

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
WESTERN UNIVERSITY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
AND
SANTA MONICA COLLEGE
APRIL 2023

1. Western University of Health Sciences, College of Pharmacy (WesternU) and Santa Monica College (SMC) hereby enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish a linkage program, to be known as the SMC/WesternU Community College Accelerated Pharmacy Pathway (CCAPP).
2. The SMC/WesternU CCAPP is designed for pre-pharmacy students at SMC who wish to secure Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) as candidates for the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree at WesternU.
3. Students may follow the pathway in the following manner:
 - a. SMC shall establish a pathway that will allow interested students to complete all the required prerequisites in a preferred two-year period. The list of required prerequisites, as outlined in Attachment A, will be communicated annually to the designated liaison at SMC.
 - b. Students must complete all required prerequisites with a minimum total grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 in these courses in order to be eligible for WesternU CCAPP TAG admission.
 - c. Students will ordinarily apply for acceptance to WesternU in the academic year prior to their intended WesternU matriculation.
 - d. Prior to enrollment at WesternU, prospective SMC/WesternU CCAPP students will complete an interview with WesternU.
4. Students will provide proof of enrollment, enrollment verifications, or transcripts to WesternU, per SMC's existing processes, at intervals designated by WesternU.
5. Final acceptance decisions will be made by WesternU admissions. The criteria for TAG acceptance to WesternU PharmD program via CCAPP shall be as follows:
 - a. Completion of all prerequisite coursework with a grade of C or better.
 - b. Prerequisite course work completed to date with a GPA of at least 3.0. Grades from all institutions attended must be included (if required).
 - c. Two letters of reference. One from a science faculty member and a second letter from either a pharmacist or a college faculty member (including a college counselor)
 - d. Submission of a PharmD application through Pharmacy College Application Service (PharmCAS) no later than January 1 of the year of intended matriculation at WesternU. Submission of secondary application materials as requested by WesternU.
 - e. Evidence of suitability for the health care professions, as indicated by (1) a disciplinary record entirely free of proven violations of standards of student conduct, and (2) a successful interview at WesternU.
6. Upon receipt of acceptance to the WesternU PharmD program, candidates have two weeks in which to notify WesternU of intent to enroll.
7. The term of this MOU will be for five (5) years, beginning on the date of the last signature of the parties authorized to execute this MOU. Either party may terminate this MOU by giving written notice to the other party at least 90 days prior to the first date of the new academic semester. This MOU will continue to apply to students who were enrolled in the SMC/WesternU CCAPP program specified in this MOU prior to the date of the termination.
8. This MOU is the complete agreement between the parties. The MOU may be amended only with the mutual written consent of both parties.

9. All notices concerning this MOU will be considered given at the time of receipt of the notice by the other party as follows:

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10. Each party to the MOU shall be responsible according to applicable local, state and federal laws for the acts or omissions of its own employees, officers, agents, or assigns in performance of this MOU. Neither party to this Agreement shall be considered the agent of the other, nor does either party assume any responsibility for the consequences of any act or omission of any person or entity not party to this MOU.

The undersigned certify this Memorandum of Understanding:

Estela Narrie
Articulation Officer
Santa Monica College

Date

Sunil Prabhu, BPharm, PhD
Dean, College of Pharmacy
Western University of Health Sciences

Date