

Comparing Doctor of Osteopathy (DO) Program to Diploma in Osteopathic Manual Practice: DO(MP)

National Academy of Osteopathy is in the process of setting up DO programs in Malaysia and the Dominican Republic.

The major difference between a doctor of osteopathy (DO) and a manual osteopath with a diploma in osteopathic manual practice (DOMP) in Canada is that DOs can render diagnosis and take and read x-rays while DO(MP)s are not permitted to do so.

Financially in North America & Europe; annual income level is the same for both practitioners as insurers and patients pay same rate for osteopathic treatments provided by either one and employers pay same salary to either one. In Asia and Latin America DOs income level is higher than DO(MP)s.

Both practitioners are able to open their own clinics and work independently or be employed by other rehab clinics.

Most students who enter a doctor of osteopathy program aim to become researchers and academicians while most students who enter a diploma program are mainly interested in providing osteopathic treatments and care to patients.

	DO	DO(MP)
Study Time	4 years full time, no part time	8 months full time, 20 months PT
Accelerated (for students with prior health education: osteopath, massage therapist, acupuncturist, physician, kinesiologist, etc)	4 years part time	4 months full time, 9 months part time
Total Tuition (Campus Based)	\$79,864 plus tax	\$17,820 plus tax
Total Tuition (Interactive Online)	Interactive not available	\$8,420 plus tax
Books	\$3000 for 4 years	\$500
Designation	DO	DO(MP)
Average Annual Income	\$90,000	\$90,000
Hourly Treatment Fee (Canada)	\$80 to \$140	\$80 to \$140
Hourly Fee Set By Financial Service Commission of Ontario (MVA)	\$53.66	\$53.66
Insurance Coverage in Canada	95% of insurers cover DO	95% of insurers cover DO(MP)

Canadian Manual Osteopathy Examining Board	Must pass CMOEB exams	Must pass CMOEB exams
International Osteopathic Association License Number	Must become IOA member to receive license to practice	Must become IOA member to receive license to practice
Malpractice Insurance Cost	\$500 to \$700 per year	\$300 to \$500 per year
Teaching Location	Available only in Malaysia & the Dominican Republic in Sept 2015.	Locations available in 61 cities across 32 countries and expanding.
Practice	Primary health practitioner. Can open independent clinic and see patients directly without supervision.	Primary health practitioner. Can open independent clinic and see patients directly without supervision.
Osteopathic Assessment	Able to perform examination	Able to perform examination
Medical Diagnosis	Able to medically diagnose	Medical diagnosis not permitted
Osteopathic Techniques	Able to perform all osteopathic techniques	Able to perform all techniques except manipulation (extra training required-available at NAO)
Physiotherapy	Able to provide physiotherapy modalities	Able to provide physiotherapy modalities with extra training (available only at NAO)
Decompression Traction Therapy	Able to perform DTT	Able to perform DTT with extra training (available only at NAO)
Custom Made Orthotic Casting	Able to cast	Able to cast with extra training (available at NAO)
Support Hose Fitting	Able to fit compression socks	Able to fit compression socks with extra training (available at NAO)
Clinical Ergonomic Services	Able to provide	Able to provide with extra training (available only at NAO)
Independent Medical Evaluation	Able to perform	Not permitted
AMA Impairment Rating	Able to perform	Not permitted
Disability Certificates	Able to sign	Not permitted
Treatment Plans	Able to sign	Able to sign
Functional Abilities Evaluation	Able to perform FAE	Able to perform FAE with extra training

Home Based Assessment	Able to perform HBA	Able to perform HBA with extra training
Job Site Analysis	Able to perform JSA	Able to perform JSA with extra training
Osteopathy Treatment at Home	Permitted	Permitted
Hospital Work	Permitted	Permitted
University Teaching Position	Available	Not available
Research Position	May be hired as researcher	May be hired as research assistant
University Credit	Course accepted as university credit	Course accepted as college credit
Prerequisite	Prior university education	High school graduation
Employment Potential	Zero unemployment	Zero unemployment
Radiology	Able to take X-ray	Not permitted
Radiology	Able to read MRI, CT Scan, & X-ray reports	Not permitted
Student Loans	Available through Ontario Student Assistant Plan (OSAP), Canada Student Loan (CSL) & Medical Financial	Available through Medical Financial
Student Visa	International students able to obtain visa to attend campus in Toronto	Visa not needed as program can be taken anywhere.

Each jurisdiction may have different health regulatory acts. Whenever the osteopathic scope of practice conflicts with the regulatory laws of a jurisdiction; the law always prevails. Manual osteopaths must always follow the health rules and regulations set in each jurisdiction. All manual osteopaths must have malpractice insurance before practicing as an osteopath.