



— ARKANSAS COLLEGES OF —
HEALTH EDUCATION

LINKAGE AGREEMENT

Between the Arkansas Colleges of Health Education (ACHE) and the Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine (ARCOM)

Purpose

This agreement formalizes a linkage between the Master of Science in Biomedicine (MSB) program at ACHE and the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) program at ARCOM. The agreement creates structured academic and professional development pathways that expand opportunity and access to osteopathic medical education.

Terms of the Linkage

1. Guaranteed Acceptance to ARCOM

MSB students will be granted **guaranteed acceptance** to ARCOM if they meet the following criteria:

- **Fall Semester Performance:** Achieve a minimum **3.2 GPA** by the conclusion of the fall semester.
- **Overall Academic Standing:** Maintain a minimum **3.0 cumulative GPA** upon successful completion of the MSB program.
- **Conduct:** Remain in **good conduct standing** throughout the MSB program.
- **Recommendations:** Obtain:
 - A formal recommendation from the MSB Program Director, and
 - One additional letter of recommendation from an MSB faculty member.
- **Admissions Requirements:** Meet all other **ARCOM admissions requirements**, including completion of a verified AACOMAS application.

Students who meet the fall GPA threshold but do not maintain the 3.0 cumulative GPA requirement will be subject to a full review by the ARCOM Admissions Committee.

2. Guaranteed Interview Option

MSB students who complete the program with a **minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA** and remain in good standing are **guaranteed an interview** with ARCOM.

3. Regular application

MSB students who do not meet these criteria may still apply to ARCOM.

4. Program Monitoring

Admissions and program officials from both ARCOM and MSB will meet annually to review student performance and adjust the agreement as needed to uphold standards and ensure successful student outcomes.


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