Articulation Agreement

Among
Upstate Medical University College of Medicine
Siena College
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 Siena College, known for its outstanding academic preparation of students, as a bachelor-level transfer institution.

This program seeks SUNY Cobleskill pre-med freshmen 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 Siena College. 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. Graduation from high school with a minimum 90% high school average.
      b. Achieve a combined 1200 SAT or 27 ACT score prior to application.
c. Completion of two semesters, with a minimum of 12 credits each, prior to application to the program.
d. Achieve and maintain a minimum GPA and science-specific cumulative of 3.5.
e. 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.
f. 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
   - **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 courses
   - **ENGL 102** – 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

g. Maintain appropriate standards of honesty and integrity throughout the program.
h. Complete graduation requirements for an Associate in Science degree in Liberal Arts and Science – Science concentration.
i. Complete and document 40 hours of volunteer service, strongly recommended in direct contact with patients and physicians.
j. Complete 4 days of shadowing, 2 days in ambulatory and 2 days in hospital setting, while at SUNY Cobleskill.
k. The MCAT is not a requirement.

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 Siena College 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 Siena College.

II. Siena College 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 Biology in order to remain in the program.
C. Inform the students that they must have a Siena GPA and Siena 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 40 hours of medical service and 40 hours of volunteer service during their two years at Siena College 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 Biology, 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 Siena College 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 Siena College when questions arise concerning eligibility of students for entry or continuance in the program.
   D. Accept no more than four (4) students each year for this Program.
   E. Inform SUNY Cobleskill and Siena College in a timely fashion of any needed improvements or changes in this program.

This agreement is effective immediately, until June 30, 2009. Renewal of this agreement, with or without modifications, can only be made at the discretion of the three participating institutions upon their mutual agreement. It can be terminated by any one of the participating institutions by submitting a written request at least one year before the last class entering the program at SUNY Cobleskill. By entering into 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. This agreement will be reviewed at the initiative of any of the partners or as a result of requirements of accrediting agencies.

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

For **Upstate Medical University**:

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