The MWU Matrix System

The Midwestern University Matrix System is an integrated network linking the academic resources of our Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine (CCOM) and Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine (AZCOM) with the health care resources of our affiliated hospitals and providers in both Illinois and Arizona. The MWU Matrix is an Osteopathic Postdoctoral Training Institution (OPTI), accredited by the American Osteopathic Association to offer internship and residency programs.

The CCOM Postdoctoral Program features hospitals and faculty who are committed to the osteopathic philosophy of health care. In addition to the primary teaching site of the St. James Hospital and Health Centers–Olympia Fields Campus, you will have the opportunity to rotate through some Chicago’s finest hospitals. These facilities consistently lead in nationwide overall reputations of cutting-edge technology, treatment, and care.

With a strong curriculum, program evaluation, resource planning, and the expertise offered at the primary teaching hospital as well as outstanding affiliate hospitals, CCOM provides a graduate medical education program for osteopathic physicians like no other in the country.

The role of Midwestern University/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine with the Matrix System is to pool together and coordinate the medical and educational resources of our health care partners. The University will oversee faculty development, curricular development and evaluation, quality standards, and overall program monitoring.

Join the Chicago Osteopathic Community

The Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine boasts one of the nations largest internship and residency programs dedicated to the osteopathic philosophy of medicine. The program is broad reaching in scope and encompasses a multifaceted approach to graduate medical education.

As part of Midwestern University’s Matrix System, the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine offers integrated postdoctoral programs that focus on primary care. The program capitalizes on its desirable location—not only in the unparalleled quality of life in the Chicagoland area—but also in its association with some of the top health facilities in the country.

The strength of the CCOM program is found in our partners—the hospitals and physicians who are committed to the osteopathic philosophy of care and to education. You will have the opportunity to train at the region’s finest hospitals in urban, suburban, and underserved areas. Because managed care has a strong presence in Chicago, you will learn how to practice within this environment. You will also benefit from the educational expertise of Midwestern University, the only institution in the nation with two colleges of osteopathic medicine.
Chicago Living

Chicago is a city like no other. Located on a beautiful lakefront with a breathtaking skyline, Chicago offers the finest museums, dining, shopping, theatre, and sports in the Midwest. From the Magnificent Mile to Wrigley Field, your opportunities for culture and recreation are limitless. Come see why millions of people call Chicago home.

High-Quality Primary Care Education

Midwestern University’s Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine has focused its attention on providing the graduate of a college of osteopathic medicine with a full selection of quality primary care GME Programs.

Each program offers a mix of ambulatory and hospital settings together with specially coordinated educational conferences for specified clinical topics and/or procedures. This approach allows for social and professional interaction with your peers and gives you the feeling of being part of a strong, supportive osteopathic community committed to teaching and mentoring.

Rotate in Chicago’s Most Prestigious Hospitals

Midwestern University’s Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine has developed partnerships with some of Chicagoland’s top hospitals. Through CCOM’s Postdoctoral Program, you will be able to participate in the care and treatment of hospitalized and ambulatory patients. You will experience state-of-the-art medical training with a broad medical, cultural, and economic diversity of patient populations. This, combined with a strong emphasis on personal growth and responsibility, create an outstanding training opportunity.

Primary Teaching Site:
St. James Hospital and Health Centers–Olympia Fields Campus

Affiliate Sites:
Christ Hospital and Medical Center, Oak Lawn, IL
Cook County Hospital, Chicago, IL
Little Company of Mary Hospital, Evergreen Park, IL
Louis A. Weiss Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL
Provident Hospital, Chicago, IL
Resurrection Medical Center, Chicago, IL
Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke’s, Chicago, IL
St. Anthony Medical Center, Crown Point, IN
St. Bernard Hospital, Chicago, IL
St. Francis Hospital, Blue Island, IL
St. James Hospital and Health Centers, Chicago Heights, IL
St. Margaret Mercy Healthcare Centers, Dyer and Hammond, IN
Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago, IL
Trinity Hospital, Chicago, IL
University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

**Internship Programs**

Internship programs are accessible on a rotating basis, a specific track, or a special emphasis track.

**Traditional Rotating Internship Program**

Required Service Rotations Include:
- Internal Medicine
- Pediatrics
- ICU/CCU
- General Surgery
- Family Medicine
- Obstetrics/Gynecology

Elective Rotations Include:
- Cardiology
- Ophthalmology
- Pulmonary Disease
- Radiology
- Ophthalmologic Surgery
- Gastroenterology
- Osteopathic Medicine
- Rheumatology
- Hematology/Oncology
- General Surgery
- Infectious Disease
- General Vascular Surgery
- Nephrology
- Pathology
- Trauma (Level I)
- Neurosurgery
- Urological Surgery

**Specialty Track Internship**

This internship grants joint credit for the internship and one year of residency training. The intern receives one elective (including a 1-week vacation) to be done in their specialty area decided by the department chair. Ultimately, 1 year of training is eliminated from the regular curriculum.
Specialty track internship offered include:
Internal Medicine
Obstetrics/Gynecology

Special Emphasis Internship

This internship satisfies the requirements of the traditional rotating internship and also offers 2 electives (including a 1-week vacation). Both electives are to be done in the area of emphasis through which you are rotating, unless otherwise stipulated by the respective department. This internship does not grant residency credit, however, if you pass the internship, you are automatically offered a residency slot.

Special Emphasis Track Internships Offered Include:
Emergency Medicine
Family Medicine
Ophthalmology

Combined Internship/Residency Program

This program combines both a rotating internship position and, based upon successful completion of the internship year, is followed by a residency position in a particular specialty commencing the following year.

Combined Internship/Residency Programs Include:
Diagnostic Radiology
General Surgery
Internal Medicine/Emergency Medicine

Residency Programs

Midwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine offers the benefits and teaching strengths of the primary teaching hospital as well as affiliated institutions, providing each resident an opportunity to study and learn from diverse types of experiences.

Current Residencies Offered Include:
Cardiology
Emergency Medicine
Emergency Medicine/Internal Medicine
Family Medicine (General Practice)
Family Practice/Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine
Gastroenterology
General Surgery
Internal Medicine
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Intern/Resident Benefits

Health Insurance
Medical and hospitalization coverage is provided at no cost to the intern or resident for single coverage. Family coverage available at an additional cost, depending on which type of coverage you choose. Other optional policies are also available at an additional cost.

Life Insurance
Life Insurance is provided at no cost for the intern and resident in the amount of one times your annual base salary. Supplemental life insurance coverage is available as well as family supplemental coverage for an additional fee.

Long-Term Disability
Long-term disability is provided at no cost for the intern or resident providing 60% of salary ($2,000 monthly maximum) after a 90-day waiting period.

Professional Liability (Malpractice) Insurance
Malpractice insurance is provided by the University and/or its affiliate hospitals.

Vacation
Interns receive 7 days vacation during the holiday season and 5 working days during their elective rotation. First- and second-year residents receive 2 weeks on elective rotation only. Third-, fourth-, and fifth-year residents receive 3 weeks on elective rotation only.

Resident Education Fund
Each resident is allowed $600 annually to attend educational conferences with the approval of his/her department chair or to purchase books.

AOA Membership Dues
The Office of Postdoctoral Education pays the annual AOA membership dues for interns and residents.

Meals
Meal tickets are provided to the intern and resident while on night call at the primary teaching site. A spouse or guest may dine with the intern/resident on call on request.

National Board Exam
The Office of Postdoctoral Education pays (1 time only during the internship year) for the intern to take Part III of the National Board Exam.

Uniforms
Interns are provided with 2 three-quarter length personalized lab coats and 2 personalized scrub tops. First-, second-, Third-, and fifth-year residents are provided with 3 three-quarter length personalized lab coats.

(All benefits are subject to change, without notice)

Frequently Asked Questions

Interns
How Do I Apply To The Midwestern University Matrix System/Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine?
You may obtain an application from the Office of Postdoctoral Education. In order to apply for an interview, you must have all the required documents on file, including the application (1 original and 3 copies); 3 completed evaluation forms or letters of recommendation; official medical school transcripts; national board scores (4 copies); and a dean’s letter of recommendation. It is your responsibility to check with the Office of Postdoctoral Education regarding the status of your file.

Does MWU/CCOM Offer Specialty Track Internships?
Yes. In addition to the traditional rotating internship, CCOM offers Special Emphasis Internships in Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, and Ophthalmology as well as Specialty Track Internships in Internal Medicine, and OB/GYN. CCOM also offers combined internship/residency acceptance in Diagnostic Radiology, General Surgery and Internal Medicine/Emergency Medicine.

Who Conducts Interviews and How Does This Process Work?
Members of the Education Committee, attendings from various specialties, and members of the housestaff comprise the interview panel. They receive a copy of each intern applicant’s completed file for their review. As you know, the intern interview is an important component of the selection process, in addition to your preclinical and clinical grades, board scores, and test scores.

How Will I Learn Of The Results of the Interview?
All applicants interviewed will be notified in writing of their status. Results will fall into one of four categories: accepted, for those applicants who have received an acceptable rating by the panel and have a “letter of intent” on file with the Office of Postdoctoral Education; alternate for acceptable applicants who are placed on an alternate list pending the completion of interviews; inactive, for those who have received an acceptable rating but have not filed a “letter of intent”; and rejected, for those who have not received an acceptable rating by the panel.
Residents

How Do I Apply To The Midwestern University Matrix System/Chicago College Of Osteopathic Medicine?
You may obtain an application from the Office of Postdoctoral Education. In order to apply for an interview, you must have all the required documents on file, including the application; 3 letters of recommendation; official medical school transcripts; and national board scores. This information should be forwarded to the Department to which you are making application.

When Is The Deadline For Residency Applications?
Departments have varying deadlines. Please check with the Department to which you are applying.

When Are Residency Interviews Held And How Does This Process Work?
Members of the Department to which you are applying and members of the housestaff comprise the interview panel. They receive a copy of each resident applicant’s completed file for their review. As you know, the interview is an important component of the selection process, in addition to your preclinical and clinical grades, board scores, and letters of recommendation.