

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**The George Washington University and**  
**College of Southern Maryland**

This Guaranteed Admission Agreement ("Agreement") is effective this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 by and between The George Washington University ("GW"), on behalf of its School of Medicine and Health Sciences ("SMHS"), a nonprofit corporation chartered by an Act of Congress, and College of Southern Maryland (CSM).

WHEREAS, CSM offers an associate degree to students who have successfully completed the academic requirements of its program; and

WHEREAS, GW offers a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences ("BSHS") and a dual BSHS and Master of Science in Health Sciences ("MSHS") degree to students who have successfully completed the academic requirements of its program; and

WHEREAS, GW and CSM recognize the need to facilitate the admission of students to GW who have successfully obtained an associate degree from CSM as they pursue a BSHS, or a dual BSHS and MSHS from GW, and resolve to adopt a guaranteed admission arrangement, in accordance with the terms and conditions herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

**I. Program Overview**

A. This Agreement applies to Students who:

1. are qualified to enroll at GW;
2. have completed an associate degree (AA, AS, or AAS) from CSM]; and
3. who desire to obtain either a (i) BSHS or (ii) BSHS and MSHS from GW through an established dual degree program in Health Sciences.

B. GW offers both clinical and non-clinical programs in Health Sciences.

- Clinical Programs are defined as those with hands-on educational experiences conducted in health care facilities, outpatient clinics, emergency centers, hospitals, laboratories, or private offices, under the supervision of a qualified practitioner or teaching staff.
- Non-Clinical Programs are defined as those with educational experiences conducted in settings where medical treatments or services are not provided.

**II. General Admission Requirements and Eligibility**

A. Students who desire to obtain a BSHS from GW and who have met the following criteria will have guaranteed admission to SMHS:

1. Completed an associate degree from CSM with the required courses for the desired Health Sciences program.

2. Completed each course with a grade of C or higher.
3. Graduated with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 (as shown on the CSM transcript).
4. For clinical programs, have a science GPA of 2.5 or greater.
5. Complete a drug screen and criminal background check in the first semester of enrollment.
6. Completed the GW application process.

B. Students who desire to obtain a BSHS and MSHS through an established dual degree program in the Health Sciences and who have met the following criteria will be guaranteed admission to SMHS:

1. Completed an associate degree from CSM with the required courses for the desired GW programs.
2. For non-clinical programs, have a cumulative GPA from all coursework of 3.3 or greater.
3. For clinical programs, have a cumulative GPA from all coursework of 3.0 or greater, a science GPA of 2.5 or greater.
4. Complete a drug screen and criminal background check in the first semester of enrollment.
5. Completed the GW application process.

C. CSM students who do not satisfy the admission requirements set forth above for guaranteed admission may be considered for admission by GW and will be processed as a regular transfer admission, but admission will not be guaranteed.

### III. Requirements

A. The prerequisites for eligible students, who have completed an associate degree from CSM and a desire for a BSHS are outlined in the Health Sciences GAA website: [Guaranteed Admission Agreements | The School of Medicine & Health Sciences \(gwu.edu\)](#).

The BSHS degree requires the successful completion of 120 credit hours. General education courses are required and must be completed as part of or in addition to the associate degree before enrolling at GW. General Education courses (Must be completed at CSM):

- 6 credits in English composition;
- 3 credits in humanities;
- 3 credits in college math (college algebra, statistics, or higher)
- 6 credits in social sciences
- 4 credits of natural or physical science with lab

Students are required to have a minimum of 60 credit hours taken at GW and advanced standing and electives taken as part of a completed associate's degree.

The completion of an associate degree may not satisfy all prerequisites required for entry into all BSHS degree programs. For a detailed listing of program-specific prerequisite requirements, visit the School of Medicine and Health Sciences GAA website at [Guaranteed Admission Agreements | The School of Medicine & Health Sciences \(gwu.edu\)](#).

## **IV. Application Process**

A. The GW SMHS application fee for guaranteed admission pursuant to this Agreement will be waived. Profession-based Centralized Application System fees will still apply.

B. Eligible students will not need to submit a Letter of Recommendation as a part to the admission application process.

## **V. Responsibilities of CSM**

A. CSM agrees to disseminate accurate information to CSM students regarding the conditions for the guaranteed admission to GW as set forth in this Agreement by posting the Agreement on the CSM's website.

B. CSM agrees to provide academic advising services to assist CSM students in completing the qualifying degree program.

## **VI. Responsibilities of GW**

A. GW agrees to provide academic advising services to CSM students who apply to SMHS to assist these students in making a smooth transition from the community college to GW.

B. GW agrees to provide tracking data to CSM regarding the performance of CSM students at GW, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, GW courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from GW, and comparisons with non-CSM students. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by CSM and GW and provided by July 1 of each year.

## **VII. Responsibilities of Students**

A. Students who apply to GW will be responsible for understanding the requirements for the BSHS or MSHS programs at GW.

B. Students who apply to GW will be responsible for following the GW application and admission processes and timelines.

## **VIII. Miscellaneous**

### **A. Term and Termination.**

1. The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years and will commence on May 25, 2023 and shall expire on May 25, 2028. This Agreement may be renewed for additional periods if the parties agree in writing.

2. This Agreement may be terminated by mutual consent of the parties in writing.

3. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon one-hundred and eighty (180) days' notice in writing. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, CSM students accepted for admission to SMHS at the time any notice of termination is received shall be permitted to complete their program under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. No new CSM students shall be admitted to SMHS with guaranteed admission after either party receives Health Sciences notice of termination.

B. Intellectual Property. Each institution reserves all ownership rights to the course materials they develop and utilize for their respective programs.

C. Review of Agreement.

1. CSM will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at CSM. GW will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at GW.
  - a. The GW representative will be the Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management. The CSM Representative will be the Assistant Registrar
2. Both GW and CSM agree to review the Agreement a minimum of every three (3) years and to recommend adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation.

D. Status of the Parties. The parties agree that no students or faculty of one party shall be considered an employee, agent, contractor, or representative of the other party for any purpose including, but not limited to, workers' compensation and employee benefits. The parties expressly understand and agree that this Agreement is not intended and shall not be construed to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association among the parties, but is rather an agreement by and among independent parties.

E. Assignment or Subcontract. This Agreement shall not be assigned or subcontracted by a party without the written approval of the other party which shall not be unreasonably withheld.

F. Notices. All notices related to this Agreement shall be deemed properly issued if given in writing and hand delivered or sent by e-mail (receipt acknowledged), or mailed (registered or certified mail, return receipt requested), with all postage or other charges prepaid to:

If to GW:

Robert H. Miller  
Vice Dean for Research and Academic Affairs  
School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
The George Washington University  
2600 Virginia Ave. Suite 506  
Washington, DC 20037

If to CSM:

Jacqui Rogers-Frere  
Interim Assistant Registrar  
College of Southern Maryland  
8730 Mitchell Road  
La Plata, MD 20646

G. Severability. If any provision of the Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the term of this Agreement, to the extent that the substance of this Agreement remains intact, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

H. Waiver. Any waiver of any provision hereof shall not be effective unless expressly made in writing and executed by the party to be charged. The failure of any party to insist on performance of any term or condition of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any rights granted hereunder or of the further performance of any such term, covenant or condition, and the obligations of the parties with respect thereto shall continue in full force and effect.

I. Compliance with Applicable Laws. The parties agree to comply with applicable laws, regulations, rulings, and standards and amendments thereto, of all entities that regulate, license, govern and/or accredit the parties, including, but not limited to, federal, state and local governmental entities.

J. Other Affiliations. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit any party from affiliating or contracting with any other entity for any purpose whatsoever.

K. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties regarding the subject matter of the Agreement and supersedes any prior agreements, releases, or stipulations, oral or written, and all other communications between the parties relating to such subject matter. This Agreement may be amended only by written agreement executed by the parties.

L. Indemnity. Each Party shall be responsible for any and all costs, damages, claims, liabilities or judgments which arise as a result of the negligence of its employees.

M. Insurance. Each Party shall carry general and professional liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate along with workers compensation coverage for the duration of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND and THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY hereto have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first above written.

### The George Washington University

Richard J Simons  
MD MACP

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Barbara L. Bass  
Vice President for Health Affairs; Dean, School of Medicine and Health Science;  
Chief Executive Officer, The GW Medical Faculty Associates

By: Christopher Alan Bracey

Date: Jun 13, 2023

Christopher Alan Bracey  
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

**College of Southern Maryland**

By: *Yolanda S. Wilson*

Dr. Yolanda Wilson  
President  
College of Southern Maryland

Date: May 25, 2023