

ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ACCELERATED 3-YEAR MD PROGRAM

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors establish a new accelerated 3-year MD program in the School of Medicine, effective January 2022.

Background

The Wayne State University School of Medicine (WSUSOM) is committed to addressing the issue of student debt and in the process, also design programs that can facilitate recruitment of more mature students. Among our admitted students, we have some students who had previous healthcare background and knowledge, including some who had a career in healthcare. The parallel curriculum proposed by the WSUSOM is an accelerated 3-year allopathic medical school program for such students with prior healthcare experience. WSUSOM is looking to join the consortium of medical schools across the country who have implemented similar accelerated 3-year pathways. Once implemented, we will be the only school in the state of Michigan to offer such an accelerated program.

Program Description

The goals of our 3-year MD program are to:

1. Further diversify the student body and provide an avenue for more life experienced students to accelerate their training.
2. Reduce student debt.
3. Attract high-caliber, highly motivated applicants to the WSUSOM MD program.
4. As a publicly funded institution, we aim to retain these high-quality students as residents at WSUSOM training programs, and, eventually increase the physician pool in Michigan.

This is a program for students with prior life experience in healthcare and have demonstrated their ability to succeed in a highly rigorous academic environment.

Admission Requirements

Prospective students will apply to the 3-year MD program when they apply to the MD program at School of Medicine (WSUSOM) by also specifying the choice of specialty. Once accepted into the WSUSOM, the students will go through a second interview with members of the specific residency programs. The Residency Program leadership, typically the Program Director/Associate Program Director, and any additional faculty members as selected by the Departmental Chair or Program Director, along with the 3-year MD program committee will be involved in interviewing students. This team will make the decision whether the applicant meets acceptance criteria for the 3-year curriculum and their chosen residency program. A list of students accepted into this program will be provided to the Admissions Committee for final approval.

Curriculum Requirements

The students in the 3-year MD program will be expected to meet all the educational program objectives and graduation requirements of the “regular” curriculum. There will be additional curricular requirements for students in the accelerated track, which are aimed to provide career mentoring and advanced clinical skills. Nine 4-week electives in our Segment-4 of our regular curriculum will be waived for the students in the accelerated 3-year MD program.

Graduation Requirements

All course work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the WSUSOM and meeting the LCME requirement of a minimal 130 weeks of instruction. The students will be required to meet all the educational program objectives and successfully pass their licensing examinations within the 3-year period.

The table below shows the number of students who will be enrolled into this program: Please note these numbers are “up to” and the school does not intend to recruit these students in addition to the regular class. These numbers will be among the recruited students.

| Curriculum Year | Academic Year* 2022-23 | Academic Year* 2023-24 | Academic Year* 2024-25 | Academic Year* 2025-26 |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Year One | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| Year Two | | 10 | 15 | 20 |
| Year Three | | | 10 | 15 |
| Year Four | | | | |

Program Administration

The program will be led by the designated Director of the Accelerated 3-year MD Program in collaboration with the academic deans in the school of medicine. The program quality and outcomes will be monitored by the School of Medicine Curriculum Management Committee.

Budget and Resource Requirements

The additional resources that will be allocated for this program will amount to \$65,000. The additional resources will be used primarily for hiring new personnel and marketing to promote this program. The table below shows the breakdown of budget:

| Personnel/Expenditure | Salary |
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| Learning Specialist | Reallocation of existing staff |
| Academic Counselor | Reallocation of existing staff |
| Associate Dean for Pre-clerkship Education | Existing position to be filled .25 FTE |
| Program Director | .1 x 300k |

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| Marketing | 35k |
| Total | \$65k |

Accreditation

Approval for the program has been sought from the LCME after consultations with the NRMP (National Residency Match Program). There is however, no formal approval or accreditation specific for this program required.

Approvals

The proposal was approved by the Curriculum Management Committee, the WSUSOM Faculty Senate, the Dean of the School of Medicine and the Provost.