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FAU HIGH SCHOOL MD DIRECT PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS Application Year: AY 2026-2027

Students in the FAU High School MD Direct Program (the "Program") are required to meet all undergraduate and medical school expectations and requirements, as described below. Failure to meet any such requirement may result in dismissal from the Program. Furthermore, all students must, at all times during their undergraduate and graduate enrollment, adhere to and exhibit the high moral and ethical values of one entrusted with the privilege of studying and practicing medicine. Failure to do so may be cause for dismissal from the FAU High School MD Direct Program. Students who are dismissed from the FAU High School MD Direct Program or who wish to leave the Program may continue their enrollment at FAU, provided they meet applicable eligibility requirements.

*Undergraduate Expectations and Requirements

FAU High School MD Direct Program students must enroll as a full-time undergraduate student at FAU for the Fall Term after high school graduation and complete a bachelor's degree at FAU **no earlier** than the Fall Term after high school graduation. Students in the Program may only apply to the College of Medicine (COM) during the 3rd or 4th academic year immediately following graduation from FAU High School. After completion of their bachelor's degree, students must enroll in and complete an approved Master of Science (M.S.) degree from FAU or another program or educational opportunity approved by the Program ("supplemental program"). The student must complete their undergraduate and supplemental program within 3 to 4 years after entering the Program. In addition, students enrolled in the Program must meet all requirements to be eligible to apply to the FAU College of Medicine (COM) and must apply to the COM during their supplemental program. Students may not take a gap year after completing and graduating from the bachelor's degree or their supplemental program. Failure to meet these requirements will result in dismissal from the FAU High School MD Direct Program. In exceptional circumstances, a student may request, on a case-by-case basis, that the Director of the Program consider an alternative to a supplemental program.

Students are expected to finish each undergraduate and graduate semester with an overall GPA of at least 3.7. Single semester overall GPAs lower than 3.7 will trigger an automatic review by the Bachelor's/MD Committee to assess if the student may continue with the Program. The committee may choose to place the student on probation or dismiss the student from the Program. Although there is no semester requirement for a science (BCPM) GPA, the cumulative science GPA throughout the student's undergraduate enrollment must be at least 3.7 at the time the student applies to the College of Medicine.

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In addition to the requirements stated above, all students in the Program are expected to participate in the following activities during the stated year of the Program.

1. Special Topics in Medicine course – Year 2 or Year 3
2. A specialized pre-health course (ex, Medical Internship) – Year 2 or Year 3
3. Clinical experience or clinical work in the medical field (shadowing online or in person at hospital, clinic, hospice, physician's office but not with parents, relatives, or parents' friends) for a minimum of 50 hours per year - Year 2 and Year 3
4. Community service volunteer (migrant farm workers, homeless, socioeconomically disadvantaged, underserved populations) for a minimum of 50 hours/year during all undergraduate years
5. Laboratory research with a submission of an abstract for a poster or oral presentation with a faculty mentor of the work completed at a local or national symposium or research meeting
6. Leadership role – serve as team captain or any leadership position, student organization representative, tutor/mentor for more than one person - Year 2 and Year 3

An advisor will meet with each student after every semester to review and confirm that their activities satisfy the requirements above. In addition, at a minimum of once a semester, students must meet with the Director of the Bachelor's/MD Program (the "Director"), who oversees the Program. In the event of exceptional circumstances, a student may request, on a case-by-case basis, that the Director considers potential schedule revisions to these requirements.

*Expectations and Requirements for Admission to the College of Medicine

Students must successfully complete the medical school admissions process in order to be considered for admission to the College of Medicine. The admissions process includes completing and submitting the following documents and meeting the requirements noted below:

1. Verified AMCAS application (including personal statement and letters of recommendation)
2. Complete FAUCOM Secondary Application
3. Complete the process of obtaining a letter of recommendation from the FAU Pre-health Professions Committee from May 1 to July 1 of the year prior to the intended year of matriculation into medical school. The student must initiate this process no later than the Spring Term of the anticipated year of application to medical school.
4. MCAT composite score minimum: 510
5. Cumulative undergraduate average of 3.7 and a cumulative science GPA of at least 3.7 (both determined by AMCAS)
6. Completed applications must be submitted to AMCAS no later than September 15th of the year prior to the intended year of matriculation into medical school.

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In addition to the documentation and requirements noted above, all FAU High School Med Direct students must successfully complete a medical school interview and be accepted by the College of Medicine Admissions Committee. Furthermore, students are only offered an interview if all the above requirements are met. Enrollment in the Program does not guarantee admission to the College of Medicine. The Admissions Committee may, at its sole discretion, accept a FAU High School MD Direct Program student into the COM or vote to reject a FAU High School MD Direct student, at which time, the student would be considered dismissed from the FAU High School MD Direct Program. As required by the College's accrediting organization, the final responsibility for accepting all students to the medical school rests with the College's formally constituted Admissions Committee. FAU High School MD Direct students who are not accepted into the College of Medicine as part of the FAU High School MD Direct Program, and who are therefore dismissed from the Program, may apply to the College of Medicine in subsequent years pursuant to the standard College of Medicine admissions process.

If admitted to the College of Medicine, FAU High School MD Direct Program students are subject to the same requirements, responsibilities and privileges as all other medical students. Among the forms that must be completed prior to matriculation are: 1) immunization form, 2) health form, 3) health/disability insurance forms, and 4) Florida residency statement, as applicable. All Florida residency documents must be submitted in advance of matriculation so that a residency determination can be made for tuition assessment. FAU High School MD Direct students are eligible for the same types of financial assistance offered to all other medical students.

FAU High School MD Direct Program Student Attestation

By signing below, I acknowledge, understand, and agree to the above Program expectations and requirements. I understand that if I do not meet any of the Program expectations and/or requirements that I will be dismissed from the Program. I further understand that enrollment into the FAU High School MD Direct Program does not guarantee admission into the FAU College of Medicine. Moreover, I understand that the FAU College of Medicine's Admissions Committee may, in its sole discretion, accept and admit me to the COM or vote to reject me in its sole discretion, at which time, I would be considered dismissed from the FAU High School MD Direct Program.

Student First and Last Name (printed): _____

Student Signature:_____ Date: _____

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