

Welcome

We are proud to make you aware of an exciting partnership between Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (MSU-CHM) called the Early Assurance Program (EAP).

Through the EAP, MSU-CHM has agreed to grant early acceptance of admission to up to five endorsed Grand Valley students. We hope that you will consider applying for this special opportunity.

Who Should Apply?

If you are an undergraduate GVSU pre-medical student who is interested in practicing in an underserved area of medicine such as family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics or ob/gyn, then you should consider applying. You must subscribe to the mission of MSU-CHM to meet the needs of patients, families and communities by providing medical care with respect and dignity with particular concern for and responsiveness to medically underserved populations and communities including inner city and rural areas.

While all undergraduate GVSU students are eligible to apply to the program, preference for admission will be given to first generation college students, students who have graduated from a low income high school as defined by the U.S. Department of Education, those eligible or who are a recipient of an undergraduate PELL grant, those graduating from an underserved (health professional shortage) urban or rural area, or demonstrating interest in a high need medical specialty area. Applicants may not simultaneously be applying in either AMCAS or AACOMAS.

For more information, contact

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*Early
Assurance
Program*

*Entering
Class of 2012*

*“Enhancing Your
Path to Medical
(MD) School”*

Benefits of the Program

- If accepted, you will be able to concentrate on your senior year academics knowing you have already been accepted to Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.
- If accepted, you will save expensive application fees, and travel and interview time and costs to other medical schools.
- Even if not accepted into the MSU EAP, you will have a head start on the medical school application process.

What do I need to do to be eligible to apply ?

- Obtain direct experience with the delivery of health care through volunteering, employment and/or shadowing in medical/clinical settings
- Demonstrate commitment to the service of humanity through consistent community service activities
- Evidence leadership through participation in extra-curricular, academic, research, organizational, volunteer, and/or employment activities
- Meet the minimum academic standards of 3.0 overall GPA, 3.0 science GPA and a minimum of 25 on the MCAT, with the biological science score being equal to or greater than 8
- Take the MCAT by May 7th of your application year
- Demonstrate professional behavior expectations of competency, honesty, compassion, respect for others, and responsibility in your academic, clinical and volunteer experiences

How Do I Apply and What Is the Selection Process?

NOTE: This is a competitive application process. The selection committee will only be able to communicate with you, the applicant, regarding your application status and application decision.

Application Deadline: You must complete and submit an application, as well as submit official transcripts from all institutions of higher education attended to GVSU reflecting all college courses and credits to date by **February 15** of your junior year or when you have earned 70 or more credit hours.

GVSU Decision Deadline: The GVSU EAP selection committee will review applications and submit endorsed candidates to MSU-CHM for further consideration. The selection committee will notify you of its decision by **March 15**.

MSU-CHM Decision Deadline: The CHM Committee on Admissions will consider GVSU endorsed candidates who must then submit secondary essays. Endorsed GVSU applicants deemed qualified and most competitive for the program will be invited for an MSU-CHM admissions interview by **May 1** of the application year and will then be presented to the CHM Committee on Admissions for consideration for admission. Admissions decisions will be issued in **June** of the application year.

What Are My Next Steps If I Am Selected to MSU-CHM EAP Program?

You will need to...

- complete all MSU-CHM prerequisites,
- provide MSU-CHM with transcripts reflecting all college courses and credits,
- submit an AMCAS application indicating the MSU-CHM EAP within two weeks of the offer of acceptance,
- meet the technical standards and submit to any criminal background check and drug testing that may be in place for their MSU-CHM entering class,
- meet any other pre-matriculation expectations in place for their year of matriculation.

If you are admitted, you...

- will be allowed to accept or reject the offer of Early Assurance admission to MSU-CHM and be considered for regular admission without prejudice should you choose to decline the EAP offer and apply to MSU-CHP and other medical schools as a regular applicant
- will be eligible for scholarships, dual or combined degree, or any special program offerings, benefits or accommodations as available for MSU-CHM entering class.
- will be invited to attend Guest Lectures at MSU-CHM or an affiliated hospital site in Grand Rapids.
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- will receive early information related to MSU-CHM housing options and additional transition information