

Greg Wadley College of Science and Health Professions

3+1 Program MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OSU Center for Health Sciences – College of Osteopathic Medicine

This Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement") establishes the 3+1 Program between Northeastern State University (NSU) and Oklahoma State University - Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS), College of Osteopathic Medicine, for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The 3+1 Program allows students to complete their pre-doctoral medical training in seven years by completing three years of undergraduate education at NSU and four years of medical education at OSU-CHS College of Osteopathic Medicine. Students apply to the 3+1 Program during their sophomore year at NSU. After meeting the academic requirements outlined in the NSU catalog for the approved majors, the OSU-COM prerequisites, and the first year of medical school at OSU-CHS, NSU will award an undergraduate degree to students accepted in the 3+1 Program.

To be eligible for the 3+1 Program, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- During the student's sophomore year, applicants are strongly encouraged to meet with an NSU Pre-Health Advisor to determine eligibility and review the degree plan for the approved majors. Students enrolled in community colleges who expect to transfer to NSU to pursue the 3+1 Program are also strongly encouraged to meet with an NSU Pre-Health Advisor to determine eligibility and review the degree plan for the approved majors before enrolling at NSU;
- Have been enrolled in an undergraduate institution for no more than three (3) semesters at the time of application (excluding concurrent coursework taken during high school); and
- Complete their junior year at NSU Tahlequah or Broken Arrow in one of the approved 3+1 Program majors and meet the course requirements:
 - Cell and Molecular Biology
 - Chemistry, Biochemistry Option;

- Nutrition Sciences, Allied Health Option;
- Integrative Biology, Organismic Biology Option;
- Psychology with Pre-Health minor; and
- Health and Human Performance with Pre-Health Minor;
- Achieve a minimum 3.5 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) and a 3.5 science GPA at the time of application to OSU-CHS;
- Fulfill the degree plan in one of the approved majors (courses earned as concurrent enrollment in high school and AP credit will be accepted);
- Science GPA will be calculated according to the course subject categories defined by the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS);
- Complete 45 or more credit hours toward a bachelor's degree at the time of application to OSU-CHS;
- Complete at least 50 hours <u>participating</u> in a health-related setting at the time of application;
- Submit a complete application for admission through the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Application Service (AACOMAS) by February 28 of sophomore year;
- Submit a complete secondary/supplemental application for admission by March 30 of sophomore year;
- Submit a verification form to verify that the applicant will complete their academic requirements to earn their bachelor's degree after their first year at OSU-COM. The form must be completed by the student and signed by the Pre-Health Advisor or Academic Advisor at the time of application;
- Schedule an interview with the NSU Pre-Health Advisor to obtain a committee letter (preferred) or
- Submit two letters from faculty who taught the applicant in a class or lab where academic credit was earned; and
- Participate in an interview with OSU-CHS Admissions during the spring semester of sophomore year.

Students must meet with their Academic Advisor annually to review the course sequence for the 3+1 Program to ensure all academic requirements for their undergraduate degree and the 3+1 Program are completed before matriculating to OSU-COM.

Students who meet these requirements will be eligible for the 3+1 Program. Students must check the appropriate box on their secondary/supplemental application to indicate they are applying through the 3+1 Program and that they have met the 3+1 Program requirements. Following an in-person interview, a member of the Admissions Committee and the Director of Admissions will notify applicants of their decision the May following the applicant's interview.

The applicant will either be granted provisional acceptance into the 3+1 Program or be invited to apply as a traditional applicant in a later application cycle. OSU-CHS is not required to admit any certain number of 3+1 Program applicants.

Students who are provisionally accepted into the 3+1 Program must fulfill the following requirements to maintain their acceptance:

- Complete all remaining undergraduate coursework required for the approved 3+1 major during their junior year at NSU;
- Maintain an overall (GPA) of at least 3.5 and a science GPA of at least 3.5. GPA will be
 calculated at the time of application and upon completion of the applicant's
 undergraduate degree coursework before the student matriculates to OSU-CHS;
- Submit a qualifying score of at least 492 on the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) by April 30 of their junior year;
- In May of junior year, submit transcripts from NSU to OSU-CHS indicating that the student has met all academic requirements as specified by the applicable NSU undergraduate catalog; and
- OSU-CHS may revoke admissions to the 3+1 Program to any student with student conduct, Title IX, or similar violations.

After completing the first year of medical school at OSU-CHS and before enrolling in courses for the second year of medical school, 3+1 Program students must:

- Apply for graduation to NSU by January 1 to be included in the spring commencement ceremony as a summer graduate. Students will not officially graduate in May until the degree is conferred in the summer, but students can participate in commencement.
- While a student at OSU-CHS, the 3+1 Program students are subject to OSU-CHS policies and procedures.

OSU-CHS and NSU reserve the right to periodically review the MOU and recommend changes as deemed necessary. If OSU-CHS makes recommendations, NSU will have thirty (30) days to accept or reject the proposed changes. MOU will be reviewed annually for any updates on majors and academic requirements for approval. Agreed-upon modifications to the MOU will become effective for the incoming undergraduate class for the following academic year.

For the current application cycle, NSU may adjust the academic plans on a case-by-case basis with the mutual agreement of both parties, including the Assistant Dean for Enrollment Management at OSU-CHS and the Dean of the College of Science and Health Professions at NSU.

Both programs have the right to terminate the MOU at any time with thirty (30) days' notice.

OSU-CHS and NSU understand and agree that NSU or OSU-CHS shall have the right to terminate the MOU, in whole but not in part, without penalty or expense, at the end of any fiscal year if NSU, OSU-CHS, the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, or other appropriate governmental entity falls to allocate sufficient funds to NSU or OSU-CHS respectively for payments required or activities contemplated under this MOU.

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

3+1 OSU-COM Course Sequence Example Only

To qualify for the 3+1 Program, Oklahoma State University – Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS) and Northeastern State University (NSU) agree that applicants must complete the same requirements for an approved major at NSU. The course sequence listed below is an example only and will vary by major and NSU catalog.

Freshman

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
BIOL 1013 Intro Biology I	CHEM 1223 General Chemistry II
BIOL 1011 Intro Biology I Lab	CHEM 1231 General Chemistry II Lab
CHEM 1123 General Chemistry I	BIOL XXXX Elective**
CHEM 1131 General Chemistry I Lab	MATH XXXX*
ENGL 1113 Freshman Comp I	ENGL 1213 Freshman Comp II
UNIV 1003 University Strategies	Social Science***
Total Hours 14	Total Hours 17

Second Year – Sophomore

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
CHEM 3123 Organic Chemistry I	CHEM 3223 Organic Chemistry II
CHEM 3131 Organic Chemistry I Lab	CHEM 3231 Organic Chemistry II Lab
PHYS 1114 General Physics I****	PHYS 1214 General Physics II
POLS 1113 American Federal Government	Life Skills, 3 hours
H ED 1113 Personal Health or NUTR 1653 Basic Nutrition	Humanities, 3 hours
HIST 1483 or 1493* American History	Major Course 3 hours
Total Hours 17	Total Hours 17

Third Year – Junior

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	
Upper-Level Science Elective**** 4 hours	Major Course 3 hours	
Major Course 3 hours	Global Perspectives, 3 hours	
Humanities, 3 hours	Major Course 3 hours	
Communications, 3 hours	Major Course 3 hours	
Major Course 3 hours	Major Course 3 hours	
Total Hours 16	Total Hours 15	

Fourth Year - OSU COM

Students are not required to follow the course sequence as it appears. It is an example of the number of classes a student will need before starting classes at OSU-CHS.

- Students might be required to take College Algebra or another math to satisfy prerequisites for their Department of Natural Sciences classes.
- Students should select a second Biology class as necessary for their degree option.
- Students should select a Social Science as appropriate for their degree. Recommended courses are PSYC 1113 or SOC 1113.
- Students choosing the Chemistry Biochemistry option must take PHYS 2115 and PHYS 2215.
- Students should select an upper-level BIOL or CHEM appropriate for their degree.