

## **PARTNER PROGRAM**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Based upon a mutual respect for the integrity of parallel academic programs and in an effort to better serve students intending to pursue a career in osteopathic medicine, Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences-College of Osteopathic Medicine (hereinafter referred to as KCU-COM) and Central Methodist University hereby enter into an agreement for the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences-College of Osteopathic Medicine Partners Program. This agreement will define course work to be completed before matriculating into KCU-COM, special terms of admission into KCU-COM, and special criteria for the awarding of the baccalaureate degree to participating students.

#### **Objectives of the Agreement:**

- To attract and recruit qualified students to Central Methodist University and KCU-COM.
- To facilitate the transition of students from Central Methodist University to KCU-COM.
- To encourage academic and administrative coordination between institutions and the exchange of evaluative information on the outcomes of the program with the goal of continual improvement.
- To provide specific advisement to students of Central Methodist University who intend to pursue professional study at KCU-COM.
- To provide qualified students the opportunity to complete the baccalaureate degree and the doctor of osteopathic medicine degree in seven years instead of eight.

### **INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT**

According to the Partners Program, KCU-COM and Central Methodist University agree to the following:

1. KCU-COM will reserve first year seats, beginning in the fall of 2016 for Central Methodist University students taking part in the Partners Program. Initial selections for the program will be made in the spring of 2015.
2. Selection of the students into the Partners Program will be based upon the following:
  - ACT Score (minimum of 28)
  - Freshman year academic performance
  - Community service
  - Undergraduate and high school activities
  - Knowledge of and dedication to the field of osteopathic medicine.
3. Initial selection shall be made by the Central Methodist University pre-med committee after their interview. The student will then be required to select an interview day at KCU-COM where he/she will participate in a full interview day. The Director of Admissions and the Associate Dean for Student Affairs will conduct all on campus interviews of Partner Program students and make a recommendation to the Admissions Committee.
4. During the summer after the student's junior year and before matriculation into KCU-COM, KCU-COM shall conduct a Summer Learning Enhancement Program (SLEP). This program will include sessions on study skills, time management, medical terminology, the medical curriculum, and basic science review. This program will run for three weeks and attendance is mandatory.
5. The MCAT will not be required for admission through the Partners Program.

6. Students selected for the Partners Program must have taken and completed the following courses with a grade of "C" or higher at their undergraduate institution:
  - Biological sciences 12 hours
  - Chemistry 13 hours
  - Biochemistry 3 hours (in addition to the 13 hours of chemistry)
  - Physics 8 hours
  - English composition and or/ Literature 6 hours
7. Additional coursework in relevant topics offered by Central Methodist University and agreed to by KCU-COM 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 at their undergraduate institution. Failure to maintain the required overall GPA and science coursework GPA may disqualify the student from continuing in the program. Forfeited positions may be replaced by a joint decision between KCU-COM and Central Methodist University.
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 forth in the KCU-COM Student Handbook.
10. Students selected for the Partners Program will matriculate into KCU-COM as full-time first-year students following their junior year at Central Methodist University. They will receive their bachelor's degree from Central Methodist University following the successful completion of their first-year at KCU-COM.
11. Students selected into the Partners Program must complete a minimum of 90 hours of coursework at Central Methodist University before matriculation into KCU-COM.
12. Upon graduating with their bachelor's degree, an official copy of the student's undergraduate transcript must be provided to the KCU-COM Registrar's Office

#### MUTUAL PROMOTION OF THE PARTNERS PROGRAM

Central Methodist University and KCU-COM both agree to encourage qualified students to participate in the "Partners Program" through advertisement and dissemination of information. The appropriate advisor at Central Methodist University will maintain a list of students actively pursuing the program with the intent to enroll at KCU-COM and will periodically inform the Office of Admissions at KCU-COM of the current list. Both institutions agree to promote the "Partners Program" in their recruitment activities and literature and to refer prospective students, when appropriate, to the other's Office of Admissions.

#### CONTINUATION AND TERMINATION OF COMMITMENT

This agreement shall be effective beginning fall 2016 through spring 2020 and 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.

Marc Hahn, D.O. \_\_\_\_\_  
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