Mercer Health Sciences Open house: Saturday February 21st 8:30-11:30am, Carpool leaving at 7am, Sign up on Google doc: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fzHAR5xAd5kxpmfRJhyE81W3u6L6MK6I6n-gzY1mn_A/edit#gid=0

Nancy McLaughlin
Background in military, plastics, physician assistant programs, etc

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Location: Suwanee, Georgia and in Philadelphia
Not yet accredited
Program always starts in June
Open house March 6th at 5:30
Sign up at: www.pcom.edu

GA-PCOM PA Program Course Requirements
• Gen Biology I&II (4)
• Other Biology (4)
• Anatomy and Physiology (8)
• General Chem I&II (8)
• Other Chemistry Coursework (4)
• Health related Science Course or Physics
• Social Sciences
• Math

Requirements
200 hours of Direct patient contact
3.00 or higher overall and science GPA
No GRE

Didactic Curriculum
Fall & Spring Term

Preceptorships

Comprehensive Review Course
10 month self-study

Why PCOM?
Will be fully accredited
Faculty: student ratio 1:8
Small, intimate campus
Clinical rotations incorporate a variety of practice settings

www.nccpa.net: study guide for national board
Q: Is there any difference in PA program based on DO vs. MS
A: There is no such thing as an osteopathic PA. There is the classic MD route or osteopathic route. The osteopathic route is MD curriculum plus manipulations.

Q: Where will the clinical rotations be?
A: Clinical rotations are in Georgia, but also all over the United States. We do pay for away housing.

Q: What is the approximate tuition for the program?
A: $74,000-78,000

Kevin Zajac – he is the person to answer questions about classes and credits

Q: What is the Philadelphia’s PANCE rate?
A: 97.8%

Q: Is there a cap to the amount of hours accepted to from one setting?
A: No

Q: How many students are accepted in Philadelphia?
A: 55, but has capacity to take up to 70 students

Q: Is there any on campus housing?
A: No, but lots of affordable housing nearby

Q: How many students apply to the PA program?
A: In Philadelphia, there are 2,000 students who apply

Q: What is the average GPA of accepted students?
A: Average accepted GPA is 3.4 or 3.5

Q: What is average age?
A: Roughly 26-28

Q: How do we find housing?
A: There is a housing officer. We have long-term rentals.

Q: How many normally get the interview?
A: In Philadelphia, about 200; At PCOM, about 100