

Articulation Agreement

Oakland Community College

and

Michigan State University

for the

MSU-CHM Early Assurance Opportunity Program at Michigan State University

Oakland Community College (OCC) and Michigan State University (MSU) for its College of Human Medicine (CHM) agree to establish a cooperative program of premedical/medical education by which OCC students who become undergraduate premedical students at MSU shall be prepared and considered for an early assurance of admission to CHM through the MSU Early Assurance Opportunity Program (Program). This agreement shall become effective upon the last dated signature (Effective Date).

Program Rationale:

The Program provides an enhanced opportunity for admission to medical school for premedical students who are interested in practicing in an underserved area of medicine. Preference for admission to the Program will be given to students who otherwise might not have access to or be familiar with the intricacies of premedical preparation and medical school application by virtue of being a first generation college student, graduating from a low income high school as defined by the United States Department of Education, being eligible or a recipient of a Federal PELL Grant or institutional need-based grant, graduating from an underserved (health professional shortage) urban or rural area, and those who have demonstrated interest and familiarity with a high need medical service or specialty area. By cooperatively identifying and developing such students, OCC and MSU-CHM will make a substantial contribution to the diversity and cultural competence of the physician work force of the future and to the Michigan health care community. See <https://mdadmissions.msu.edu/programs/eao.html> for more details.

Responsibilities:

OCC agrees to engage in broad-based outreach to identify, recruit, and develop potential premedical students (students) who may be eligible for consideration in the Program and to monitor the progress of these students to ensure their continued qualification for the Program. Specifically, OCC agrees to:

1. Offer recruitment events/seminars and/or workshops aimed at informing students who may be interested in the Program
2. Include Program information in appropriate pre-college recruitment materials and efforts
3. Advertise and make the Program accessible to all current potential students at OCC
4. Identify and engage OCC students who are first-generation college students, graduates from low-income high schools, Federal PELL Grant or institutional need-based grant eligible or recipient, graduate of an underserved (health professional shortage) urban or rural area high school, likely to practice in an underserved urban or rural location or

- demonstrate interest in a high need medical specialty in a health professional shortage area
5. Make MSU-CHM academic, non-academic, and experiential premedical expectations (as communicated by MSU-CHM advising and website) known to students
 6. Ensure continued course offerings for the appropriate academic preparation of students for transfer to MSU for their continued premedical preparation
 7. Make MSU-CHM advising resources known to students
 8. Facilitate engagement between students and MSU-CHM experiential, enrichment, and developmental activities
 9. Monitor the progress of and facilitate opportunities for students consistent with current practice and informed by MSU-CHM
 10. Work collaboratively with MSU-CHM to identify OCC students who may be eligible for MSU-CHM generated scholarships, awards, and targeted developmental experiences
 11. With student permission, inform MSU-CHM about potential transfer students and transfer students who may be eligible for and interested in consideration for the Program

MSU-CHM agrees to work with OCC in the development of students for the Program. Specifically, MSU-CHM agrees to:

1. At the OCC level:
 - a. Assist OCC efforts to increase awareness of MSU-CHM and the feasibility of medical education for local OCC students
 - b. Work collaboratively with OCC premedical advisors to:
 - i. Provide reference to MSU undergraduate transfer expectations and timeline
 - ii. Communicate with OCC regarding premedical course requirements
 - iii. Offer professional development for OCC advising faculty
 - iv. Discuss Program considerations, activities, and timelines
 - c. Invite OCC student participation in CHM activities at MSU-CHM preclinical campuses and in the nearest community campus that develop/enrich pre-medical students
 - d. Work collaboratively with OCC to identify students who may be eligible for MSU-CHM generated scholarships, awards, and developmental experiences at the pre-transfer level
 - e. Include OCC program participation information to the MSU-CHM Admissions website
2. At the MSU undergraduate student level:
 - a. Engage OCC premedical students subsequent to their transfer to offer support for their success using means such as offering advising and student-to-student relationships with transfer students to help them negotiate MSU, find a peer group, utilize academic support, become aware of available programs and opportunities, and establish a relationship with an MSU undergraduate advisor
 - b. Advise OCC transfer students regarding preparation for EAO application

- c. Review in accordance with the timeline all endorsed premedical students who meet the minimum academic standards of a 3.0 overall GPA, 3.0 science GPA, and a minimum 500 MCAT composite score, with each of the subsection scores being equal to or greater than 125.
- d. Offer and accept for review MSU-CHM secondary application information materials submitted by eligible OCC-MSU premedical transfer students
- e. Waive secondary application fees for OCC-MSU premedical transfer students invited to complete secondary applications for the Program
- f. Invite for an admissions interview in accordance with the timeline any OCC-MSU premedical transfer that MSU-CHM deems qualified and most competitive for admission according to provisions of the Program
- g. Present all interviewed endorsed students to the CHM Committee on Admissions. The MSU-CHM admissions committee shall make admissions decisions in its sole discretion
- h. Notify OCC-MSU premedical transfer students selected for admission of acceptance to MSU-CHM in accordance with the timeline
- i. Allow accepted OCC-MSU premedical students to accept or reject the offer of Early Assurance admission to MSU-CHM and, furthermore, allow these students to be considered for regular admission without prejudice should the student choose to decline the offer of Early Assurance admission and apply to MSU-CHM as well as other medical schools as a regular applicant
- j. Communicate each accepted student's Early Admission status to AMCAS
- k. With student permission, inform OCC of the outcome for OCC-MSU premedical transfer students who applied to MSU-CHM through the Program.
- l. Grant the Doctor of Medicine degree to students who successfully complete the MSU-CHM requirements for graduation

To be eligible for the Program, the student shall:

1. Have significant experiences at OCC with a minimum of 30 credit hours completed at OCC
2. Complete remaining medical school prerequisites at MSU. Transfer coursework from an institution other than OCC may be accepted provided the courses completed at another institution are approved by MSU-CHM
3. Establish a relationship with MSU-CHM advisors
4. Complete an academic major of their choice
5. Subscribe to the mission of MSU-CHM to meet the needs of patients, families, and communities by providing medical care with respect and dignity with particular concern for and responsiveness to medically underserved populations and communities
6. Demonstrate experience and interest in a career in medicine through shadowing, volunteering, and/or employment in a setting providing patient care
7. Evidence leadership through participation in extra-curricular, academic, research, organizational, volunteer, or employment activities
8. Demonstrate the professional behavior expectations of competence, honesty, compassion, respect for others, and responsibility in their academic, clinical and volunteer experiences
9. Complete MSU-CHM Program application during the junior year or year prior to receiving the first baccalaureate degree

10. Submit letters of evaluation and recommendation as required by the MSU-CHM admission process
11. Provide MSU-CHM with transcripts reflecting all college courses and credits
12. Complete the Program secondary application
13. Participate in an MSU-CHM Admission Interview Day if invited
14. If admitted and choosing to attend CHM, submit an AMCAS application indicating the MSU-CHM Early Assurance Program acceptance in accordance with time guidelines set by MSU-CHM
15. Maintain or improve their GPA during coursework prior to matriculation to MSU-CHM
16. Follow through on planned courses and activities as outlined in their application unless changes are agreed to by MSU-CHM
17. Meet technical standards in place for their MSU-CHM entering class
18. Submit to MSU-CHM any criminal background check as in place for their MSU-CHM entering class
19. Submit to MSU-CHM any drug testing that may be in place for their MSU-CHM entering class
20. Meet any other pre-matriculation expectations outlined by CHM or in place for their year of matriculation
21. Be eligible for scholarships, dual or combined degree, or any special program offerings, benefits or accommodations as available for their MSU-CHM entering class

Timeline and Program Implementation:

Beginning on the effective date of this agreement:

- Marketing and recruitment: On-going
- OCC/MSU premedical students intending to matriculate at the MSU-CHM in 2023 and beyond are eligible for endorsement according to the conditions of the Program.
- Students submit an Early Assurance Opportunity application in the winter of the *application* year (in their junior year or prior to receiving their first baccalaureate degree)
- Students who are invited for interview will have the interview completed by April 30 of the application year
- MCAT: Endorsed students will need to take the MCAT no later than the June date specified by CHM for their application year
- Notification of admissions decision: June or early July of the application year
- Accepted students who accept admission to MSU-CHM will notify MSU-CHM and submit an AMCAS application designating the Program within two weeks of the offer of acceptance

Program Publicity:

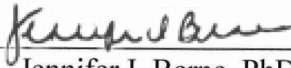
Each institution agrees that all program materials, media releases, and interview comments concerning the Program shall be mutually approved prior to publication, release, or comment, which such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

Program Review and Termination:

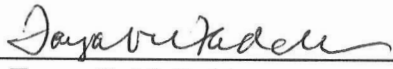
The Program shall continue for three (3) years from the Effective Date. Upon satisfactory review of the Program's conditions and effectiveness, the Program may be renewed through a new agreement or amendment. The Program may be suspended or revoked only upon written request by an institution with sixty (60) day advance notice to: MSU-CHM Assistant Dean for Admissions and an administrative representative from OCC. Should an institution provide a written request for suspension or revocation, any student currently in the program shall be permitted to continue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the representatives of the parties below have the authority to execute this Agreement:

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

By: 
Jennifer I. Berne, PhD
Provost

Date: 10/9/23


By: 
Tanya C. McFadden, EdD
Executive Director of Health Professions
Dean of Nursing

Date: 10-9-23

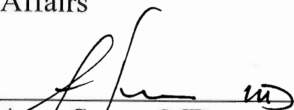
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Date: 10/9/2023

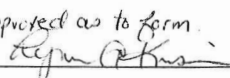
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

By: 
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Interim Provost and Executive
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Approved as to form.
BY: 

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