

Transfer Admission Policy

Students enrolled at an AOA-COCA accredited osteopathic medical school may be considered for transfer admission into the second or beginning third year of medical studies at Noorda-COM upon completion of the equivalent level of medical education as currently structured at Noorda-COM, and provided that a vacancy exists. Transfer applicants must be in good academic standing at the school where they are currently enrolled, be eligible for continued enrollment/readmission, and present a valid and compelling reason for transfer.

Eligibility Guidelines

- Applicants who previously applied to Noorda-COM but were denied admission are not eligible for transfer.
- Applicants must be in good academic standing at the osteopathic medical school currently attending (or previously attended in event of a withdrawal) and be eligible for continued enrollment or readmission.
- An applicant's premedical science and overall grade point averages and MCAT scores must be equal to or greater than the averages of the class into which they wish to transfer.
- Applicants interested in transferring to NCOM as a third-year medical student must have passed COMLEX Level 1.
- Applicants who have been dismissed by another osteopathic medical school are not eligible for transfer.
- Applicants from international or allopathic institutions, or from other health related professions are not eligible for transfer admission. Such individuals must apply through AACOMAS for admission as a first-year student.

Requirements

- Noorda-COM Secondary Application and fee
- A personal statement presenting valid and compelling reasons for admission by transfer
- Official transcripts from all previously attended colleges
- A letter of evaluation and support from the dean at the current/previous osteopathic medical school
- Official scores for all MCAT's taken
- Official scores for all COMLEX's taken (if applicable)
- A copy of the catalog from the osteopathic medical school transferring from
- Any documentation, in addition to the catalog, which may be needed to demonstrate satisfactory completion of the equivalent curricular content at Noorda-COM, including course syllabi for courses in clinical skills, OPP and OMM
- Two letters of recommendation

Procedures and Deadlines

- Applicant completes a Noorda-COM Secondary Application indicating interest as a transfer student and pays application fee

- Deadline for receipt of application and fee is Feb. 1 of the year of the proposed matriculation.
- Deadline for receipt of all supporting documentation is March 1 of the year of the proposed matriculation.
- Office of Admissions reviews completed application for minimum admission qualifiers. If minimum qualifiers are met, the Office of Admissions contacts the Associate Dean of Clinical Education to confirm available seat.
- If space is available, the applicant's curricular content from the other osteopathic school is reviewed by the COM Dean and/or faculty with expertise in the areas of concern to ensure content fulfills the minimum curriculum requirements of Noorda-COM and to determine transfer credit equivalencies.
- If curriculum content is appropriate for transfer consideration, applicant is invited for a personal interview.
- Interview team observations and applicant file is forwarded to the Admissions Committee for consideration.
- If the Admissions Committee recommends transfer admission, the applicants file is forwarded to the COM Dean for final approval and confirmation of transfer credit equivalencies. Transfer credit accepted for COM is posted to the Noorda-COM transcript as a semester credit value summary with a transfer GPA, however, transfer credit may not be utilized for the determination of graduation honors.
- Only applications that are complete and received by the advertised deadline will be considered. No exceptions or deadline extensions will be approved. Incomplete applications will be withdrawn from consideration.
- Applicants who submit a completed application for transfer admission will receive written notification of the decision rendered by the Dean.

Potential transfer students should request application information from Noorda-COM's Office of Admissions.

Students who fail to meet these guidelines will not be allowed to matriculate.