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## Professional Organization

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- American Osteopathic College of Pediatrics - [www.acopedts.org](http://www.acopedts.org)
- American Academy of Pediatrics - [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)

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## Pediatric Fellowships

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The following fellowships are available for those interested in subspecialization in pediatrics:

- Adolescent Medicine
- Child Abuse Pediatrics
- Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics
- Hospice & Palliative Medicine
- Medical Toxicology
- Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine
- Pediatric Cardiology
- Pediatric Critical Care Medicine
- Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- Pediatric Endocrinology
- Pediatric Gastroenterology
- Pediatric Hematology-Oncology
- Pediatric Hospital Medicine
- Pediatric Infectious Diseases
- Pediatric Nephrology
- Pediatric Pulmonology
- Pediatric Rheumatology
- Pediatric Transplant Hepatology
- Sleep Medicine
- Sports Medicine

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## Career Counseling

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If you are interested in learning more, please feel free to meet with the UIWSOM Career Counselor, Dr. Martin Timoney in A113 in Building 1. Scheduled appointments and walk-ins are both welcome. You can schedule an appointment directly onto Martin's calendar by scanning the QR code below. You can also email him at [timoney@uiwtx.edu](mailto:timoney@uiwtx.edu) or call him at 210-619-7074



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## Data Sources

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# Pediatrics



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## Residency Fact Sheet 2020/2021

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## Residency Basics

Mean COMLEX 1 (2020)	523
Mean USMLE 1 (2020)	223
Preliminary Year	No
Residency Length	3 Years
Number of Programs	210
Percentage of Programs that typically offer interviews to DO students (2020)	78%

## Lifestyle Overview

Median Salary	\$230,000
Average Work Hours per week	47
Average Weeks Worked per Year	48

## Top 5 Factors Cited for Selecting Programs to Apply to

- Desired geographic location (91%)
- Reputation of the program (86%)
- Perceived sense of compatibility with program (83%)
- Size of program (79%)
- Program located at an academic medical center (74%)

## Top 10 Factors for Selecting Candidates for Interview (2020)

1. USMLE Step 1 score (92%)
2. COMLEX Level 1 score (87%)
3. USMLE Step 2 CK score (84%)
4. MSPE (82%)
5. (=4) Any failed USMLE attempt (82%)
6. COMLEX Level 2 CE score (76%)
7. (=6) Grades in core rotations (76%)
8. Audition elective in the department (74%)
9. Personal statement (71%)
10. (=9) Lack of gaps in medical education (71%)

## Top 10 Factors for Ranking Applicants in the Match (2020)

1. Interactions with house staff during interview (100%)
2. (=1) Interpersonal skills (100%)
3. Interactions with faculty during interview (97%)
4. Feedback from current residents (95%)
5. USMLE Step 2 score (86%)
6. COMLEX Level 1 score (81%)
7. Letters of recommendation in the specialty (78%)
8. (=7) USMLE Step 1 score (78%)
9. Audition elective at the program (76%)
10. (=9) COMLEX Level 2 CE score (76%)

## Interpreting the Data

- Board scores are important considerations for pediatrics. Outstanding scores are not required, but students should aim to do as well as possible.
- The USMLE exam is generally not required for osteopathic students to match into pediatrics, as evidenced by 87% of program directors valuing COMLEX Level 1. As program directors take failed board exam attempts into consideration, there is a strong argument to be made for only taking COMLEX in order to avoid failing one or even both exams due to being overstretched.
- Letters of recommendation are valued by program directors in pediatrics. Applicants should have strong letters from at least two pediatricians (Freeman, 2019).
- Applicants should aim to do well in all core rotations and achieve an honors grade in their pediatric rotation. Applicants interested in pediatrics should schedule additional pediatric rotations and sub-internships as part early in fourth year.
- The personal statement should convey the applicant's passion for pediatrics, but it should be more comprehensive than simply "I love working with kids" (Freeman, 2019).