

Freshman Med Bound Program MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OSU Center for Health Sciences – College of Osteopathic Medicine

This Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement") establishes the Freshman Med Bound Program between Oklahoma State University (OSU) and Oklahoma State University - Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS), College of Osteopathic Medicine for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The Freshman Med Bound Program offers a unique opportunity for students to streamline their pre-doctoral medical training. By completing three years of undergraduate education at OSU and four years of medical education at OSU-CHS College of Osteopathic Medicine, students can earn their medical degree in seven years. Students apply to the Freshman Med Bound Program in the fall semester of their freshman year at OSU. After meeting the academic requirements outlined in the student's assigned OSU Academic Catalog for the approved majors and completing the first year of medical school at OSU-CHS, OSU will award an undergraduate degree to students accepted in the Freshman Med Bound Program.

Eligibility requirements for applicants to the Freshman Med Bound Program:

- Achieve at least a 3.8 grade point average (GPA) in high school;
- Graduate from high school in the prior twelve months;
- Enroll as a full-time student at OSU in an approved Freshman Med Bound major (approved list below);
- Submit an ACT or SAT score
 - Achieve an ACT score of at least 28 (or a Scholastic Assessment Test [SAT] score of at least 1300 without writing portion)
 - OSU will only accept the official super score provided by ACT for both admission and scholarship consideration
- Submit a Freshman Med School Bound Application through the OSU-CHS College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) website by October 1;
- Submit two letters of recommendation from high school or college instructors of courses in which academic credit was earned by October 15;
- Participate in an interview with the OSU-CHS Admissions Committee during the fall semester of their freshman year at OSU.

<u>Approved Freshman Med Bound Majors at OSU-Stillwater (College Alphabetical Order):</u> College of Arts & Sciences

- B.S. Biochemistry
- B.S. Biology: Pre-Medical Sciences
- B.S. Microbiology/Cell and Molecular Biology: Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental
- B.S. Physiology: Pre-Medical Sciences
- B.S. Zoology: Pre-Medical Sciences

College of Education and Human Sciences

• B.S. Nutritional Sciences: Human Nutrition/Pre-Medical Sciences

Ferguson College of Agriculture

- BSAG Animal Science: Pre-Veterinary/Pre-Medical
- BSAG Agribusiness: Pre-Veterinary Business Management
- BSAG Biochemistry and Molecular Biology: Pre-Medical or Pre-Veterinary Science
- BSAG Entomology: Pre-Professional

Following an in-person interview, a member of the Admissions Committee and the Assistant Director of Admissions will notify applicants of the admission decision by January 1, 2026. The applicant will be granted provisional acceptance into the Freshman Med Bound Program or be invited to apply for admission through an alternate program or as a traditional student in a later application cycle. OSU-CHS is not required to admit any certain number of Freshman Med Bound Program applicants.

If provisionally accepted by OSU-CHS to the Freshman Med Bound Program, the following courses are <u>required</u> to be in process or completed by the end of the student's junior year:

- English, 2 semesters;
- Biology, 2 semesters (including laboratory);
- General Chemistry, two semesters;
- Physics, two semesters;
- Organic Chemistry, two semesters;
- At least one upper-division (3000-4000) level science course (although 3-5 are preferred), including but not limited to:
 - Human Anatomy or Comparative Anatomy;
 - Biochemistry;
 - Microbiology;
 - Molecular Biology;
 - Histology;
 - Cellular Biology;
 - Embryology; or
 - Physiology.

All mathematics courses are required for each major.

Students must meet with their OSU Academic Advisor to review the Academic Catalog for the approved Freshman Med Bound major to ensure the academic requirements for their undergraduate degree and the Freshman Med Bound Program are met before matriculating to OSU-CHS.

Students will be assigned a student mentor who is currently enrolled at OSU-COM. This mentor will help the accepted student navigate pre-medical undergraduate education and prepare for medical school.

Students must fulfill the following requirements to maintain their acceptance:

- Maintain a cumulative 3.5 GPA and a 3.5 science GPA while enrolled at OSU;
- Submit an American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS) application by September 1 of their junior year;
- Submit a qualifying score of at least 492 on the MCAT by July 1 of their junior year;
- Complete all remaining undergraduate coursework required for the approved Freshman Med Bound major by the spring semester of their junior year;
- Submit a verification form to the OSU-CHS Admissions Committee confirming that they will meet the academic requirements from OSU and OSU-CHS to earn their bachelor's degree after their first year at OSU-CHS. This form must be completed by the student and verified by the Pre-Health Advisor or Academic Advisor at the time of application;
- Complete at least 500 hours participating in a health-related setting before matriculation at OSU-COM;
- Participate in Freshman Med School Bound program activities before matriculation to OSU-COM;
- Students must earn at least 60 credit hours at OSU;
 - 30 hours completed at OSU with 15 of the final 30 hours or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- Apply for graduation to Oklahoma State University by April 1 to be included in the spring commencement ceremony as a summer graduate. The bachelor's degree will not be conferred until the summer, but students may participate in commencement in May.
- Submit the Request for Transfer of Graduate Coursework for Undergraduate Credit form to the OSU Office of the Registrar;
- Submit final and official transcripts to OSU-CHS in May to demonstrate the completion of the
 academic requirements for the approved major and final verification by the student's
 Academic Advisor at the end of the spring semester of their junior year to
 osucomadmissions@okstate.edu; and
- OSU-COM reserves the right to revoke admission to a Freshman Med Bound Program to any student with student conduct, Title IX, or similar violations.

Note: The Pre-Professional Health & Law Support Services office must coordinate with the OSU-Stillwater major advisor of the Freshman Med Bound candidate to verify:

1. The student is in good student conduct;

- 2. The student has met the overall and science GPA requirements; and
- 3. The student has made satisfactory progress toward completing outlined in the Academic Catalog for the student's major.

After completing the first year of medical school at OSU-CHS and before enrolling in courses for the second year of medical school, Freshman Med Bound Program students must submit a final, official transcript from OSU-CHS detailing all coursework from OSU-CHS after the first completed year of medical school and submit it to the undergraduate Registrar. While a student at OSU-CHS, the Freshman Med Bound Program students are subject to OSU-CHS policies and procedures.

OSU-CHS and OSU reserve the right to review the Agreement periodically and recommend changes as necessary. If OSU-CHS makes recommendations, OSU will have thirty (30) days to accept or reject the proposed changes. The Agreement will be reviewed annually for any updates on majors and academic requirements for approval. Agreed-upon modifications will become effective for the incoming undergraduate class.

For any current application cycle, OSU may adjust academic plans on a case-by-case basis with the mutual agreement of both parties, including the Associate Dean for Enrollment Management at OSU-CHS and all OSU-Stillwater Deans of Colleges with approved Freshman Med Bound majors.

Either program may terminate the Agreement with thirty (30) days' notice.

OSU-CHS and OSU understand and agree that OSU or OSU-CHS shall have the right to terminate the Agreement, in whole but not in part, without penalty or expense, at the end of any fiscal year if OSU, OSU-CHS, or the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma or other appropriate governmental entity fails to allocate sufficient funds to OSU or OSU-CHS respectively, for payments required or activities contemplated under this Agreement. OSU-CHS and OSU understand and agree that nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver of either party's sovereign immunity.