



Guaranteed Interview Program
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Masters of Biological Sciences – Health Science
OSU Center for Health Sciences –
College of Osteopathic Medicine

This Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”) establishes the Guaranteed Interview Program between East Central University (ECU) and Oklahoma State University - Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS), College of Osteopathic Medicine for the 2024-2025 academic year.

The Guaranteed Interview Program guarantees that ECU 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 GIP applicants based on the same standards as traditional applicants regarding their personal characteristics, academic preparedness, and other factors.

Eligibility requirements for applicants to the GI Program:

- Be a permanent resident of the United States;
- Achieve a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA);
- Score a minimum of 502 on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) at the time of application;
- Complete a baccalaureate degree before matriculation to OSU-CHS College of Osteopathic Medicine;
- Submit an American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS) application by February 28;
- Submit a supplemental/secondary application by March 30;
- Complete at least 500 hours in a health-related setting at the time of application;
- Meet the academic requirements specified in Attachment 1;
- Complete at least 500 hours in a health-related setting at the time of application; and
- Be a first-time applicant to the Guaranteed Interview Program.

Students must check the appropriate box on their secondary/supplemental application to indicate that they are applying for the GI Program. This Agreement guarantees an interview for admission to OSU-CHS College of Osteopathic Medicine to students from ECU who meet the listed requirements. This Agreement does not guarantee qualifying students from ECU admission to the OSU-CHS College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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 May 1, 2025. The applicant will either be granted admission or will be invited to apply as a traditional applicant in a later application cycle. Applicants may apply during their final year at ECU or within six months following graduation. Applicants may only qualify for the GI Program for one application cycle.

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

For any current application cycle, ECU may adjust the 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, the Provost, and the Vice President for Academic Affairs at ECU.

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

OSU-CHS and ECU understand and agree that ECU 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 ECU, OSU-CHS, or the legislature of the State of Oklahoma or other appropriate governmental entity fails to allocate sufficient funds to ECU or OSU-CHS, respectively for payments required or activities contemplated under this Agreement. OSU-CHS and ECU understand and agree that nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver of either party's sovereign immunity.

Attachment 1

Additional Requirements for Guaranteed Interview for East Central University Students

- Baccalaureate degree at a regionally accredited college or university that included the following work:
 - Satisfactory completion of the following courses with no grade below "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale):

- English, 2 semesters
 - Biology, 2 semesters (including laboratory)
 - Physics, 2 semesters
 - General Chemistry, 2 semesters
 - Organic Chemistry, 2 semesters
 - At least one upper division (3000-4000) level science course
- Missing requirements can be remediated by co-enrollment in courses during work toward the Master in Biological Sciences but must be completed before applying to the GI Program.
- Fulfill the minimum required graduate coursework in the ECU Masters of Biological Sciences – Health Sciences program:
 - Complete a minimum of 13 semester hours of required BIOL courses listed in the master’s degree Plan in Exhibit A: Academic Requirements
 - Maintain a minimum overall 3.5-grade point average (GPA)
- Provide a letter of recommendation from the ECU Pre-Health Advisory Committee;
- Applicants may apply during any year enrolled as a master’s student at ECU; and
- Be a first-time applicant to the Guaranteed Interview Program.

**East Central University Academic Requirements for the GI Program
Master of Biological Sciences – Health Sciences Option
(Thesis or Non-Thesis Track)**

1. Pre-requisites for admission

Bachelor’s degree in Biological Sciences, Microbiology, Chemistry, Public Health or related fields

2. Beyond the Core Curriculum, the following Master’s in Biological Sciences—Health Sciences Concentration Track Courses are eligible for the 13 hours required to apply to the Guaranteed Interview Program.

- BIOL 5245 Advanced Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
- BIOL 5433 Human Genetics
- BIOL 5623 Medical Biochemistry
- BIOL 5654 Histopathology
- BIOL 5683 Advanced Immunology
- BIOL 5123 Special Topics in Evolution
- BIOL 5313 Advanced Cell and Molecular Biology
- BIOL 5545 Advanced Molecular Biology
- BIOL 5563 Pathogenic Microbiology
- BIOL 5703 Advanced Biostatistics

- BIOL 5405 Advanced Techniques in Biotechnology