



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) for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The Guaranteed Interview Program guarantees that SWOSU students who meet specified criteria in this Agreement will be invited for an interview with the Admissions Committee 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, and other factors based on the same standards as traditional applicants.

To be eligible for the GI Program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a permanent resident of the United States;
- Fulfill the minimum required undergraduate coursework at the time of entry, including:
 - 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;
 - Satisfactory completion of the following courses with no grade below “C” (2.0 on a 4.0 scale);

▪ English	2 Semesters
▪ Biology with Lab	2 Semesters
▪ Physics	2 Semesters
▪ General Chemistry	2 Semesters
▪ Organic Chemistry	2 Semesters

- Complete 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;
- Achieve a minimum overall 3.5-grade point average (on a 4.0 scale)
- Fulfill the minimum required **graduate** coursework in the SWOSU Master Program:
 - Complete a minimum of 13 semester hours of required BIOL/CHEM courses
 - Maintained a minimum overall grade point average of 3.5 (on a 4.0) scale
- Fulfill the academic requirements specified in Exhibit A: Academic Requirements. Concurrent enrollment and AP credits will be accepted;
- Score a minimum of 502 on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT);
- Participate in the SWOSU Pre-Medical Advisory Professions Committee Interview process;
- Provide a letter of recommendation from the SWOSU Pre-Medical Advisory Professions Committee and a letter from a SWOSU Biology or Chemistry graduate faculty;
- Submit an American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Services (AACOMAS) application by February 28;
- Submit a supplemental/secondary application by March 30;
- Students must have at least 500 hours of health-related setting at the time of application; and
- First-time applicant to apply to the Guaranteed Interview Program.

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 and they are applying to the GI Program. This Agreement guarantees an interview for admission to OSU-CHS College of Osteopathic Medicine to students from the SWOSU Master Program who meet the listed requirements. This Agreement does not guarantee qualifying students from SWOSU Master Program admission to the OSU-CHS College of Osteopathic Medicine. Following an in-person interview, a member of the Admissions Committee or the Director of Admissions will notify applicants of the Admissions Committee's decision by the May following the applicant's interview.

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 as a traditional applicant in a later application cycle. Applicants may apply during their final year at SWOSU or within six months following graduation. Applicants may only qualify for the GI Program for one application cycle.

OSU-CHS and SWOSU reserve the right to review the Agreement and recommend changes as deemed necessary periodically. If OSU-CHS makes recommendations for change(s), SWOSU will have thirty (30) days to accept or reject the proposed changes. Agreements will be reviewed annually for any updates on the degree plans and 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, SWOSU may adjust the academic plans on a case-by-case basis with the mutual agreement of both parties, including the Assistant Dean for Enrollment Management at OSU-CHS and the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at SWOSU.

OSU-CHS and SWOSU understand and agree that SWOSU or OSU-CHS shall have the right to terminate the MOU, in whole but not in part, without penalty or expense, at the end of any fiscal year if SWOSU, OSU-CHS, or the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma or other appropriate governmental entity fails to allocate sufficient funds to SWOSU or OSU-CHS respectively, for payments required or activities contemplated under this MOU.

OSU-CHS and SWOSU understand and agree that nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver of either parties' sovereign immunity.

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's 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 before 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 the final semester). See Biological Sciences faculty for options.