



Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine Partnership Agreement

INTRODUCTION

Based upon a mutual respect for the integrity of parallel academic programs and in an effort to better serve students intending to pursue a career in osteopathic medicine, Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (hereinafter referred to as "**KansasCOM**") and **Kansas Wesleyan University** hereby enter into an agreement for the **Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine Partners Program** ("**KansasCOM Partners Program**" or "**Program**"). This agreement will define course work to be completed before matriculating into KansasCOM, special terms of admission into KansasCOM, and special criteria for the awarding of a bachelor's degree from Kansas Wesleyan University to participating students.

Objectives of the Agreement:

- To attract and recruit qualified students to Kansas Wesleyan University and KansasCOM.
- To facilitate the transition of students from Kansas Wesleyan University to KansasCOM.
- To encourage academic and administrative coordination between institutions and the exchange of evaluative information on the outcomes of the program with the goal of continual improvement.
- To provide specific advising to students of Kansas Wesleyan University who intend to pursue professional study at KansasCOM.
- To provide qualified students the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree from Kansas Wesleyan University and the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from KansasCOM on an expedited basis, in a total of seven academic years, rather than eight years.

INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT

According to the **KansasCOM Partners Program**, KansasCOM and Kansas Wesleyan University agree to the following:

1. KansasCOM will prioritize the recruitment of students from Kansas Wesleyan University, beginning in the fall of 2025. Initial selections of Kansas Wesleyan University students (those having completed two semesters) for the Program will be made in the spring of 2023.
2. Selection of students to participate in the **KansasCOM Partners Program** will be based upon the following criteria:
 - ACT Score (minimum of 28);
 - Freshman year academic performance (CUM GPA of 3.25 and CUM Science GPA of 3.5);
 - Student's engagement in community service;
 - Undergraduate and high school activities;

- Knowledge of and dedication to the field of osteopathic medicine.
3. Initial selection shall be made by the Kansas Wesleyan University pre-med committee (or equivalent selection committee) after their interview of the student which will typically occur after completion of their second semester. The student will then be required to select an interview day at KansasCOM where they will participate in a full interview day. The KansasCOM Director of Admissions and small group of additional faculty and staff will conduct all on campus interviews of **KansasCOM Partner Program** students and make a recommendation to the KansasCOM admissions committee. [KansasCOM's admissions committee will then determine whether a student will be admitted to the Program, such that the student may matriculate to KansasCOM upon satisfying the requirements of the Program stated herein.]
 4. The MCAT will not be required for admission through the **KansasCOM Partners Program**, which is an exception to the published requirements for admission to KansasCOM.
 5. Students selected for the Program must have taken and completed the following courses with a grade of "C" or higher at their undergraduate institution before matriculating into KansasCOM:
 - Biological Sciences 12 hours
 - Chemistry 13 hours
 - Biochemistry 3 hours (in addition to the 13 hours of Chemistry)
 - Physics 8 hours
 - English Composition 6 hours and/or Literature
 6. Additional coursework in relevant topics offered by Kansas Wesleyan University and agreed to by KansasCOM, *e.g.*, Immunology, Anatomy, Physiology, Histology, etc.
 7. In order to remain in the Program, student must maintain an overall GPA of 3.25 and a science coursework GPA of 3.5, both on a 4-point scale at their undergraduate institution. Failure to maintain the required overall GPA and science coursework GPA may disqualify the student from continuing in the Program, as determined by [Kansas Wesleyan University and KansasCOM]. Forfeited positions may be replaced by a joint decision between KansasCOM and Kansas Wesleyan University.
 8. All students selected for the **KansasCOM Partners Program** are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner and are subject to the rules and standards of conduct set forth in the KansasCOM Student Handbook and Academic Catalog including while a student at Kansas Wesleyan University. Failure to comply with such rules and standards may disqualify a student from continuing in the Program.

9. Students selected for the Program will matriculate into KansasCOM as full-time, first-year students following (what would traditionally be) their junior year (measured by the foregoing course requirements and a total of 90 hours completed) at Kansas Wesleyan University. They will receive their bachelor's degree from Kansas Wesleyan University following the successful completion of their first-year at KansasCOM, their first year coursework at KansasCOM satisfying their remaining undergraduate course requirements. KansasCOM will provide Kansas Wesleyan University the information regarding students' completion of coursework so that students may appropriately be awarded their bachelor's degree. Students who do not satisfactorily complete their first-year at KansasCOM may be eligible to re-enroll at Kansas Wesleyan University for completion of their bachelor's degree.
10. Students selected into the program must complete a minimum of 90 hours of coursework at Kansas Wesleyan University (which may include acceptable transfer hours) before matriculation into KansasCOM.
11. Kansas Wesleyan University and KansasCOM will cooperate so that transcript information is shared between the institutions' registrar's offices, so that following completion of the first year at KansasCOM, Kansas Wesleyan University can award each student their bachelor's degree. An official copy of each student's undergraduate transcript will be provided to the KansasCOM Registrar's Office.

MUTUAL PROMOTION OF THE COM PARTNERS PROGRAM

Kansas Wesleyan University and KansasCOM both agree to encourage qualified students to participate in the “***KansasCOM Partners Program***” through advertisement and dissemination of information. The appropriate advisor at Kansas Wesleyan University will maintain a list of students actively pursuing the Program with the intent to enroll at KansasCOM and will periodically provide the Office of Admissions at KansasCOM the current list of “active” students. Both institutions agree to promote the Program in their recruitment activities and literature and to refer prospective students, when appropriate, to the other's Office of Admissions.



CONTINUATION AND TERMINATION OF COMMITMENT

This agreement shall be effective beginning August 2022 through August 2027 and may be cancelled at any time, by either party, providing that any student selected for the Program and enrolled in the Program at the time of such cancellation has the right to continue in the Program, under the aforementioned agreed upon conditions, stated within this document. This document and agreement is renewable at the time it expires.

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Date 1/10/2023

Matt Thompson, Ph.D. President

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