

Articulation Agreement
Grand Rapids Community College
and
Michigan State University
for the

MSU-CHM Early Assurance Opportunity Program at Michigan State University

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

Program Rationale: The Early Assurance Opportunity Program (hereinafter, "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 an undergraduate PELL 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 GRCC 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.

GRCC agrees engage in broad-based outreach to identify, recruit, and develop potential premedical students who may be eligible for consideration in the Program and to monitor the progress of all these premedical students to ensure their continued qualification for the Program. Specifically, GRCC 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 premedical students at GRCC
4. Identify and engage GRCC students who are first generation college students, graduates from low income high schools, PELL 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 (as identified above in 3 and subsequently identified as “students”)**
6. **Ensure continued course offerings for the appropriate academic preparation of students for transfer to Michigan State University 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 any GRCC 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 GRCC in the development of students for the Program.

Specifically, MSU-CHM agrees to:

1. **At the GRCC level**
 - a. **Assist GRCC efforts to increase awareness of MSU-CHM and the feasibility of medical education for local GRCC students**
 - b. **Work collaboratively with GRCC premedical advisors**
 - i. **Provide reference to MSU undergraduate transfer expectations and timeline**
 - ii. **Communicate with GRCC regarding premedical course requirements**
 - iii. **Offer professional development for GRCC advising faculty**
 - iv. **Discuss Program considerations, activities, and timelines**
 - c. **Invite GRCC 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 GRCC to identify any students who may be eligible for MSU-CHM generated scholarships, awards, and developmental experiences at the pre-transfer level**
 - e. **Include GRCC program participation information to the MSU-CHM Admissions website**
2. **At the Michigan State University undergraduate student level:**
 - a. **Engage GRCC 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 advisors**
 - b. **Advise GRCC transfer students regarding preparation for EAO application**
 - c. **Review in accordance with the timeline all Early Assurance Opportunity**

applications from GRCC-Michigan State University premedical transfer students who are in their in their junior year or year prior to completion of first baccalaureate degree and meet the minimum academic standards of a 3.0 overall GPA, 3.0 science GPA, and a MCAT minimum score of 500

- d. Offer and accept for review MSU-CHM secondary application information materials submitted by eligible GRCC- Michigan State University premedical transfer students
- e. Waive secondary application fees for GRCC-Michigan State University premedical transfer students invited to complete secondary applications for the Program
- f. Invite for an admissions interview in accordance with the timeline any GRCC-Michigan State University premedical transfer that MSU-CHM deems qualified and most competitive for admission according to provisions of the Program
- g. Present all interviewed students to the CHM Committee on Admissions. The MSU-CHM admissions committee shall make admissions decisions in its sole discretion
- h. Notify GRCC-Michigan State University premedical transfer students selected for admission of acceptance to MSU-CHM in accordance with the timeline
- i. Allow accepted GRCC-Michigan State University 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 GRCC of the outcome for GRCC- Michigan State University 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 GRCC with a minimum of 30 credit hours completed at GRCC
2. Complete remaining medical school prerequisites at Michigan State University. Transfer coursework from an institution other than GRCC 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 Early Assurance Opportunity 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 Early Assurance 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 as 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

Time Line and Program Implementation:

Beginning at the effective date of this agreement:

- **Marketing and recruitment: On-going**
- **GRCC/Michigan State University premedical students intending to matriculate at the MSU-CHM in 2021 are eligible for 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: Students will need to take the MCAT no later than the date specified by MSU-CHM for their application year, late May or early June.**
- **Notification of admissions decision: June or early July of the application year**
- **Accepted students who accept the offer of admission to MSU-CHM will notify MSU-CHM, pay a refundable deposit, and submit an AMCAS application designating the MSU-CHM Early Assurance 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.

Program Review:

The Program shall be reviewed by representatives of each institution annually during the course of a three-year pilot. Upon satisfactory review of the conditions and effectiveness of the Program, the Program shall undergo a comprehensive review every third year. The Program may be suspended or revoked only upon written request by an institution with sixty (60) day notice to: Assistant Dean for Admissions (MSU-CHM) and admin representative from GRCC. Should an institution provide a written request for suspension or revocation, any students currently in the program shall be permitted to continue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized parties have signed this Agreement:

GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

By: [Signature]
Bill Pink, PhD
President

Date: 7/13/2019

By: [Signature]
Tina Hoxie, EdD
Interim Provost & Dean of Student Affairs

Date: 7/12/19

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

By: [Signature]
June Pierce Youatt, PhD
Provost and Executive Vice President
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Date: 8.21.19

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Date: 8/19/19

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DATE 8/20/19