# **Articulation Agreement**

# Lawrence Technological University and Michigan State University for the MSU College of Human Medicine Early Assurance Program

Lawrence Technological University (LTU) and Michigan State University (MSU) for its College of Human Medicine (CHM) agree to establish a cooperative program of premedical/medical education by which LTU undergraduate students shall be prepared and considered for an early assurance of admission to CHM through the MSU Early Assurance Program (Program). This agreement shall become effective upon the last dated signature (Effective Date) and supersedes the articulation agreement between CHM and LTU fully executed on April 19, 2019.

# 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 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 LTU 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 <a href="https://mdadmissions.msu.edu/programs/eap.html">https://mdadmissions.msu.edu/programs/eap.html</a> for more details.

LTU agrees to engage in broad-based outreach to identify and develop potential premedical students (students) 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, LTU agrees to:

- 1. Offer recruitment events/seminars and/or workshops aimed at informing students who may be interested in the Program
- 2. Advertise and make the Program accessible to all current potential students at LTU
- 3. Identify and engage LTU 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
- 4. Make MSU and CHM academic, non-academic, and experiential premedical expectations (as communicated by MSU and/or CHM) known to students
- 5. Ensure continued course offerings for the appropriate academic preparation of students, for transfer to CHM for continued premedical preparation

- 6. Monitor the progress of and facilitate developmental opportunities for students consistent with current practice and informed by MSU-CHM advising
- 7. Facilitate engagement between students and MSU-CHM advising and other developmental opportunities

CHM agrees to engage in outreach to LTU to enhance the development of students, identify and engage students subsequent to their transfer to support their success. Students must meet MSU and CHM admissions criteria. Specifically, MSU and/or CHM agrees to:

- 1. Invite student participation in MSU and CHM activities that develop/enrich premedical students
- 2. Identify and offer advising and academic support to transfer 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
- 3. Ensure the continued course offerings for the on-going appropriate academic preparation of students
- 4. Permit LTU students to self-identify for consideration as a pre-endorsed student for the Program
- 5. Monitor the progress of and provide developmental opportunities for pre-endorsed premedical students consistent with current practice
- 6. Permit LTU pre-endorsed students to participate without prejudice in the mechanism to endorse those premedical students
- 7. LTU shall endorse only those students who meet the requirements for application as established by MSU-CHM

MSU-CHM agrees to work with LTU in the development of students and to consider premedical students receiving the endorsement of LTU for the Program. Specifically, MSU-CHM agrees to:

### 1. At the LTU level:

- a. Work with LTU to increase awareness of CHM and the feasibility of medical education for the students
- b. Include LTU program participation information to the MSU-CHM Admissions website
- c. Work collaboratively with LTU premedical advisors
- d. Make MSU or CHM advising resources known to students
- e. Offer professional development for LTU advising faculty
- f. Enhance engagement by local physicians and health systems as they provide opportunities to local students who may return to the community
- g. Invite LTU student participation in CHM activities that develop/enrich premedical students both at MSU and in the nearest community campus
- h. Participate with LTU in marketing the Program
- i. Work collaboratively with LTU to identify students who may be eligible for MSU and/or CHM-generated scholarships, awards, and developmental experiences

#### 2. At the MSU level:

- a. Participate with LTU in marketing the Program
- b. Work collaboratively with LTU to identify any student who may be eligible for MSU or CHM generated scholarships, awards, and developmental experiences
- c. Make recruitment visits to LTU
- d. Communicate Program guidelines and timelines to LTU advising personnel
- e. 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.
- f. Accept for review American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) equivalent application information submitted by endorsed students prior to completion of their first baccalaureate degree
- g. Waive secondary application fees for endorsed students applying to the Program.
- h. Accept for review CHM secondary application information materials submitted by endorsed LTU premedical students
- i. Invite for an admissions interview in accordance with the timeline any endorsed LTU premedical student that CHM deems qualified and most competitive for admission according to provisions of the Program
- j. Present the interviewed endorsed students to the CHM Committee on Admissions. The CHM admissions committee shall make admissions decisions in its sole discretion
- k. Notify those endorsed students selected for admission of acceptance to CHM in accordance with the timeline
- 1. Communicate each admitted student's Early Admission status to AMCAS
- m. Grant the Doctor of Medicine degree to students who successfully complete the MSU and CHM requirements for graduation

#### To be eligible for endorsement in the Program, LTU students shall:

- 1. Demonstrate an active interest in and knowledge of medicine through:
  - a. participation in the LTU premedical clubs and activities.
  - b. obtaining direct experience with the delivery of health care through volunteering, employment, and/or shadowing in medical/clinical settings
- 2. Demonstrate commitment to the service of humanity through consistent community service activities
- 3. Maintain regular contact with the premedical advisors during their time of study at LTU
- 4. Meet minimum academic standards to be considered for admission as specified in this agreement
- 5. Evidence leadership through participation in extra-curricular, academic, research, organizational, volunteer, employment activities
- 6. Complete an academic major of their choice
- 7. Demonstrate the professional behavior expectations of competence, honesty, compassion, respect for others, and responsibility in their academic, clinical and volunteer experiences
- 8. Subscribe to the mission of MSU and 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

- 9. Have significant experiences at LTU with a minimum of 30 credit hours completed at LTU
- 10. Complete remaining medical school prerequisites at LTU. Transfer coursework from an institution other than LTU may be accepted provided the courses completed at another institution are approved by both LTU and MSU and CHM
- 11. Provide MSU-CHM with transcripts reflecting all college courses and credits.
- 12. Complete CHM Program Application
- 13. Submit letters of evaluation and recommendation as required by the MSU and/or CHM admission process
- 14. Participate in an CHM Admission Interview Day if invited
- 15. Be allowed to accept or reject the offer of Early Assurance admission to MSU-CHM and, furthermore, 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
- 16. If admitted and choosing to attend CHM, submit an AMCAS application indicating the Program acceptance in accordance with time guidelines set by MSU-CHM
- 17. Maintain or improve their GPA and follow through on planned coursed and activities unless changed are agreed to by MSU-CHM
- 18. Meet Technical Standards as in place for their MSU-CHM entering class
- 19. Submit to MSU-CHM any criminal background check as in place for their CHM entering class
- 20. Submit to MSU-CHM any drug testing that may be in place for their MSU-CHM entering class
- 21. Meet any other pre-matriculation expectations in place for their year of matriculation
- 22. 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
- LTU premedical students intending to matriculate in 2023 and beyond are eligible for endorsement according to the conditions of the Program.
- LTU endorsement of students: Winter of the *application* year, junior year or one year prior to graduation with first baccalaureate degree
- LTU notification to CHM of endorsed premedical students: Spring of the application year
- Endorsed 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:**

The Program shall continue for three (3) years from the Effective Date. Upon satisfactory review of the conditions and effectiveness of the Program, 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 the MSU-CHM Assistant Dean for Admissions and an administrative representative from LTU. 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 representatives of the parties below have the authority to execute this Agreement:

Date:

#### **MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

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