



Guaranteed Interview Program
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Master of Education in Education Program
for Biomedical Science and Microbiology
OSU Center for Health Sciences –
College of Osteopathic Medicine

This Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”) establishes a Guaranteed Interview (“GI”) Program between Oklahoma State University – Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS), College of Osteopathic Medicine and Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) dated June 25, 2019.

The Guaranteed Interview Program guarantees Southwestern Oklahoma State University students who meet specified criteria in this Agreement that they will receive an interview for admission to the OSU-CHS College of Osteopathic Medicine. OSU-CHS will interview and assess the GI Program applicants on their personal characteristics, academic preparedness, commitment to rural and underserved populations, and other factors based on the same standards as traditional applicants.

To qualify for the GI Program, a student must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a permanent resident of the United States;
2. Have fulfilled the minimum required undergraduate coursework at the time of entry, including:
 - a. At least 90 semester hours and not less than 75% of the courses required for the Baccalaureate degree at a regionally accredited college or university;
 - b. Satisfactory completion of the following courses with no grade below “C” (2.0 on a 4.0 scale);

i. English	2 Semesters
ii. Biology with Lab	2 Semesters
iii. Physics	2 Semesters
iv. General Chemistry	2 Semesters
v. Organic Chemistry	2 Semesters

- c. Completion of at least one upper division (3000 – 4000 level) science course (3-5 courses strongly preferred) with no grade below a B (2.0 on a 4.0) scale;
 - d. A minimum overall 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale)
3. Fulfill the minimum required **graduate** coursework in the SWOSU Master Program:
 - a. Completion of a minimum of 13 semester hours of required BIOL/CHEM courses
 - b. Have maintained a minimum overall grade point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0) scale
4. Score at least a 498 on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT);
5. Successfully participated in a SWOSU Pre-Medical Advisory Professions Committee Interview process;
6. Submit an American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Services (AACOMAS) application by February 28;
7. Submit a supplemental/secondary application by March 30;
8. First time applicant to apply to the Guaranteed Interview Program;
9. Submit at least (3) letters of recommendation as part of the application including a letter from the SWOSU Pre-Medical Advisory Professions Committee, one letter from a SWOSU Biology or Chemistry graduate faculty and one letter from a physician, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine preferred; and
10. Meet the academic requirements specified in Exhibit A: *Academic Requirements*.

Students who meet these requirements will be eligible for the GI Program. Students must check the appropriate box on their secondary/supplemental application to indicate that they have met the GI Program requirements. This Agreement guarantees an interview for admission to OSU-COM to students from Southwestern Oklahoma State University Master Program who meet the listed requirements. This Agreement does not guarantee qualifying students from SWOSU Master Program admission to the OSU-COM. Following an in-person interview, the Chair of the Admissions Committee or Director of Admissions will notify applicants of the Admissions Committee's decision by May 1. At the end of the application cycle, the OSU-CHS College of Osteopathic Medicine will either accept the applicant for admission or invite the applicant to apply for admission in a later application cycle as a traditional (i.e., non-GI Program) applicant.

OSU-COM reserves the right to periodically review the Agreement and recommend changes as deemed necessary. In the event OSU-COM makes recommendations, SWOSU will have thirty (30) days to accept or reject the proposed changes. Agreements will be reviewed annually for any updates on the academic requirements for approval. Agreed-upon changes to the Agreement will become effective for the upcoming undergraduate class for the following academic year.

For the current application cycle, Southwestern Oklahoma State University may make adjustments on the academic plans on a case-by-case basis with the mutual agreement of both

parties, to include the Assistant Dean for Enrollment Management at OSU-COM and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

Both parties have the right to terminate the Agreement at any time with (30) days' notice. *Exhibit A: Academic Requirements* is hereby incorporated by reference. Applicants may only qualify for the GI Program for one application cycle. Applicants may apply as a GI applicant during their final year at SWOSU or within six months following graduation.

Exhibit A: Academic Requirements
Master of Education in Education for Biomedical Science and Microbiology
(Non-Certification Track)

To qualify for the Guaranteed Interview Program, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS) and Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) agree that applicants must complete the following academic requirements:

1. Prerequisites for admission
 - Bachelor degree in Biological Sciences, Microbiology, Chemistry, Health Sciences or related fields

2. Required Professional Education Core (9-12 credit hours)
 - EDUC 5113 Introduction to Research
 - COUN 5513 Introduction to Counseling and Guidance
 - EDPSY 5723 Advanced Psychology of Learning
 - SECED 5833 Teaching in Secondary School (Option for non-certified track)

3. Required courses (20 – 23 Hours)
 - A. Take at least (1) 5000 level course from the list
 - B. Students should submit a proposed Graduate Plan to the Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences prior to enrollment
 - BIOL 5501-4 Independent Studies in Biological Sciences
 - BIOL 5021-4 Special Topics in Biomedical Sciences
 - BIOL 5031-4 Special Topics in Microbiology
 - BIOL 4154 Developmental Biology
 - BIOL 4213 Immunology
 - BIOL 4284 Parasitology
 - BIOL 4343 Applied Microbiology

- BIOL 4464 Pathogenic Microbiology
- BIOL 4463 Virology
- BIOL 4503 Microbial Physiology
- BIOL 4523 Environmental Microbiology
- BIOL 4703 Infectious Disease Epidemiology
- BIOL 4864 Human Genetics
- BIOL 4914 General and Comparative Physiology
- BIOL 4935 Cell and Molecular Biology
- BIOL 4944 Neuroscience
- BIOL 4974 Histology
- CHEM 4124 Biochemistry
- CHEM 4673 Advanced Metabolism

4. Capstone Experience

- EDUC 5950 Graduate Capstone Experience (must be completed during final semester). See Biological Sciences faculty for options.