



## **OMPP Application Osteopathic Medicine Pathway Program**

Students interested in a career as a physician are invited to apply for admission to the Florida Institute of Technology (Florida Tech) and Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine Osteopathic Medicine Pathway Program (OMPP).

This exclusive program creates a pathway to medical school admission for selected students strongly committed to osteopathic medicine and bringing healthcare access and excellence to an underserved population. Students admitted to the pathway will receive comprehensive programming designed to hone their passions as future physicians.

During your time in the OMPP, you will:

1. Work with a mentor
2. Interact with physicians, educators, and students from Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine
3. Other exclusive benefits only for OMPP students

### **Eligibility**

Students must:

1. Be admitted and currently enrolled full-time freshman at Florida Tech
2. Be a freshmen and have a Florida Tech cumulative science GPA of 3.0 or higher and a cumulative overall Florida Tech GPA of 3.25 or higher.
3. Agree to the Burrell College Minimal Technical Standards set forth in the Burrell College's Catalog for admissions cycle in which the candidate is applying to Burrell College
4. Agree to comply with the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine admission requisites put forth in the College's Catalog for the admissions cycle in which the candidate is applying to Burrell College, including, but not limited to, citizenship or permanent resident status, passing criminal history checks, drug screenings, and immunizations records
5. Have no prior academic or legal sanctions, infractions, probations, conduct violations, misdemeanors, disciplinary actions, and/or felonies, (etc.)

### **Application**

Applications for OMPP open the first business day of January. All application material must be **received by the last business day in March of the first year of freshmen enrollment at Florida Tech**. Students with transfer credits or dual credits will be considered on a case-by-case basis and should contact the Florida Tech OMPP Representative for guidance.

To apply:

1. Complete OMPP Application (Below)
2. Respond to the Personal Statement prompt:
  - a. "Why you wish to pursue a career in osteopathic medicine" not to exceed 5000 characters (with spaces)



3. Provide two Letters of Recommendation:
  - a. Letters should be authored by an academic advisor, science professor, employment supervisor, high school teacher, or volunteer supervisor
    - i. All letters must be submitted by the referees official letterhead (when available) directly to the Florida Tech OMPP Representative on the applicant's behalf
4. If invited, participate in an interview

Submit your completed application packet (as one complete packet) to Florida Tech. All packets must be postmarked and mailed by 5:00 pm EST on the last business day of march or hand-delivered to Florida Tech to Dr. Nunes at the below address.

**Mailing Address**

Dr. Kenia Nunes  
Department of Biomedical Engineering and Sciences  
150 W University Boulevard  
Melbourne, FL, 32901

**Drop-Off Location**

Life Sciences Building (OLS)  
Room 101 (Department of Biomedical Engineering & Sciences)  
Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

Qualified applicants will be considered for entry into the OMPP, and final selection shall be based on the outlined criteria and will be at the discretion of the selection committee comprised of representatives from both institutions.

After the application deadline, the Florida Tech OMPP Representative and the Burrell College Office of Admissions will review applications. Selected students will be invited for an interview and final decisions on applicants will be announced with each student being contacted directly.

**Renewal**

Students' eligibility in the OMPP will be evaluated throughout the academic year. While eligibility can vary by cohort, all students must:



1. Attend joint advising appointments with the Florida Tech OMPP Representative and Burrell College's Office of Admissions after grades are posted at the end of each spring semester
2. Attend advising session with Florida Tech OMPP Representative before registration each semester
3. Maintain full-time enrollment status with at least 15 semester hours at Florida Tech (main campus) each semester – *maximum four years to complete a baccalaureate degree*
  - a. Extension of program length will be reviewed by both schools on a case-by-case basis for documented extenuating circumstances causing a lapse in consecutive enrollment
4. Be able to achieve a cumulative science grade point average (GPA) and overall GPA of 3.25 calculated at the end of each academic year for both sophomores and juniors.
5. Achieve a cumulative science and overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, calculated at the time of graduation
6. Complete all prerequisite coursework set forth in the Burrell College Catalog for the admissions cycle in which the candidate is applying to Burrell College with a grade of "B" or higher on the first attempt at Florida Tech (main campus) - *if a grade of "B" is not received on the first attempt for a requisite course, the participant will be released from the Pathway.*
7. Sign Letter of Commitment to Burrell during junior year (senior year for current seniors) at Florida Tech
8. Receive a score of 500 or higher, with no sub-sections lower than the 15th percentile, on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)
9. Accrue relevant medical, non-medical, and community volunteer experience hours – *a minimum of 100 hours of medical experience*
10. Remain in good standing legally and with Florida Tech – *any sanctions, infractions, probations, conduct violations, misdemeanors, disciplinary actions, and/or felonies, (etc.) must be reported to the OMPP Representative immediately for review*
11. Agree to the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine Minimal Technical Standards
12. Agree to comply with the Burrell College admission requisites set forth in the Burrell College Catalog for the admissions cycle in which the candidate is applying to Burrell College, including, but not limited to, citizenship or permanent resident status, passing criminal history checks, drug screenings, and immunizations records
13. Apply to the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine through AACOMAS during the senior year of undergraduate studies, meet all admissions requirements set forth in the Burrell College Catalog for the admissions cycle in which the candidate is applying to Burrell College, including any requirements that may not be specifically disclosed in OMPP documents, and follow the set admissions process, including an interview and review by the Burrell College Medical Student Admissions Selection Committee.
14. If at any time a participant does not meet the set criteria or standards, the participant will be removed from the OMPP
  - a. Participants being removed from the Pathway will be notified and receive exit advising
  - b. If applicable, participants will be counseled to contact Burrell College's Office of Admissions for information on applying



### **Application Packet Checklist**

Please take the time to read all instructions carefully. The items listed below are required for application to the Osteopathic Medicine Pathway Program. *Failure to include any of the materials will disqualify your application.*

**Completed OMPP Application:** Complete each section leaving no blanks.

**Personal Essay:**

Respond to the Personal Statement prompt:

1. "Why you wish to pursue a career in osteopathic medicine" not to exceed 5000 characters (with spaces), double-spaced, 12-point font

**Two Letters of Recommendation:**

1. Letters should be authored by an academic advisor, science professor, employment supervisor, high school teacher, or volunteer supervisor
  - a. All letters must be submitted by the referees official letterhead (when available) directly to the Florida Tech OMPP Representative on the applicant's behalf
2. Letters should be submitted with the below Letter of Recommendation Form in a sealed envelope.



**Personal Information**

First Name

Last Name

Address:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Florida Tech ID:

Phone:

Email:

Gender:    Male    Female    Prefer not to say    Other

Date of Birth:

Citizenship:    U.S. Citizen    Lawful permanent resident    Other

**Educational Background**

Please list any credit from previous colleges or dual credit:

School:

City, State:

Dates of Attendance:

Cumulative GPA:

Current Florida Tech

Cumulative GPA:

Science GPA:



**Additional Information**

List any honors/recognitions/awards you received:

List the extracurricular activities you participate in or have participated in: (i.e., sports, clubs, student government, etc.)

List your volunteer or community service activities:

Have you ever been employed?    Yes    No



Describe your understanding of the osteopathic profession, and discuss how the principles and philosophy of osteopathic medicine would influence your future practice as a potential graduate of an osteopathic medical school.

Why do you think Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine is the ideal place for you, and what qualities do you feel you would bring to Burrell that would support our school's mission?



What school subject did you find the most difficult, and explain what you did to ensure success in the class?

*I certify that all information given is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I agree to provide all necessary documentation.*

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian  
**(Required if under 18 years old)**

Date

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**Osteopathic Medicine Pathway Program  
Letter of Recommendation Form**

**Applicant:** Provide this form to each of your letter writers. Once completed, submit all recommendations, **sealed in their envelopes**, and your Application. Any recommendation not sealed will disqualify the application.

Please complete this section in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Name of Applicant

I **hereby waive** OR **do not waive** my right of access to this letter of recommendation

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

**(Required if under 18 years old)**

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**\* TO BE COMPLETED BY LETTER WRITER \***

Please rate the applicant on each of the following items:

1-below average; 2-average; 3-above average; 4-superior; 5-truly outstanding

Spoken expression

Attitude toward learning

Ability to express in writing

Self-reliance and independence

Interest in science and math

Emotional maturity and stability

Appropriate classroom behavior

Motivation for health studies

**Letter of Recommendation:**

Using official letterhead (if applicable), please provide a narrative assessment of any **academic and personal qualities** that the student may have which will make them a suitable participant in our program.

**Recommendation Guidance:**

Letters of recommendation are an essential part of a professional health school application. The application process has become increasingly competitive, and a persuasive recommendation letter can have a significant impact on an applicant's chances of acceptance.



### **Do you know them well?**

Before you agree to write a recommendation, you should think carefully about how well you know the applicant. Do you know them well enough to write an endorsement for professional school? If, for any reason, you don't feel that you can write positively or in-depth on a student's behalf, be honest with them and decline to write the letter. Generic or superficial letters can hurt their chances. Suppose you feel like you need additional information before your decision. In that case, you can sit down with the student and discuss their interest in medicine and reasons for pursuing a medical education.

### **What to include:**

Make sure that you briefly explain your relationship with the applicant. It would be best to briefly mention how long you've known the applicant and in what capacity you've interacted with them (as faculty, pre-health advisor, research supervisor, shadowing physician, etc.). You should only include information on grades, GPA, or Admission Test scores if you provide context to help interpret anomalies in a candidate's academic record or circumstances contributing to a dip in academic performance.

Provide an accurate assessment of the applicant's suitability for medical school rather than advocating for the applicant. Focus on behaviors you observed directly when describing the applicant's suitability for medical school. Consider describing: the situation or context of the behavior, the actual behaviors you observed, and any outcomes of that behavior. Also, be as specific as possible. Give concrete examples to illustrate your characterizations of the student.

Consider adding whether the applicant offers any unique contributions to the program. Feel free to describe obstacles the applicant had to overcome and, if applicable, how those obstacles led to new learning and growth. Explain how the applicant may contribute to a health school's diversity and diversity in healthcare in general (such as background, attributes, experiences, etc.). You may also wish to conclude your letter with a reaffirmation of your endorsement of the student's application.

### **What about the Format?**

All letters should be written on official letterhead when applicable. You should sign your letter and use your full name and professional title. Quality is more important than letter length. Focus on the applicant rather than little details. Be complete but concise.

### **Submission:**

Unless they refuse the confidentiality waiver, applicants will not see or handle the letter after you've written it. Recommendation letters are submitted to the Florida Tech OMPP Representative. The letter should be submitted with the student's applications, not separately.

For the recommendation to be valid, please:

1. Sign your letter
2. Seal the letter along with this completed form in an envelope
3. Write your name across the seal on the back of the envelope

Reference Name:

Date:

Signature:

Position/Title:

Affiliation to Student: