Articulation Agreement

University of Michigan-Dearborn
And
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine

For the Early Assurance Program for Admission to MSU-CHM
For qualified University of Michigan-Dearborn premedical students.

Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (MSU-CHM) and University of Michigan-Dearborn agree to establish a cooperative program of premedical/medical education by which premedical students at University of Michigan-Dearborn shall be granted an early assurance of admission to MSU-CHM through the Early Assurance Program. This agreement shall be in full effect upon final signatures by the respective administrators and other appropriate institution representatives, and shall remain in effect for five (5) years. After the fifth year, it will be possible to renew this Agreement for another term of five years, unless otherwise agreed upon by both parties.

Program Rationale: The Early Assurance Program (hereinafter, “Program”) provides an enhanced opportunity for admission to medical school to University of Michigan-Dearborn premedical students who are interested in practicing in an underserved area of medicine. Preference for admission to the Program will be given to those 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 grant, graduating from an underserved (health professional shortage) urban or rural area, or demonstrating interest in a high need medical specialty area. By identifying and developing such students (see Attachment A), University of Michigan-Dearborn will make a substantial contribution to the physician workforce of the future and enhance their communities.

University of Michigan-Dearborn will engage in broad-based outreach to develop, identify and endorse premedical students for consideration in the Program and to monitor the progress of all endorsed premedical students to ensure their continued qualification for the Program. Such activities include:

1. Market to and recruit highly qualified students who are likely to practice in an underserved urban or rural location.
2. Identify students who are first generation college students, graduates from low income high schools, PELL 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 or in a health professional shortage area.
3. Ensure the continued course offerings for the appropriate academic preparation of premedical students for students in 1 and 2 above.
4. Advertise and make the Program accessible to all current premedical students.
5. Orient all incoming students to the Program. Such students will hereafter be identified as “pre-endorsed students”.
6. Permit students to self-identify for consideration for the Program.
7. Monitor the progress of and provide developmental opportunities for premedical students consistent with current practice.
8. Develop and implement the mechanism to endorse those premedical students who have participated in or have met the developmental portion of the Program and who evidence the strong potential to be medical practitioners in keeping with the mission of MSU-CHM. University of Michigan-Dearborn shall endorse only those students who meet the requirements for admission to MSU-CHM.
9. Provide the opportunity for endorsed premedical students to conduct research at their home college or an associated institution.
10. Grant a baccalaureate degree to each pre-endorsed and endorsed student upon successful completion of graduation requirements.

MSU-CHM agrees to consider premedical students receiving the endorsement from University of Michigan-Dearborn for the Program. Specifically, MSU-CHM agrees to:
1. 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 MCAT score of 500.
2. Accept for review American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) -equivalent application information submitted by endorsed these undergraduate premedical students in their junior year or credit level equivalent to junior year or above.
3. Waive secondary application fees for endorsed students applying to the Program.
4. Accept for review MSU-CHM secondary application information materials submitted by endorsed premedical students.
5. Invite for an admissions interview in accordance with the timeline any endorsed premedical students that MSU-CHM deems qualified and most competitive for admission according to provisions of the Program.
6. Present the interviewed endorsed students to the CHM Committee on Admissions. MSU-CHM admissions committee shall make admissions decisions in its sole discretion.
7. Notify those endorsed students selected for admission of acceptance to MSU-CHM in accordance with the timeline.
8. Communicate each admitted student’s Early Admission status to AMCAS.
9. Reserve 2-3 positions for endorsed premedical students to be admitted to MSU-CHM through the Program.
10. Grant the Doctor of Medicine degree to students who successfully complete the MSU-CHM requirements for graduation.
11. Participate with University of Michigan-Dearborn in marketing the Program.

MSU-CHM and the University of Michigan-Dearborn agree to the following criteria for students:
To be eligible for endorsement in the Program, students shall:
1. Demonstrate an active interest in and knowledge of medicine through 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. Meet minimum academic standards to be considered for admission as specified in this agreement.
4. Evidence leadership through participation in extra-curricular, academic, research, organizational, volunteer, employment activities.
5. Complete an academic major of their choice.
6. Demonstrate the professional behavior expectations of competence, honesty, compassion, respect for others, and responsibility in their academic, clinical and volunteer experiences.

The endorsed students shall:
1. 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.
2. Complete all medical school prerequisites as detailed by CHM.
3. Provide MSU-CHM with transcripts reflecting all college courses and credits.
4. Complete secondary essays and submit AMCAS equivalent information to MSU-CHM.
5. Submit letters of evaluation and recommendation as required by the MSU-CHM admission process.
6. Participate in a MSU-CHM Admission Interview Day.
7. 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 reject the offer of Early Assurance admission and apply to MSU-CHM as well as other medical schools as a regular applicant.
8. If admitted and choosing to attend MSU-CHM, submit an AMCAS application indicating the MSU-CHM Early Assurance Program acceptance in accordance with time guidelines set by MSU-CHM.
9. Meet Technical Standards as in place for their MSU-CHM entering class.
10. Submit to any criminal background check as in place for their MSU-CHM entering class.
11. Submit to any drug testing that may be in place for their MSU-CHM entering class.
12. Meet any other pre-matriculation expectations in place for their year of matriculation.
13. Be eligible for scholarships, dual or combined degree, or any special program offerings, benefits or accommodations as available for their MSU-CHM entering class.

Program Publicity:
Both institutions agree 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 both MSU-CHM and University of Michigan-Dearborn 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 either institution with sixty (60) day advance notice.
Attachment A – Development of Students

University of Michigan-Dearborn agrees to identify and develop students who plan to apply to the Program. Specifically:

Step I: University of Michigan-Dearborn Marketing and Recruitment:
1. Identify, market, and recruit high school students who meet the requirements of the Program for consideration.
2. Utilize various departments and other appropriate sources to identify, market, and recruit targeted students.
3. Conduct outreach activities with a variety of affiliated organizations to identify, market, and recruit targeted students.

Step II: University of Michigan-Dearborn Advising and Support:
1. Offer information, seminars and/or workshops aimed at informing and recruiting premedical students who may be interested in the Program especially those who reside in areas that meet the Program criteria.
2. Offer seminars and/or workshops aimed at serving geographic locations that meet the Program criteria.
3. Develop volunteer partnerships with local underserved or rural health clinics for Pre-endorsed premedical students.
4. Collaborate with existing student services and organizations to establish local premedical student outreach opportunities.
5. Identify relevant internship opportunities for Pre-endorsed premedical students.
6. Provide encouragement to premedical students who are interested in being considered for endorsement to complete non-science coursework that supports the intent of the program.

Step III: Endorsed students who accept the offer of early assurance admission to MSU CHM will have oversight of their academic progress and their participation in activities developed or offered by University of Michigan-Dearborn or MSU-CHM, such as:
1. Volunteer/service learning program/activities targeted to the rural and/or underserved population or other areas of need.
2. Guest Lectures at MSU-CHM or an affiliated hospital site.
3. Shadow grand rounds at MSU-CHM or an affiliate hospital site.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Agreement as of this—

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN–DEARBORN

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3.25.19

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APPROVED AS TO FORM
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