FGCU/LECOM BS/DO Medical Education Program FAQs

This following are answers to common questions from parents, students and advisors about the BS/DO Medical Education Program. If you have additional questions please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Pre-Medical Professions at (239) 590-7566 or via email at telhefnawy@fgcu.edu. Additional information may be found online at http://www.fgcu.edu/CAS/BiologyBS/medicaleducation.html.

- What are the benefits of participation in the program?
FGCU’s program is unique in the benefits and opportunities it offers its students, including:
  ✓ Priority registration at FGCU
  ✓ Seminar courses
  ✓ MCAT preparation
  ✓ Assistance in obtaining community and clinical volunteer experience
  ✓ Personalized faculty advising

- Who is eligible to participate in this program? What are the requirements for admission to the FGCU/LECOM Medical Education Program?
  ✓ High school seniors accepted at FGCU as a first year student
  ✓ Enrolled first year FGCU student
  ✓ US Citizen or permanent resident
  ✓ SAT score of >1170 (combined critical reading and math scores only) or ACT composite of 26
  ✓ High School GPA > 3.5
  ✓ No CLEP credits
  ✓ Completion of the LECOM Early Admission Program application by December 15 of senior year before matriculation to FGCU
  ✓ Or completion of the LECOM Early Admission Program application by February 1 of year one at FGCU
  ✓ Successful interview

- I have an SAT score above 1170 but my GPA is below the required 3.5, can I apply to the program?
Although you may apply to the program, the admissions requirements are strictly upheld by LECOM. Students must have both a 1170 SAT (combined critical reading and math only) or ACT composite of 26 and a high school GPA of at least 3.5 and FGCU GPA of not less than 3.4.

- What requirements must I meet while at FGCU to receive final admission to the LECOM Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine program?
Students in the FGCU/LECOM Medical Education Program must complete all LECOM and FGCU curriculum requirements, in addition students must have:

  ✓ FGCU cumulative GPA of not less than 3.4 at the completion of each year at FGCU after acceptance
  ✓ Each semester must be completed with a GPA of at least a 3.0 with no grades lower than C.
  ✓ MCAT taken by December 1 of year three at FGCU with a minimum score of 25 with no category lower than 7.
  ✓ Attendance at LECOM on-campus day event
  ✓ Completion of application to Lake Erie College of Medicine using the AACOMAS Application by November 15 of year three and completion of the LECOM supplemental application by January 1 of year three. This is for matriculation after the third year at FGCU.
  ✓ If a student desires to decelerate and complete a Bachelor of Science Biology degree at FGCU before matriculation to LECOM, he/she needs to notify the Director of Professional Programs by June 15 of the second academic year. The MCAT examination will be completed by December 1 of the fourth year at FGCU with a minimum score of 25 with no category lower than 7. Completion of application to Lake Erie College of Medicine using the AACOMAS application and LECOM supplemental application by November 15 of year four.
  ✓ Completion of all FGCU requirements for conferral of the Bachelor of Science Biology degree.
- **When is the application deadline?**
  The LECOM Early Admission Program application deadline is **December 15** of the senior year before matriculation to FGCU or completion of the LECOM Early Admission Program application by **February 1** of year one at FGCU.

- **How soon after my application is completed would I receive an admissions notification?** We do not have early admission or rolling admission to the program. However, students are encouraged to make contact with the Office of Pre-Medical Professions at telhefnawv@fgcu.edu to notify of intent to submit an application. The application can be submitted any time before the deadline, but decisions will be provided after the deadline.

- **I think I am interested in the Accelerated 3+4 Pre-Medicine concentration, but I am not sure. Can I change my mind later on?**
  Yes, you may change your mind about pursuing the accelerated track. If a student desires to decelerate and complete a Bachelor of Science Biology degree at FGCU before matriculation to LECOM, he/she needs to notify the Director of Professional Programs by **June 15** of the second academic year. If a student elects to not participate in the program opportunity, all students enrolled at FGCU have the opportunity to select any major and pursue their education.

- **I have taken several AP/IB exams while in High School, will my AP/IB credits count in this program?**
  FGCU awards university credit in accordance with state guidelines for exam scores in subject areas. These guidelines can be found in the FGCU academic catalog. For matriculated students the credits appear on your FGCU transcript. These courses can fulfill university requirements. No CLEP credits are accepted.

- **Where is LECOM located?**
  The Lake Erie College of Medicine has two campuses located in Bradenton, Florida and Lake Erie, Pennsylvania. You can find more information about the LECOM at [www.lecom.edu](http://www.lecom.edu).