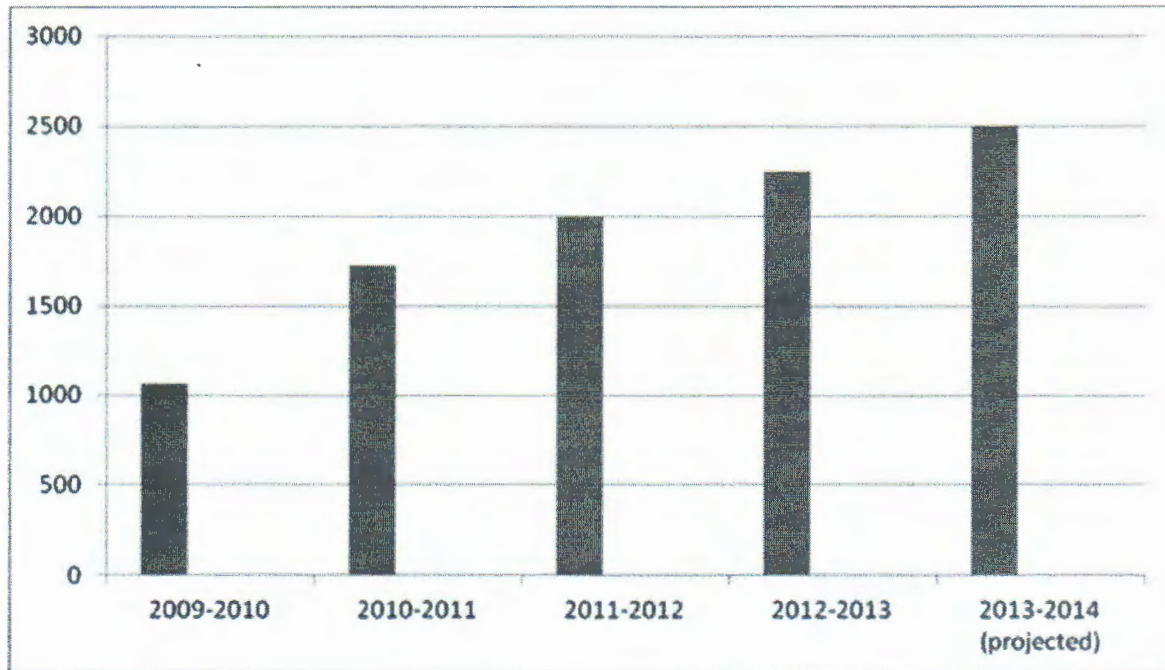


Student recruitment is a major activity of the WCUCOM Office of Student Affairs. Additional emphasis was placed on this activity in the past year by creating the position of Assistant Director of Admissions. This full-time position is devoted to recruitment and other admissions activities.

In keeping with the WCUCOM mission, recruitment activities are targeted towards the gulf-south region of the United States. These activities have attracted a diverse and competitive applicant pool. Each successive year has shown an increase in the number of applications as illustrated in the graph below.



Student recruitment takes place in several ways. The most overt recruiting activities are visits to colleges and universities in the gulf-south region. The Associate Dean of Student Affairs, the Assistant Director of Admissions, the Assistant Director of Admissions, the Assistant Director of Student Affairs, and other faculty work with premedical advisors to arrange opportunities to make presentations to organizations and classes where students potentially interested in osteopathic medicine would be present. In most cases this is a premedical honorary organization although sometimes it is a health professions class. At these meetings a Powerpoint presentation is given designed to acquaint those in attendance with osteopathic medicine as well as WCUCOM admissions criteria, policies, and procedures. These presentations are generally followed by a question and answer session, and meetings with interested individual students. Time is usually also spent with the premedical advisors and committees to further indoctrinate them with our process. The following schools have been visited at least once since the inception of WCUCOM:

Mississippi Schools:

1. University of Mississippi-Oxford
2. Mississippi State University
3. University of Southern Mississippi
4. Belhaven College
5. Millsaps College
6. Jackson State University
7. Alcorn State University
8. Mississippi Women's University
9. University of Mississippi Medical Center, School of Allied Health
10. Delta State University
11. William Carey University
12. Tougaloo College

13. Jones County Junior College
14. Meridian Community College
15. Pearl River Community College
16. Raleigh High School

Louisiana Schools:

1. Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge
2. Louisiana State University-Shreveport
3. Louisiana State University-Eunice
4. Louisiana State University-Alexandria
5. University of Louisiana-Lafayette
6. University of Louisiana-Monroe
7. McNeese State University
8. Southeastern Louisiana University
9. Loyola University
10. Xavier University
11. Louisiana Technical University
12. Grambling University
13. University of New Orleans
14. Tulane University
15. Southern University
16. Our Lady of Holy Cross College
17. Centenary College
18. Louisiana College

Arkansas Schools:

1. University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
2. University of Arkansas-Fort Smith
3. University of Arkansas-Monticello
4. Arkansas State University
5. University of Central Arkansas
6. Arkansas Technical University
7. Ouachita Baptist University
8. Henderson State University
9. Hendrix College
10. Harding University
11. Lyon College

Alabama Schools:

1. University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa
2. University of Alabama-Birmingham
3. University of West Alabama
4. Samford University
5. Birmingham-Southern College
6. University of South Alabama
7. Mobile University
8. Springhill College
9. Huntingdon College

Texas Schools:

1. East Texas Baptist University
2. Austin College
3. University of Texas- Dallas
4. University of Texas - Arlington
5. University of North Texas
6. Southern Methodist University

7. Prairie View University
8. Texas Southern University
9. Texas Christian University
10. University of Dallas
11. Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Other Schools:

1. University of West Florida
2. University of Central Florida
3. Pensacola Christian University
4. Rhodes College
5. Memphis State University
6. Austin Peay University
7. Georgia Technical University

WCUCOM representatives have also attended various professional school fairs, including those at:

1. Louisiana State University
2. Southern University
3. Tulane University
4. Xavier University
5. Alcorn State University
6. University of Central Florida
7. University of Mississippi
8. Rhodes College
9. Huntingdon College
10. Christian Brothers College
11. Prairie View University

WCUCOM also welcomes individual students and premedical organizations to visit the WCU campus and tour the medical school facilities. Literally hundreds of individuals have attended scheduled appointments with the Associate Dean of Student Affairs or Assistant Director of Student Affairs for advice on medical school admission. In addition, the following colleges have brought groups to visit the university:

1. Mobile College
2. Mississippi State University
3. Jones County Junior College
4. University of Southern Mississippi
5. Pearl River Community College
6. Mississippi College
7. McNeese State University

Specific recruiting attention has been given to minority groups. Recruiting activities have been held at the following traditionally African-American institutions:

1. Southern University
2. Jackson State University
3. Grambling University
4. Xavier University
5. Alcorn State University
6. Tougaloo College
7. Prairie View University
8. Texas Southern University

In some instances, recruiting efforts have been made with area high schools. The following high schools have either brought groups of students to WCUCOM or have been visited by a representative:

1. Enterprise High School
2. Lamar County Health Educational Program
3. Raleigh High School
4. Simmons High School