

Articulation Agreement

**Bay Mills Community College,
Lake Superior State University,
and
Michigan State University
for the
MSU College of Human Medicine Early Assurance Program**

Bay Mills Community College (BMCC), Lake Superior State University (LSSU), and Michigan State University (MSU) for its College of Human Medicine (CHM) agree to establish a cooperative program of premedical/medical education by which BMCC students who become undergraduate premedical students at LSSU shall be prepared and considered for an early assurance of admission to CHM through the MSU Early Assurance Program (Program). This agreement shall become effective on May 1, 2025.

Program Rationale:

The Program provides an enhanced opportunity for admission to medical school for premedical students who are interested in practicing in an underserved area of medicine. Preference for admission to the Program will be given to students who otherwise might not have access to or be familiar with the intricacies of premedical preparation and medical school application by virtue of being a first generation college student, graduating from a low income high school as defined by the United States Department of Education, being eligible or a recipient of an undergraduate PELL or institutional need-based grant, graduating from an underserved (health professional shortage) urban or rural area, and those who have demonstrated interest and familiarity with a high need medical service or specialty area. By cooperatively identifying and developing such students BMCC, LSSU, and MSU-CHM will make a substantial contribution to the diversity and cultural competence of the physician work force of the future and to the Michigan health care community. See <https://mdadmissions.msu.edu/programs/eap.html> for more details.

Responsibilities:

BMCC agrees to engage in broad-based outreach to identify, recruit, and develop potential premedical students (students) eligible for consideration in the Program and to monitor the progress of these students to ensure their continued qualification for the Program. Specifically, BMCC agrees to:

1. Offer recruitment events/seminars and/or workshops aimed at informing students who may be interested in the Program
2. Advertise and make the Program accessible to all current potential students at BMCC
3. Identify and engage BMCC students who are first generation college students, graduates from low-income high schools, PELL or institutional need-based grant eligible or recipient, graduate of an underserved (health professional shortage) urban or rural area high school, likely to practice in an underserved urban or rural location or demonstrate interest in a high need medical specialty in a health professional shortage area

4. Make MSU and CHM academic, non-academic, and experiential premedical expectations (as communicated by MSU and/or CHM) known to students
5. Ensure continued course offerings for the appropriate academic preparation of students, for transfer to LSSU for continued premedical preparation
6. Monitor the progress of and facilitate developmental opportunities for students consistent with current practice and informed by MSU-CHM advising
7. Facilitate engagement between students and MSU-CHM advising and other developmental opportunities

LSSU agrees to engage in outreach to BMCC to enhance the development of students, identify and engage students subsequent to their transfer to LSSU under LSSU's admission criteria to support their success. Specifically, LSSU agrees to:

1. Communicate with BMCC regarding transfer expectations and transferable premedical courses
2. Invite BMCC student participation in MSU-CHM activities that develop/enrich pre-medical students
3. Identify and offer advising and academic support to transfer students who are first generation college students, graduates from low-income high schools, PELL or institutional need-based grant eligible or recipient, graduate of an underserved (health professional shortage) urban or rural area high school, likely to practice in an underserved urban or rural location or demonstrate interest in a high need medical specialty in a health professional shortage area
4. Ensure the continued course offerings for the on-going appropriate academic preparation of BMCC students to transfer to LSSU
5. Permit BMCC students to self-identify for consideration as a pre-endorsed student for the Program
6. Monitor the progress of and provide developmental opportunities for pre-endorsed premedical students consistent with current practice
7. Permit LSSU pre-endorsed students to participate without prejudice in the mechanism to endorse those premedical students
8. LSSU shall endorse only those students who meet the requirements for application as established by MSU-CHM
9. Grant a baccalaureate degree to each pre-endorsed and endorsed student upon successful completion of LSSU graduation requirements

MSU-CHM agrees to work with BMCC in the development of students and to consider premedical students receiving the endorsement of BMCC and LSSU for the Program. Specifically, MSU-CHM agrees to:

1. At the BMCC level:
 - a. Assist BMCC efforts to increase awareness of MSU-CHM and the feasibility of medical education for local BMCC students
 - b. Include BMCC program participation information to the MSU-CHM Admissions website
 - c. Work collaboratively with BMCC premedical advisors
 - d. Make MSU-CHM advising resources known to BMCC students
 - e. Offer professional development for BMCC advising faculty

- f. Enhance engagement by local physicians and health systems as they provide opportunities to local students who may return to the community
 - g. Invite student participation in CHM activities that develop/enrich pre-medical students both at MSU and in the nearest community campus
 - h. Participate with BMCC in marketing the Program
 - i. Work collaboratively with BMCC to identify students who may be eligible for MSU-CHM generated scholarships, awards, and developmental experiences
2. At the LSSU undergraduate level:
- a. Participate with LSSU in marketing the Program
 - b. Work collaboratively with LSSU to identify any student who may be eligible for MSU-CHM generated scholarships, awards, and developmental experiences
 - c. Make recruitment visits to LSSU
 - d. Communicate Program guidelines and timelines to LSSU advising personnel
 - e. Review in accordance with the timeline all endorsed premedical students who meet the minimum academic standards of a 3.0 overall GPA, 3.0 science GPA, and a minimum 500 MCAT composite score, with each of the subsection scores being equal to or greater than 125
 - f. Accept for review American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) equivalent application information submitted by endorsed LSSU premedical students prior to completion of their first baccalaureate degree
 - g. Waive secondary application fees for endorsed LSSU premedical students applying to the Program
 - h. Accept for review MSU-CHM secondary application information materials submitted by endorsed BMCC/LSSU premedical students
 - i. Invite for an admissions interview in accordance with the timeline any endorsed BMCC/LSSU premedical students that MSU-CHM deems qualified and most competitive for admission according to provisions of the Program
 - j. Present all interviewed endorsed students to the CHM Committee on Admissions. The MSU-CHM admissions committee shall make admissions decisions in its sole discretion
 - k. Notify those endorsed students selected for admission of acceptance to MSU-CHM in accordance with the timeline
 - l. Communicate each admitted student's Early Admission status to AMCAS
 - m. Grant the Doctor of Medicine degree to students who successfully complete the MSU-CHM requirements for graduation

To be eligible for the Program, BMCC/LSSU students shall:

1. Demonstrate an active interest in and knowledge of medicine through:
 - a. participation in the BMCC/LSSU premedical clubs and activities.
 - b. obtaining direct experience with the delivery of health care through volunteering, employment, and/or shadowing in medical/clinical settings
2. Demonstrate commitment to the service of humanity through consistent community service activities
3. Maintain regular contact with the premedical advisors during their time of study at BMCC and LSSU

4. Meet minimum academic standards to be considered for admission as specified in this agreement
5. Evidence leadership through participation in extra-curricular, academic, research, organizational, volunteer, employment activities
6. Complete an academic major of their choice
7. Demonstrate the professional behavior expectations of competence, honesty, compassion, respect for others, and responsibility in their academic, clinical and volunteer experiences
8. Subscribe to the mission of MSU-CHM to meet the needs of patients, families, and communities by providing medical care with respect and dignity with particular concern for and responsiveness to medically underserved populations and communities
9. Have significant experiences at BMCC with a minimum of 30 credit hours completed at BMCC
10. Complete remaining medical school prerequisites at LSSU. Transfer coursework from an institution other than BMCC may be accepted provided the courses completed at another institution are approved by both LSSU and MSU-CHM
11. Provide MSU-CHM with transcripts reflecting all college courses and credits
12. Complete MSU-CHM Program Application
13. Submit letters of evaluation and recommendation as required by the MSU-CHM admission process
14. Participate in an MSU-CHM Admission Interview Day if invited
15. Be allowed to accept or reject the offer of Early Assurance admission to MSU-CHM and, furthermore, to be considered for regular admission without prejudice should the student choose to decline the offer of Early Assurance admission and apply to MSU-CHM as well as other medical schools as a regular applicant
16. If admitted and choosing to attend CHM, submit an AMCAS application indicating the Program acceptance in accordance with time guidelines set by MSU-CHM
17. Maintain or improve their GPA and follow through on planned courses and activities unless changed are agreed to by MSU-CHM
18. Meet technical standards in place for their MSU-CHM entering class
19. Submit to MSU-CHM any criminal background check as in place for their MSU-CHM entering class
20. Submit to MSU-CHM any drug testing that may be in place for their MSU-CHM entering class
21. Meet any other pre-matriculation expectations in place for their year of matriculation
22. Be eligible for scholarships, dual or combined degree, or any special program offerings, benefits or accommodations as available for their MSU-CHM entering class

Timeline and Program Implementation:

Beginning on the effective date of this agreement:

- Marketing and recruitment: On-going
- BMCC/LSSU premedical students intending to matriculate in 2025 and beyond are eligible for endorsement according to the conditions of the Program
- BMCC/LSSU endorsement of students: Winter of the *application* year, junior year or one year prior to graduation with first baccalaureate degree
- BMCC/LSSU notification to MSU-CHM of endorsed premedical students: Spring of the application year

- Endorsed students who are invited for interview will have the interview completed by April 30 of the application year
- MCAT: Endorsed students will need to take the MCAT no later than the June date specified by MSU-CHM for their application year
- Notification of admissions decision: June or early July of the application year
- Accepted students who accept admission to MSU-CHM will notify MSU-CHM and submit an AMCAS application designating the Program within two weeks of the offer of acceptance

Program Publicity:

Each institution agrees that all program materials, media releases, and interview comments concerning the Program shall be mutually approved prior to publication, release, or comment, which such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

Program Review:

The Program shall continue for three (3) years to April 30, 2028. Upon satisfactory review of the Program's conditions and effectiveness, the Program may be renewed through a new agreement or amendment. The Program may be suspended or revoked only upon written request by an institution with sixty (60) day advance notice to: MSU-CHM Assistant Dean for Admissions, an administrative representative from BMCC, and an administrative representative from LSSU. Should an institution provide a written request for suspension or revocation, any student currently in the program shall be permitted to continue.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the representatives of the parties below have the authority to execute this Agreement:

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