



Insight Into Health Professions:

Midwestern University

Downers Grove, IL



Midwestern University (MWU)

MWU is a private graduate medical and professional school, with two campuses (Downers Grove, IL & Glendale, AZ)

Students enrolled for 2020-2021 academic year: **2,998** (IL) and **3,945** (AZ)

History

1900 - Founded American College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery

- Originally located in Chicago
- 4th D.O. medical school to open in the world

1986 - Midwestern University in IL moved to Downers Grove

1991 - College of Pharmacy opened in IL

1992 - College of Health Sciences in IL began

1993 - Programs united under the name "Midwestern University" in IL

1995 - Second campus opened in AZ

1996 - College of Osteopathic Medicine opened in AZ

2006 - College of Dental Medicine opened in AZ

2008 - College of Optometry opened in AZ

2009 - College of Dental Medicine opened in IL

2012 - College of Veterinary Medicine opened in AZ

2014 - College of Optometry opened in IL





MWU Programs

Included in this panel:

- Dental
- Medical
- Occupational & Physical Therapy
- Pharmacy (and Masters)
- Optometry

Other programs:

- MA & MS in Biomedical Sciences (IL & AZ)
- Doctor of Psychology (IL & AZ)
- Master of Medical Sciences in Physician Assistant Studies (IL & AZ)
- Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (IL & AZ)
- Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (AZ)
- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (AZ)
- Doctor & Master of Nurse Anesthesia (AZ)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (online)
- Master of Public Health (online)



Dental

Name: **Jessica Stacko**

- Hometown: Darien, Illinois
- Program: College of Dental Medicine
- Year: 3rd year

Name: **Amela Music**

- Hometown: Born in Bosnia. Currently Genoa, Illinois
- Program: College of Dental Medicine
- Year: 2nd year

- Title = Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)
- Program length = 4 years

What we do:

- A Doctor of Dental Medicine is concerned with the health of one's oral cavity, dentition, supporting tissues, and the head and neck region.
- Dentists are doctors! They are a medical specialty that diagnoses, prevents, and treats diseases and conditions of the oral cavity.
- Recognized specialties include endodontists, orthodontists, periodontists, prosthodontists, pediatric dentists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, oral and maxillofacial pathology, oral and maxillofacial radiology, dental anesthesiologists, oral medicine, orofacial pain, and dental public health.
- First two years of dental school are spent taking didactic courses and training in SIM lab, the last two years are spent treating patients, taking less but more advanced courses, and taking boards exams.



Medical

Name: **Jack Geiger**

- Hometown: Prescott, Wisconsin
- Program: Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Year: 3rd year

Name: **Nicole Eck**

- Hometown: Maryville, Illinois
- Program: Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Year: 3rd year

- Title = Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.)
- Program length = 4 years + residency

What we do:

- Undergo the same training and classes as allopathic doctors or MD.
- Integrate a history, physical exam, and lab or imaging findings to make a diagnosis or come up with a “differential diagnosis”.
- Sometimes a diagnosis is more about “what disease or condition does the patient have or not have”.
- After the 4-year program, a residency is required to become a practicing physician, or one can further specialize with a fellowship.
- Write prescriptions, send referrals, and work in teams.
- DO’s specifically are trained in additional hands on treatment or OMM.



OT & PT

Name: Marisa Monbrod

- Hometown: Crystal Lake, Illinois
- Program: Occupational Therapy (College of Health Sciences)
- Year: 2nd year

Name: Sydney Lazzell

- Hometown: Denver, Colorado
- Program: Physical Therapy (College of Health Sciences)
- Year: 3rd year

- Titles
 - Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D).
 - Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)
- Program lengths
 - 33 months (OT) and 34 months (PT)

What we do:

- OTs partner with individuals to find ways for them to participate in all their daily life activities.
- OTs find ways to change how an activity is done and break down what a person is doing for a particular task to support their performance.
- PTs improve quality of life through prescribed exercise, hands-on care, and patient education.
- PTs develop an individualized treatment plan to improve their ability to move, reduce or manage pain, restore function, and prevent disability.
- PTs diagnose and treat individuals across the spectrum, ages include infants to people at the end of life.
- PT also includes specializations: sports, women's health, cardiopulmonary, neurology, oncology, orthopedics, etc.
- Both offered in a wide range of settings: outpatient clinics, hospitals (acute, subacute, inpatient), skilled nursing facilities, schools, home health (within the patient's home).



Pharmacy

Name: **Fayez Ahmed**

- Hometown: Chicago, Illinois
- Program: College of Pharmacy, MBS
- Year: 1st year

Name: **Maddie Hill**

- Hometown: Beloit, Wisconsin
- Program: College of Pharmacy
- Year: 3rd year

- Title = Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)
- Program length = 3 years

What we do:

- Pharmacists do a lot more than just “count pills.” You can see us practicing in hospitals, doctors offices, community pharmacies, clinics, industry settings, business ventures, and so many more places!
- Pharmacists are also certified immunizers, prescribers (in some locations), and business owners (in some settings).



Optometry

Name: **Samaa Ahmed**

- Hometown:
- Program: Chicago College of Optometry
- Year: 3rd year

Name: **Savannah Lowe**

- Hometown: Beecher, Illinois
- Program: Chicago College of Optometry
- Year: 3rd year

- Title = Doctor of Optometry (O.D.)
- Program length = 4 years

What we do:

- An optometrist is a primary health care provider that specializes in visual and ocular health.
- The scope of an optometrist includes examining, diagnosing, treating/managing diseases and disorders of the eye.
- Some specialties include but not limited to: cornea/contact lens, pediatrics, low vision, glaucoma, and retinal disease.
- An optometry student becomes an expert in managing refractive errors, the anatomy and physiology of the eye, systemic conditions with ocular manifestation, and isolated disorders of the eye. In addition, an optometry student is well versed in human anatomy, biochemistry, physiology, pharmacology, pathology and immunology.
- Students will be skilled to see their own patients by the start of their third year and will be seeing patients at Eye Institute. Additionally, students will be on external rotations in their 4th year.

Feel free to contact us with any questions!

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