

## Fully-licensed physicians hold one of two degrees

**MD DO**

### The two degrees are similar:

#### PREMED

- Take the MCAT
- Complete an undergraduate degree

#### MEDICAL SCHOOL

- Require a four-year program
  - First two years are lecture and lab format teaching
  - Third and fourth year are clinical-based rotations in addition to affiliated coursework
- Register for the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS)
- Participate in the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) Match

#### RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP

- Require 3-7 years of residency
- Practice any specialty, some of which require specific fellowships

#### PHYSICIAN

- Pursue employment opportunities at hospitals, private practice, research, and more
- Maintain continuing medical education credits

**DO**

### Only osteopathic medical students:

- + Apply using AACOMAS, the centralized online application service for the U.S. colleges of osteopathic medicine
- + Train for 200 hours in the osteopathic manipulative medicine
- + Take the COMLEX-USA licensing exam series and can additionally opt to take the USMLE exam series

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