

Letter of Commitment

This document shall serve as a letter of commitment between the University of Health Sciences-College of Osteopathic Medicine, hereinafter referred to as UHS, and Central Methodist College, hereinafter referred to as CMC. In an effort to provide a mutually beneficial experience for students interested in osteopathic medicine, UHS and CMC have agreed to enter into the "UHS Partners Program".

According to the Partners Program, UHS and CMC agree to the following:

- 1) UHS will reserve two first year seats per year, beginning in the fall of 2000 for CMC students taking part in the Partners Program. Initial selections for the program will be made in the fall of 1998.
- 2) Selections for the Partners Program will be made based upon the following:
 - a. ACT Score (minimum of 26)
 - b. Freshmen year academic performance
 - c. Community service
 - d. Undergraduate and high school activities
 - e. Knowledge of and dedication to the field of osteopathic medicine
- 3) Selection shall be made by the CMC pre-med committee. A member of the UHS admissions committee shall serve on such selection committee.
- 4) During the summer between a student's sophomore and junior year, UHS shall conduct a five-day med-prep course. This course will include sessions on study skills, time management, medical terminology, the medical environment, the medical curriculum, short courses in anatomy and biochemistry and will also include a clinical experience. Attendance is mandatory.
- 5) The MCAT will not be required for admission through the Partners Program.
- 6) Students selected for the Partners Program must take the following courses:
 - a. Biological sciences 15 hours
 (3 of which must be Genetics)
 - b. Organic chemistry 8 hours
 (4 of which must be Biochemistry)
 - c. Inorganic Chemistry 8 hours
 - d. Physics 8 hours
 - e. English Composition 6 hours
- 7) Additional coursework in relevant topics offered by CMC and agreed to by UHS i.e., Anatomy, Physiology, Histology.
- 8) In order to remain in the program, students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.25 and a science coursework GPA of 3.5, both on a 4 point scale. Failure to maintain such average will result in the dismissal of the student from the program. Forfeited positions cannot be replaced.
- 9) All students selected for the Partners Program are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner and are subject to the rules and standards of conduct set out in the UHS student handbook.

- 10) Students selected for the Partners Program will matriculate to UHS as full-time first-year students following their junior year at CMC. They will receive their bachelors degree from CMC following the successful completion of their first-year at UHS.
- 11) Students selected for the Partners Program must complete a minimum of 90 hours of coursework at CMC before matriculation to UHS.

This agreement may be canceled at any time, by either party, providing that any student selected for the Partners Program and enrolled in the program at the time of such cancellation has the right to continue in the program, abiding by all rules mentioned above.

This agreement takes effect on the date signed.

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