The University offers a program leading to the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree through its College of Osteopathic Medicine. Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine practice in all branches of medicine and surgery, but most choose to practice family-oriented primary care. The college was established by the Ohio General Assembly in 1975 with the mission of training osteopathic family physicians for underserved areas of Ohio.

The College of Osteopathic Medicine has an enrollment of about 400 students in its four-year program. All applicants must take the Medical College Admission Test. Successful applicants demonstrate a high undergraduate grade-point average and have completed coursework in biology, organic and general chemistry, physics, English, and the behavioral sciences.

Medical students at Ohio University study in one of two tracks—the Clinical Presentation Continuum (CPC) curriculum or the Patient-Centered Continuum (PCC) curriculum. Both curricula view medical education as an organized building process that extends from the first day of medical school through residency training and beyond. The CPC curriculum provides students with opportunities to learn the basic science fundamentals of medicine in an integrated, clinically relevant environment. This faculty-directed curriculum uses the most common and/or important symptoms that patients present to primary care providers as its organizing focus. The PCC curriculum is a student-directed approach that uses a case-based learning environment and places emphasis on small group discussions, case analysis, collaborative learning, and problem solving as its primary educational tools. Accepted students may apply for enrollment in the PCC curriculum if they feel this learning track best suits their individual learning style.

For further information, write for a copy of the College of Osteopathic Medicine Catalog and other admissions material. Address inquiries to Admissions, Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall 102, Athens OH 45701-2979, or call 1.800.345.1560 (for medical school inquiries only).