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FAU COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
SOAR-IN-4 MEDICAL SCHOOL PATHWAY PROGRAM
EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS
Acceptance Year: AY 2023-2024

Students in the Soar-in-4 Medical School Pathway 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 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 Program. Students who are dismissed from the Program or who wish to leave the Program may continue their enrollment at FAU provided they meet applicable eligibility requirements.

Undergraduate Expectations and Requirements

Soar-in-4 Medical School Pathway students are expected to complete all requirements of their bachelor’s degree in no less than 3 years and no more than 4 years after beginning their bachelor’s degree program at FAU. 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 final year of their bachelor’s degree program. Students may not take a gap year after completing and graduating from their bachelor’s degree program. Failure to meet these requirements will result in dismissal from the Program.

Soar-in-4 Medical School Pathway students are expected to finish each undergraduate 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 Soar-in-4 Medical School Pathway 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, in order for the student to be eligible to apply to the College of Medicine, must be at least 3.7 at the time the student applies to the College of Medicine.

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. A specialized pre-health course (ex: Medical Internship) – Year 3 of enrollment of the student’s bachelor’s degree program
2. 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 parent’s friends) for a minimum 50 hours per semester during the remainder of the student’s bachelor’s degree program
3. Community service volunteer (migrant farm workers, homeless, socioeconomically disadvantaged, underserved populations) for a of minimum 50 hours/year during the remainder of the student’s bachelor’s degree program
4. 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 by the conclusion of Year 3 of the student’s bachelor’s degree program
5. Leadership role, such as serve as team captain or any leadership position, student organization representative, or tutor/mentor for more than one person during the remainder of the student’s bachelor’s degree program

Advisors from the Pre-Health Professions Office, the College of Science, and the College of Medicine 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 Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies at the College of Science (“SADUS”) and the Director of Pathway Programs at the College of Medicine (“Director”). In the event of exceptional circumstances, on a case-by-case basis, a student may request that the SADUS and Director consider 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 a mandatory online computer-based Situational Judgment Test and achieve a score no less than the minimum set by the College of Medicine Admissions Office for that entering class
4. Complete the process of obtaining a letter of recommendation from the FAU Pre-health Professions Committee from May to August 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.
5. MCAT composite score minimum: 510

6. Cumulative undergraduate average of 3.7 and a cumulative science GPA of at least 3.7 (both determined by AMCAS)
7. 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

In addition to the documentation and requirements noted above, all Soar-in-4 Medical School Pathway students must have a successful completion of 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 Soar-in-4 Medical School Pathway student into the COM or, alternatively, vote to reject a Soar-in-4 Medical School Pathway student, at which time, the student would be considered dismissed from the Soar-in-4 Medical School Pathway 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. Soar-in-4 Medical School Pathway students who are not accepted into the College of Medicine as part of the Soar-in-4 Medical School Pathway 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's admissions process.

If admitted to the College of Medicine, Soar-in-4 Medical School Pathway 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. Soar-in-4 Medical School Pathway students are eligible for the same types of financial assistance offered to all other medical students.