



3+1 Program
Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
College of Osteopathic Medicine
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”) confirms the 3+1 Program between East Central University (ECU) and Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS) College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) commencing with the 2026–2027 academic year and continuing in effect for successive academic years thereafter, unless amended or terminated in writing by either party.

The 3+1 Program offers students a unique opportunity to complete their undergraduate and medical education in seven years by completing three years of undergraduate education at ECU and four years of medical education at OSU-CHS.

After consulting with their Academic Advisor to confirm academic progress, eligible students may apply to the 3+1 Program during the summer/fall semester of their junior year. If provisionally accepted, students will be eligible to receive their bachelor’s degree after meeting all academic requirements outlined in the ECU Course Catalog (the “University Course Catalog”) and successfully completing their first year of medical school at OSU-CHS.

Eligibility Requirements at the Time of Application

Students must:

- Be a permanent U.S. resident
- Complete at least 500 hours in health-related settings
- Achieve a cumulative 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) and a 3.5 science GPA
 - GPAs will be calculated according to the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service’s (AACOMAS) official processes and may be different than ECU cumulative and science undergraduate GPAs
- Enroll as a full-time student in one of the approved majors listed on Exhibit A
- Have completed no more than five (5) semesters after high school graduation
 - Concurrent/dual enrollment, AP credits, and summer coursework do not count towards these five (5) semesters limitation
- Have completed 60 or more credit hours toward the approved major
- Students may transfer up to 29 credit hours, including but not limited to AP/IB and concurrent coursework toward the degree plan as outlined in the University Course Catalog.

Application Process During the Junior Year

Students must:

- Meet with their Academic Advisor to review the University Course Catalog for their approved major
 - The Academic Advisor should confirm the student is on track to complete all degree requirements by the end of the spring semester of their junior year (accounting for eligible OSU-CHS substitutions)
- Complete a primary application for admission through the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Services (AACOMAS) by October 1
- Review, sign, and submit the 3+1 Program Verification Form (Exhibit B) by October 15
- Submit two letters of recommendation from faculty who taught the student, physicians the student shadowed (D.O. or M.D.), or any combination thereof by October 15
- Complete the COM secondary application from OSU-CHS by October 15
 - Students must check the appropriate box indicating they are a 3+1 Program applicant

Selection Process

- Competitive applicants will interview with the OSU-CHS Admissions Committee during the fall semester of their junior year.
- The Admissions Committee and the Director of Admissions will notify applicants of their admission decision by January 1. The applicant will either be granted provisional acceptance into the 3+1 Program or be invited to apply for admission as a traditional applicant in a later application cycle. OSU-CHS is not required to admit a certain number of 3+1 Program applicants.

Provisional Acceptance

Students who are provisionally accepted into OSU-CHS COM through the 3+1 Program must fulfill the following requirements to maintain acceptance:

- Maintain an AACOMAS calculated cumulative 3.5 GPA and 3.5 science GPA at ECU
 - GPA will be calculated again before matriculation to OSU-CHS
- Complete all remaining undergraduate coursework required for their 3+1 Program approved major by the end of the spring semester of junior year, not including coursework to be substituted with coursework completed at OSU-CHS
 - Complete 90 or more undergraduate credit hours
 - Complete at least 15 of the final 30 upper division credit hours in the 3+1 approved major at ECU
 - Complete at least 30 credit hours at ECU
- Upon completion of their junior year, submit to OSU-CHS:
 - By May 31
 - An official transcript reflecting all completed coursework and grades
 - Signed Transition Form (Exhibit C)
 - By July 1
 - A qualifying score of at least 492 on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)

OSU-CHS reserves the right to revoke admission to the 3+1 Program to any student with student conduct, Title IX, or similar violations.

Transition from ECU to OSU-CHS

- Students may participate in the ECU undergraduate commencement after their first year at OSU-CHS.
- Students must apply for graduation from ECU by April 1st to be included in Spring commencement.
- Students shall be responsible for ensuring that an official transcript is provided by OSU-CHS to ECU so the degree requirements toward their undergraduate degree are verified as complete.
- A bachelor's degree shall be conferred by ECU at the end of the semester in which the transcript from OSU-CHS was received and processed.
- While at ECU, students must comply with ECU policies and procedures, and while at OSU-CHS students must comply with OSU-CHS policies and procedures.
- While attending ECU, ECU shall be solely responsible for billing and collecting tuition and fees. While attending OSU-CHS, OSU-CHS shall be solely responsible for billing and collecting tuition and fees.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure all forms and applications are completed and submitted by OSU-CHS deadlines.

OSU-CHS and ECU Additional Terms

OSU-CHS and ECU reserve the right to periodically review this Agreement and any Exhibits for updates to majors and academic requirements. Any agreed-upon modifications will become effective for the incoming undergraduate class.

OSU-CHS and ECU may adjust approved majors on a case-by-case basis with the mutual agreement of the respective Deans and applicable personnel of both OSU-CHS and ECU.

In the event of Agreement termination, no additional students may be provisionally admitted to OSU-CHS under this Agreement. However, students already participating in this 3+1 Program will continue with the privileges specified under this Agreement, so long as they continue to meet all program requirements unless an accrediting body makes such action impossible or impracticable.

OSU-CHS and ECU understand and agree that nothing contained herein shall be construed as a waiver of either OSU-CHS's or ECU's sovereign immunity.



CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences
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Dennis Blankenship, D.O.
Dean, OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine

Date



East Central University

Jeffrey K. Gibson, Ph.D.
Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs

Date

Exhibit A

Example of Course Sequence

Freshman Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
1114	General Biology	1114	General Zoology or Botany 1214
1113	English Composition I	1114	General Chemistry I
1513	College Algebra or 2825 Calculus and Analytical Geometry I	1213	English Composition II (or HNRS2313)
xxx3	General Education – Cultural and Aesthetic Awareness (Intercultural Knowledge and Competence)	xxx3	U.S. Government or U.S. History course (6 total hours required)
1001	Freshman Seminar		
14 Hours		14-17 Hours	

Sophomore Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
2344	Microbiology	3434	Genetics
1214	General Chemistry II	xxx3	Biology Elective Course (recommend Histology, Biochem Human Disease, Bioethics, Immunology, Med Botany or shadowing experience BIOL4983)
3245 or 2184	Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy or Human Anatomy	3114	Organic Chemistry I
xxx3	U.S. Government or U.S. History course (6 total hours required)	xxx3	General Education – Exploration (PSYCH 1113 recommended)
		xxx3	General Education – Cultural and Aesthetic Awareness (Global Citizenship)
15 - 16 Hours		17 Hours	

Junior Year			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
3634	Human Physiology	4414	Ecology or (BIOL4545 Advanced Molecular Biology)
4313	Cell and Molecular Biology	4114	Organic Chemistry II
xxx3	Biology Upper-Level Elective Course (recommend	1214	General Physics II

	Histology, Biochem Human Disease, Bioethics, Immunology, Med Botany or shadowing experience BIOL 4983)		
1114	General Physics I	xxx3	General Education – Exploration (any SLO)
		4881	Senior Seminar
14-15 Hours		16-17 Hours	

*See Current Catalog for General Education Requirements for selection. Courses will be transferred from OSU-CHS to ECU to complete the requirements for graduation after successfully completing the first year a OSU-CHS College of Medicine.

Exhibit B
3+1 Program Verification Form

Exhibit C
Transition Form