Guaranteed Interview Program

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
OSU Center for Health Sciences –
College of Osteopathic Medicine

The Guaranteed Interview Program guarantees Northeastern State University students who meet specified criteria in this Agreement that they will receive 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, 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:
   - English: Two Semesters
   - Biology with lab: Two Semesters
   - Physics: Two Semesters
   - General Chemistry: Two Semesters
   - Organic Chemistry: Two Semesters
   - Satisfactory completion of at least one upper division (3000-4000) level science course (3-5 courses strongly preferred) with no grade below a “C” (2.0 on a 4.0 scale).
3. Maintain an overall 3.5 grade point average (GPA) and 3.5 GPA in all science coursework;
4. Score a minimum of 500 on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT);
5. Participate in the NSU Pre-Health Advisory Professions Committee Interview process;
6. Submit two letters of recommendation as part of the application including a letter from the NSU Pre-Health Advisory Committee and one letter from a physician (D.O. preferred);
7. Complete a Baccalaureate degree before matriculation to OSU-CHS College of Osteopathic Medicine;
8. Submit a complete application for admission through the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Services (AACOMAS) by February 28;
9. Submit a complete supplemental/secondary application for admission by March 30; and
10. 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 supplemental/secondary application to indicate that they have met the GI Program requirements. This Agreement guarantees an interview for admission to OSU-COM to students from NSU who meet the listed requirements. This Agreement does not guarantee qualifying students from NSU admission to 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 during the following 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 for change(s), NSU will have thirty (30) days to accept or reject the proposed changes. Agreements will be reviewed annually for any updates on 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 any current application cycle, Northeastern State University may make adjustments in 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 Dean of the College of Science and Health Professions at NSU.

Both parties have the right to terminate the Agreement at any time with (30) days’ notice. Applicants may only qualify for the GI Program for one application cycle. Applicants may apply as a GI applicant during their final year at NSU or within six months following graduation.