



Western U Medical School - Undergrad

[Western University College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific](#)

The CSULA - Western U/COMP Linkage is designed for premedical students at CSULA who wish to matriculate as candidates for the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree at Western U COMP.

Undergrad Requirements

- Achieve cumulative science GPA of 3.3
- Achieve cumulative overall GPA of 3.3
- Achieve MCAT score of 497; to be taken by January prior to matriculation
- Completion of the following with a C or better:
 - 8 units Biology
 - 8 units Physics
 - 8 units General Chemistry
 - 8 units Organic Chemistry
 - 6 units English
 - 6 units Behavioral Sciences
 - Completion of all accompanying Science Laboratory Courses
 - Recommended: semester of Biochemistry, Physiology and Genetics
- Complete 50 hours community service (can be completed after link)
- Complete 50 hours shadowing MD or DO (can be completed after link)
- Letters of recommendation from 3 faculty and pre-health advisor
- Successfully complete interview

Process & Timeline

- Complete General Biology (1100/1200) and General Chemistry (1100/1110)
- When applicant has taken between 60- 90 units, submit Supplemental Application to HCAO between September 1st and October 1st. Include:
 - Linkage Supplement
 - Resume
 - Letter of recommendation 2 Science or Math Faculty
 - Official CSULA transcripts + official transcripts from all institutions of higher education
- Interview with HCAO between October 1st and October 15th
- HCAO will issue recommendations to Western U Linkage Admissions Committee by October 16th
- Western U Linkage Admissions Committee will review applications between October 16th and October 31st
- Western U Linkage Admissions Committee will send out invitations for interviews by November 1 to select group will be recommended for group interview
- Interview will occur before Thanksgiving break
- Notification of provisional acceptance will occur before Christmas break
- Linkage accepted students will be required to submit coursework and grades each semester until graduation to ensure continued eligibility for the linkage



- Linkage accepted students will continue shadowing and community service
 - Western U will assist in placement and coordination
- Linkage accepted students will take MCAT no later than January year of anticipated matriculation
- Linkage accepted students will submit supportive letters of recommendation from pre-health advisor, one additional science faculty member and one physician (DO or MD: DO preferred)
- Linkage accepted students will submit AACOMAS application by January 31st year of anticipated matriculation and submit secondary application as requested by Western U Admissions Office
- Linkage accepted students will complete final COMP interview in March year of anticipated matriculation (specific date subject to change)

FMI or if you have any follow up questions you can contact Health Careers Advisor, Maite Villareal, at mvill149@calstatela.edu