



3+1 Program
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
OSU Center for Health Sciences
College of Osteopathic Medicine

This Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”) establishes the 3+1 Program between Northeastern State University (NSU) and Oklahoma State University - Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS), College of Osteopathic Medicine dated July 16, 2020.

OSU-CHS seeks to admit students who desire to become primary care physicians in rural and underserved Oklahoma. The 3+1 Program allows students to complete their pre-doctoral medical training in seven years by completing three years of undergraduate education at NSU and four years of medical education at OSU-CHS in its Rural Medical Track (RMT). Students apply to the 3+1 Program during their sophomore year of college. After completing the first year of medical school and meeting the academic requirements for the approved 3+1 majors, Northeastern State University will award an undergraduate degree to students accepted in the 3+1 Program.

To qualify for the 3+1 Program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Have a strong desire to practice primary care medicine in rural or underserved Oklahoma;
- Complete three years of coursework at NSU Tahlequah or Broken Arrow, OR their first two years at Tulsa Community College (TCC), or Connors State College (CSC); Students must be concurrently enrolled in their sophomore year at NSU/TCC or NSU/Connors;
 - NSU will accept coursework completed at TCC or CSC according to the terms of their respective affiliation agreements;
- Complete their junior year at NSU Tahlequah or Broken Arrow in one of the approved 3+1 Program majors and meet the course requirements:
 - Cell and Molecular Biology
 - Chemistry with Biochemistry Option
 - Nutrition Sciences with Allied Health Option
 - Integrative Biology; or

- Psychology with Pre-Health minor.
- Achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least a 3.5 and at least 3.5 Science GPA at the time of application to OSU-CHS;
- NSU will accept concurrent enrollment and AP credit;
 - Science GPA will be calculated with the course subject categories defined by the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS);
- Complete 45 or more credit hours toward a bachelor's degree at the time of application to OSU-CHS;
- Submit a complete application for admission through American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS) by February 28 of sophomore year;
- Submit a complete secondary/supplemental application for admission by March 30 of sophomore year;
- If the applicant is enrolled at NSU at the time of application, the applicant is strongly encouraged to schedule an interview with the Pre-Health Advisory Committee (PAC) for a Committee Letter, and the applicant must also submit one letter from a physician (D.O. preferred);
- If the applicant is enrolled at TCC or CSC, the applicant can submit two faculty letters and one letter from a physician (D.O. preferred); and
- Conduct a personal interview with the OSU-CHS Interview Committee during the spring semester of sophomore year.

Students must meet with their Academic Advisor at TCC, CSC and NSU to create an academic plan for the approved 3+1 Program to ensure they will meet the requirements for their undergraduate degree and the 3+1 Program before matriculation to OSU-COM.

Students who meet these requirements will be eligible for the 3+1 Program. Students must check the appropriate box on their secondary/supplemental application to indicate they have met the 3+1 Program requirements. 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. The applicant will either be granted provisional early acceptance into the 3+1 Program or be invited to apply for admission as a traditional applicant in a later application cycle.

In order to maintain continued acceptance into the OSU-COM 3+1 Program, provisionally accepted students must satisfy the following requirements:

- Maintain an overall grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.5 and a science GPA of at least 3.5. GPA will be calculated at the time of application and upon completion of their undergraduate degree coursework before the student matriculates to OSU-CHS;

- Submit a qualifying score of at least a 492 on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) by April of their junior year;
- Complete all remaining undergraduate coursework required for the approved 3+1 major during their junior year at NSU;
- Request in May of Junior year transcripts from NSU indicating that the student has met all academic requirements for the 3+1 Degree Plan as specified by the applicable Northeastern State University undergraduate catalog; and
- Provide documentation stating any student violations or conduct issues that have occurred by May of junior year.

After completing the first year of medical school at OSU-CHS and before enrolling in courses for the second year of medical school, 3+1 Program students must:

- Apply for graduation to Northeastern State University by January 15 to be included in the spring commencement ceremony as a summer graduate. Students will not officially graduate in May until the degree is conferred in the summer, but students can participate in commencement.

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

For the current application cycle, OSU 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 Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at NSU.

Both programs have the right to terminate the Agreement at any time with thirty (30) days' notice.

Exhibit A: Academic Requirements

To qualify for the 3+1 Program, at the time of application, applicants must complete or be in the process of completing the following academic pre-requisites for 3+1 Program consideration. This does not include coursework that is required by the undergraduate institution for their selected major.

Freshmen Year

Biology I and II with labs

Chemistry I and II

Composition I and II

Sophomore Year

Organic Chemistry I and II

Physics I and II

Upper Division Science

Junior Year

Consult with NSU Pre-Health Advisor for academic requirements for degree plan to graduate