Articulation Agreement

Among
Upstate Medical University College of Medicine
Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
State University of New York, College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill

A Medical School Early Assurance Program

This program addresses the shortage of physicians in rural communities of New York State. There is evidence that people who grow up in rural communities or who trained there will later return to set up medical practice in a rural setting. The program will also attempt to provide a more diverse student population for entry into physician training programs. This program builds on the strong and successful relationship between Upstate Medical University and SUNY Cobleskill in recruiting these students and will add Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, known for its outstanding academic preparation of students, as a bachelor-level transfer institution.

This program seeks SUNY Cobleskill premed freshman with excellent academic records. There are no other specific requirements to apply. However, preference for acceptance will be given to those applicants who best fulfill the following criteria:

- comes from a rural community in New York state
- has an excellent high school (minimum 90% average) and college academic record (3.5 GPA)
- has extra-curricular activities which document some experience in a healthcare setting and a commitment to service work
- has good SAT (approx. 1200 combined Critical Reading & Math scores) or ACT (27 Composite) scores
- can be considered to be disadvantaged or from a background which makes it unlikely they would compete for admission to medical school through a traditional route

I. SUNY Cobleskill agrees to:
   A. Recruit and select qualified high school students interested in becoming physicians. Preference will be given to academically superior students who have a demonstrated commitment to community service. Further preference will be given to students from rural communities and students of diverse backgrounds. Students from other backgrounds will also be encouraged to apply.
   B. Appoint an admissions representative to work with a program representative from Upstate Medical University and Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Regular communications among these three institutional representatives will be used to improve recruitment of qualified students and educational activities for accepted students.
   C. Provide students with an interest in this program with proper advisement through their academic advisor and the Director of Transfer, Articulation and Career Development Services.
   D. Inform students of the following requirements for this program:
a. Completion of two semesters, with a minimum of 12 credits each, prior to application to the program.
b. Achieve and maintain a minimum GPA and science-specific cumulative of 3.5.
c. Official entry into the program will occur only upon successful completion of the above requirements and further interview and selection by the Upstate Medical University Admissions Committee. This interview will occur during June after the first year at SUNY Cobleskill. The MCAT is not a requirement.
d. Completion of the following courses:
   BIOL 111 & 112 – Biology I & II
   CHEM 111 & 112 – Chemistry I & II
   PHYS 111 & 112 – Physics I & II
   CHEM 231 & 232 – Organic Chemistry I & II
   PSYC 111 – General Psychology or SOSC 111 – Introduction to Sociology
   MATH 231 & 232 or 125 – Calculus I & II or Statistics
   BIOL 258 & 259 – Anatomy & Physiology I & II (highly recommended) or other appropriate second/third-year biology courses
   ENGL 101 - Composition & ENGL 219, 221, 223 or 241
   2 appropriate SUNY Trustees’ General Education Requirement courses
   1 credit of PE and any other courses required for graduation
   (The student must successfully complete both lecture and laboratory of each science course.)
e. Maintain appropriate standards of honesty and integrity throughout the program.
f. Complete graduation requirements for an Associate in Science degree in Health Science Studies.
g. Complete and document 40 hours of volunteer service, strongly recommended in direct contact with patients and physicians.
h. Complete 4 days of shadowing, 2 days in ambulatory and 2 days in hospital setting, while at SUNY Cobleskill.

E. Advise and assist students through the above requirements.
F. Assist students with arranging the required 4 days of shadowing, as stated above.
G. Inform Upstate Medical University of student violations of the “Rules of Conduct” and/or the “Rules Governing Academic Life.” Inform students that violations of these rules may result in dismissal from the Program. Send a letter to Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences attesting to the student’s adherence to these standards or immediately inform Upstate University of serious violations of these standards.
H. Advance the student upon successful completion of the A.S. degree, with the prescribed standards for continuance, to Cornell University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

II. Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences agrees to:
   A. Assist in identifying eligible students for this early-decision program.
   B. Inform students accepted into the program that they must maintain, and graduate with, a 3.5 general and science-specific cumulative average and complete the graduation requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences, Biology and Society, Nutritional Sciences or Development Sociology, in order to remain in the program.
   C. Inform students that they must have a Cornell GPA and Cornell science-specific GPA of 3.5 or better at the end of the fall semester of their senior year.
   D. Inform students that they must perform a minimum of 40 hours of patient-contact medical service and 40 hours of volunteer service during their two years at Cornell University in order to remain eligible for the program.
   E. Appoint an admissions representative to work with a program representative from Upstate Medical University and SUNY Cobleskill. Regular communications among these three institutional representatives will be used to improve recruitment of qualified students and educational activities for accepted students.
F. Inform students that they must maintain appropriate standards of honesty and integrity throughout the program. Send to Upstate Medical University a letter of good standing or immediately inform Upstate Medical University when there is a serious violation of these standards.

G. Advance the student upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences, Biology and Society, Nutritional Sciences or Development Sociology, with the prescribed standards for continuance adhered to, to Upstate Medical University for continuation of this program.

III. Upstate Medical University agrees to:

A. Distribute any recruitment materials developed for this Program through the Admissions Office.

B. Appoint an admissions representative to work with a program representative from Cornell University’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and SUNY Cobleskill. Regular communications among these three institutional representatives will be used to improve recruitment of qualified students and educational activities for accepted students.

C. Assist SUNY Cobleskill and Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences when questions arise concerning eligibility of students for entry or continuance in the program.

D. Accept up to four (4) students each year for this Program.

E. Inform SUNY Cobleskill and Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in a timely fashion of any needed improvements or changes in this program.

This agreement is effective immediately, until June 30, 2009. Renewal to this agreement, with or without modifications, can only be made at the discretion of the three participating institutions upon their mutual agreement. This agreement can be terminated by any one of the participating institutions by submitting a written request to the other two institutions at least one year before the last class entering the program at SUNY Cobleskill. By entering this agreement, all parties agree to fulfill the responsibilities toward the students currently in the program for the full eight-year cycle of the program.

The above articulation agreement has been jointly reviewed and accepted by:

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