THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA
UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

PREAMBLE

The University of West Florida board of trustees, a Florida public body corporate, on behalf of its University of West Florida honors program (UWF Honors Program) and The University of South Florida board of trustees, a Florida public body corporate, on behalf of its university of south Florida college of medicine (USF College of Medicine) enter into this Agreement, in furtherance of the legislative intent of §1007.22, Florida Statutes, to facilitate the conduct of a medical education program between The Honors Program at The University of West Florida and the College of Medicine at The University of South Florida, which program shall be called The UWF Honors Program-USF College of Medicine Medical Education Program, hereafter known as The Program.

MISSION AND AIMS

The mission of The Program is to provide students interested in medicine with a sound baccalaureate foundation for medical education through a special curriculum and mentoring and a sound medical education with the appropriate technical and professional competencies.

The Aims of the Program are to:

1. Provide a rigorous educational program that combines an interdisciplinary Honors curriculum with science, math, communications skills, and requirements for the major, and
That leads to completion of the baccalaureate degree at UWF and culminates with conferral of a medical degree by USF.

2. Offer appropriate mentoring by UWF Honors Program faculty and staff and USF College of Medicine faculty and staff, including early contact with College of Medicine personnel.

3. Stimulate and encourage intellectual curiosity by engaging students in undergraduate research and providing them with adequate support and mentoring for such research.

4. Broaden the scope of personal and professional enrichment by providing appropriate resources, including a Pre-Collegiate program, MCAT preparation, and clinical experience.

**Program Profile**

Eligible freshmen who are admitted to The Honors Program at UWF and desire to pursue medical education will have an opportunity to receive guaranteed admission to the USF College of Medicine and complete a medical degree in seven or eight years, provided they continue to meet all the requirements of the program.

There will be two program tracks: 3 + 4, and 4 + 4. In the case of the first track, the first three years of study will be done at UWF, and the fourth year will be done in residence at USF as part of the first year of medical school. Students attending the USF College of Medicine during their fourth year of matriculation may transfer a maximum of 30 hours of course work taken at the College of Medicine toward their degrees at UWF, and UWF will confer a baccalaureate degree upon successful completion of the fourth year of study. USF will confer the Doctor of Medicine Degree at the successful completion of the program. As to the second track, students will complete the baccalaureate degree at UWF following the traditional model and then transfer to the College of Medicine.
Students applying for the accelerated (3+4) track will select Biology as their majors. Students applying for the 4+4 track will have a range of majors for selection, including Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, and Sociology.

The Honors Program will provide oversight of students’ progress in meeting Honors requirements and will coordinate overall completion of the first three years of the 3+4 track and the first four years of the 4+4 track. Students will receive advisement and schedule planning each semester from a department advisor and the Honors Program Pre-Medicine Advisor. The USF College of Medicine will provide oversight of the 4-year medical curricular component of the program.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

- Florida Residency as defined by the Office of Admissions
- SAT score of 1300 or ACT of 29
- Unweighted high school GPA of 3.7
- Admission to UWF and to The UWF Honors Program
- Completion of the College of Medicine Application with one letter of recommendation after admission to Honors.

**UWF PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

**General Requirements for Both Tracks**

- UWF GPA of not less than 3.5 in the sciences and overall at the end of the first year
- UWF GPA of not less than 3.6 in the sciences and overall at the end of the second year
- UWF GPA of not less than 3.7 in the sciences and overall at the end of the third year
- UWF GPA of not less than 3.7 in the sciences and overall at the end of the fourth year if in the 4+4 track
Submission of two letters of recommendation from UWF faculty and successful USF College of Medicine interview in May at the completion of the first year.

Satisfaction of the CLAST exam requirement by the beginning of the junior year for students in the 3+4 track and by the beginning of the senior year for students in the 4+4 track.

MCAT taken no later than September of the 3rd year with a minimum score of 30, and with no individual score of less than 8.

Completion of all Honors College requirements for conferral of the UWF degree through The Honors College.

**Overall Program Requirements**

As curricular revision is an ongoing process, the numbers or titles of courses listed below may change.

**Science Courses Required: Variable Credit Hours**

- **General Biological Science w/lab**
  - ZOO 1010, ZOO 1010 L (General Zoology, General Zoology Lab); 4 credits (or AP score of 5; IB credit will be evaluated individually)
  - BOT 2010, BOT 2010 L (General Botany General Botany Lab); 4 credits (or AP score of 5; IB credit will be evaluated individually)

- **Biological Science w/lab**
  - BSC 1085, BSC 1085 L, (Anatomy and Physiology 1 & Anatomy and Physiology 1 Lab); 4 credits
  - BSC 1086, BSC 1086 L, (Anatomy and Physiology 2 & Anatomy and Physiology 2 Lab); 4 credits; prerequisites: BSC 1085 and Lab
  - PCB 2131, PCB 2131 L, (Cell Biology, Cell Biology Lab); 4 credits; prerequisites: ZOO 1010, ZOO 1010L, BOT 2010, BOT 2010L
- MCB 3020, MCB 3020 L (Microbiology, Microbiology Lab); 4 Credits; Prerequisites: CHM 2045, CHM 2045L, CHM 2046, CHM 2046L

- **Genetics**
  - PCB 3063, PCB 3063 L (Genetics and Genetics Lab); 4 Credits; Prerequisites: PCB 2131, PCB 2131L, ZOO 1010, ZOO 1010L, CHM2210

- **Chemistry w/Lab**
  - CHM 2045, CHM 2045L; 4 credits (General Chemistry I, General Chemistry I Lab)
  - CHM 2046, CHM 2046L (General Chemistry II, Chemistry II Lab); 4 credits (or AP score of 5; IB credit will be evaluated individually)
  - CHM 2210, CHM 2210L (Organic Chemistry I, Organic Chemistry I with Lab); 4 Credits; Prerequisites: CHM 2046, CHM 2046L
  - CHM 2211, CHM 2211L (Organic Chemistry II, Organic Chemistry II Lab); 4 Credits; Prerequisites: CHM 2210, CHM 2210L

- **Biochemistry**
  - BCH 3033, BCH 3033L (Biochemistry, Biochemistry Lab); 4 Credits; Prerequisite: CHM 2210

- **Calculus**
  - MAC 2311 (Calculus I); 4 Credits; (or AP score of 5; IB credit will be evaluated individually)
  - MAC 2312 (Calculus II); 4 Credits; (or AP score of 5; IB credit will be evaluated individually)

- **Physics**
  - PHY 2048, PHY 2048L (General Physics I with Calculus, General Physics I with Calculus Lab); 4 credits; OR PHY 2053, PHY 2053L (Physics I without Calculus, General Physics I Lab); 4 credits; (or AP score of 5; IB credit will be evaluated individually)
• PHY 2049, PHY 2049L (Physics II with Calculus, Physics II with Calculus Lab); 5 credits; OR PHY 2054, PHY 2054L (Physics II without Calculus, General Physics II Lab); 4 credits; (or AP score of 5; IB credit will be evaluated individually)

UWF Honors Program Courses Required:
• LIT 1110 (Great Books 1); 3 credits
• Honors Elective 1; 3 credits
• Honors Elective 2; 3 credits
• IDH 403X (Honors Seminar in Biomedical Ethics); 3 credits
• IDH 403X (Honors Seminar); 3 credits
• IDH 4915 (Honors Research Project); 3 credits
• IDH 4970 (Honors Thesis); 3 credits

• Other Required Courses
  • SPC 2016 (Basic Communications Skills); 3 credits
  • STA 2023 (Elements of Statistics); 3 credits
  • STA 4173 (Biostatistics); 3 credits

Other Requirements
• Clinical Experience: completion of a minimum of 40 contact hours of approved clinical experience, such as service in an emergency room, physician’s office, or clinic. This should be completed during the second or the third year.
• Community Service: completion of 40 hours of community service. This could be done between the second and third years.
USF Program (4th Year for UWF Degree; 1st Year for College of Medicine Year in Residence)

Students must successfully complete all requirements of the medical school curriculum to graduate from the College of Medicine. Successful completion of the academic program of study contained within the first year medical curriculum is required for the completion of the UWF degree in the Accelerated (3 + 4) Program, and to continue in the medical program.

Curricular revision is an ongoing process at the USF College of Medicine, so the courses listed below may change. Based on the program of study for 2006-2007, the first academic year at the USF College of Medicine, should entail the following:

- BMS 5007-The Professions of Medicine 4 Credit Hours
- BMS 6205 Molecular Medicine 7 Credit Hours
- BMS 6821 Medical Ethics and Humanities 2 Credit Hours
- BMS 6100 Human Anatomy 10 Credit Hours
- BMS 6500 Physiology 4 Credit Hours
- BMS 5190 Imaging for Anatomy 1 Credit Hours
- BMS 6941 Longitudinal Clinical Experience I 5 Credit Hours
- BMS 6920 Colloquium 1 Credit Hours
- BMS 6830 Physical Diagnosis 4 Credit Hours
- BMS 6020 Medical Neuroscience 4 Credit Hours
- BMS 6840 Behavioral Medicine 3 Credit Hours

The 4 + 4 Track

Students may elect to complete their undergraduate education in four years at UWF. After securing their baccalaureate degree, they would then enter the USF College of Medicine. Students selecting this option must complete the same
requirements as outlined in the Accelerated Program. However, they also have the opportunity to take more advanced coursework, and become involved in additional research activities. By adding the fourth year, students also have a larger choice of majors than those available through the 3 + 4 Track. Students in the 3 + 4 Track may elect to choose this option at any point prior to October 31 of the third year.

**Terms of Agreement**

1. This Agreement shall take effect immediately upon date of last signature of the appropriate officials of both parties.
2. It shall remain in effect for Five (5) years and be automatically renewed thereafter for additional one-year periods unless either party provides the other with written notice of intent to terminate, such notice being received at least one hundred and twenty (120) days preceding the intended termination date.
3. In the event of termination, UWF Honors Program and USF College of Medicine shall give already enrolled students the opportunity to complete this program.
4. Any proposed changes or amendments to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by the appropriate officials of the USF College of Medicine and the UWF Honors College.
5. This Agreement is subject to change at any time due to actions of the Florida Legislature, the Florida Board of Governors, or the Boards of Trustees of the University of West Florida or the University of South Florida.