touch in patient care.

## Combined Degree Programs

**Baccalaureate/DO:** No

**DO/MA:** No

**DO/MS:** No

**DO/MPH:** Yes

Online master's degree in public health that prepares the student to be a leader in the field of Public Health. [http://www.atstu.edu/shm/online\\_programs/public\\_health/index.htm](http://www.atstu.edu/shm/online_programs/public_health/index.htm)

**DO/MBA:** No

**DO/JD:** No

**DO/PhD:** No

**DO/Master of Health Education (MHEd)** – The online Master of Health Education degree will prepare the student to be a practitioner and leader in the field of health education.

[http://www.atstu.edu/kcom/admissions/preparing\\_MS\\_admission/dual\\_degree\\_requirements.htm](http://www.atstu.edu/kcom/admissions/preparing_MS_admission/dual_degree_requirements.htm)

**DO/DHEd** – The Doctor of Health Education (DHEd) program complements the University's mission of encouraging its constituencies to become leaders to improve community health and wellness with a comprehensive appreciation of the interaction of body, mind and spirit, while helping to create the best health care educators in the world. This program is one of very few online doctorate degrees in the health sciences designed to challenge students to examine the current state of health care education and their individual roles and responsibilities within it.

[http://www.atstu.edu/shm/online\\_programs/doctor\\_health\\_education/index.htm](http://www.atstu.edu/shm/online_programs/doctor_health_education/index.htm)

**DO/Master of Geriatric Health (MGH)** – Geriatric health care is one of the fastest-growing specialties in medicine, and ATSU is one of very few health care schools that offers an online master's degree in geriatric health. [http://www.atstu.edu/shm/online\\_programs/geriatric\\_health/index.htm](http://www.atstu.edu/shm/online_programs/geriatric_health/index.htm)

**DO/Master of Health Administration (MHA)** – ATSU offers an online master's degree in health administration that prepares the student to be a leader in a fast-growing segment of the U.S. labor market. [http://www.atstu.edu/shm/online\\_programs/health\\_administration/index.htm](http://www.atstu.edu/shm/online_programs/health_administration/index.htm)

## Preparatory Programs

**Post baccalaureate program:** No

**Summer program(s):** No

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**International Medicine Programs:** Yes. Students may choose an international rotation as part of the fourth-year electives.

## Facilities

A.T. Still University has a modern, new and growing campus in Mesa, Arizona. Existing Mesa facilities, supplemented by extensive simulation laboratories, digital learning resources and group problem-solving venues, will serve as the central campus for students during their first year. Cohorts of approximately ten learners will then move to one of ten Community Health Center campuses around the nation for years two through four.

## Application Information

**Primary application service:** AACOMAS

**Earliest filing date:** 6-1-2008 – Opening date of AACOMAS

**Latest filing date:**\* 3-1-2009

\*For best consideration, applicants should submit their AACOMAS application at least four weeks prior to this school's latest filing date.

### Academic year/orientation for first-year students

start date: 7-28-2009

**International students (non-US citizens or temporary residents) eligible:** No

**Canadian students eligible:** No

**Permanent Residents eligible:** Yes

### Supplemental Application

**Supplemental application required:** Yes

**Sent to:** Screened Applicants

**Supplemental Application Fee:** \$60

**Fee waiver available:** Yes

**Waiver conditions, if offered:** AACOMAS waiver

**Supplemental app. earliest filing date:** 7-1-2008

**Supplemental app. latest filing date:** None

### Supplemental Application Requirements

Minimum cumulative and science GPA of 2.5.

Two letters of evaluation: one from a premedical advisor, premedical committee or a science faculty member, and one from a physician (DO or MD). U.S. Citizenship or Residency: ATSU-SOMA is currently accepting applications only from U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

### MCAT

**Oldest MCAT considered:** 1-1-2005

**Accept September MCAT scores:** Yes

**Accept January 2009 MCAT scores:** Yes

**Additional Comments:** ATSU-SOMA will accept January scores if seats are still available.

### Send Letters of Recommendation by:

**Virtual Evals:** Yes

**Interfolio:** Yes

**Paper:** Yes

### Regular Acceptance Notice

Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the following **AACOMAS traffic guideline** schedule:

- **Those accepted prior to November 15** will have until December 14
- **Those accepted between November 15 and January 14** will have 30 days
- **Those accepted between January 15 and June 14** will have 14 days
- **Those accepted after June 15** may be asked for an immediate deposit
- **Earliest acceptance date:** 10-1-2009
- **Latest acceptance date:** Until class is filled
- **Maximum time for applicant to accept offer:** Follow AACOMAS guidelines.
- **Requests for deferred entrance considered:** Yes

### Early Decision Program (EDP)

ATSU-SOMA does not have EDP for notifying candidates on early admissions.

### COM Interview Format

Closed file, one on one with a faculty member.

## Financial Information

### Tuition and Fees

Source: 2008-2009 tuition. Data subject to change.

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Resident tuition:</b>             | \$36,980 |
| <b>Non-Resident tuition:</b>         | \$36,980 |
| <b>Supplemental Application fee:</b> | \$60     |
| <b>Resident fees:</b>                | \$1,050  |
| <b>Non-Resident fees:</b>            | \$1,050  |
| <b>Health Insurance:</b>             | N/A      |

### Fees Include:

|                    |                   |   |
|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| Student Services   | Technology        | X |
| Lab                | Microscope Rental |   |
| Computer           | Health Service    |   |
| Student Activities |                   |   |

**Cost to attend (minus tuition and fees):** \$28,820

**Average 2007 graduate indebtedness:** N/A (First class summer 2007)

### Deposit

Applicants will be requested to submit necessary matriculation documents, including a deposit, according to the AACOMAS traffic guideline schedule at left.

**Amount of deposit to hold place in class:** \$1,000

**Additional Deposit:** \$500

\$500 Preregistration Fee due April 15 and \$500 Prematriculation Fee due May 15

**Applied to tuition:** Yes

**Deposit refundable:** Yes

**Refundable by:** Deposits are refundable up to 30 business days from date of signature on the admissions agreement.

### Financial Aid

**Enrolled students with federal financial aid:** N/A

**Scholarships:** N/A

**Average amount per scholarship/grant:** N/A

## Premedical Coursework

| Course              | Req. | Rec. | Lab | Sem. Hrs. | Course              | Req. | Rec. | Lab | Sem. Hrs. |
|---------------------|------|------|-----|-----------|---------------------|------|------|-----|-----------|
| Biology/Zoology     | X    |      | X   | 8         | College English     | X    |      |     | 6         |
| Biochemistry        |      |      |     |           | Behavioral Sciences |      |      |     |           |
| Inorganic Chemistry | X    |      | X   | 8         | Humanities          |      |      |     |           |
| Organic Chemistry   | X    |      | X   | 8         | Math/Statistics     |      |      |     |           |
| Physics             | X    |      | X   | 8         | Genetics            |      |      |     |           |
| Molecular Biology   |      |      |     |           | Other               |      |      |     |           |

### First-Year Class Matriculants' Selection Factors

A bachelor's degree and the MCAT, preferably taken by the fall, but no later than January of the year of application, are required. Any undergraduate major is acceptable. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or hold a permanent resident visa. Applicants who are community service or public health minded, and who have a desire to serve the underserved and to practice in primary care settings, are highly desirable. Prospective SOMA students will be evaluated in three major areas: academic accomplishment, personal characteristics of a healer and propensity to serve the underserved. Prospective students must exhibit a genuine concern for people. SOMA requires a personal interview during the application process. The applicant is strongly encouraged to have clinical exposure in a health care environment.

### First-Year Class Matriculants' Self-Reported Race/Ethnicity:

**American Indian or Alaska Native:** 6 %

**Asian:** 21 %

**Black or African American:** 3 %

**Hispanic/Latino:** 7 %

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** 2 %

**Native Hawaiian:** 2 %

**White:** 63 %

### First-Year Class Matriculants with:

**Science Majors:** 73 %

**Non-Science Majors:** 27 %

**Baccalaureate degree:** 93 %

**Graduate degree(s):** 7 %