



WAYNE STATE

School of Medicine
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**LINKAGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
MASTER'S PROGRAM IN ANATOMY AND CELL BIOLOGY
AND WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS**

The Wayne State University Master's Program in Anatomy and Cell Biology (ACB) is designed to provide rigorous graduate training for pre-professionals who wish to pursue careers that are related to health care and rooted in biomedical sciences. The interdisciplinary curriculum consists of scholarly coursework concentrated on the anatomy and cell biology of human systems and practical research or teaching experiences. The ACB Master's Program requires both a written thesis and oral, public defense for successful completion. The program provides opportunities for student to gain experience, build skills, and strengthen their academic records which will inform their career decisions. A cohort of students in the program seek admission to medical school, therefore, the following linkage agreement has been formed with Wayne State University School of Medicine (WSUSOM).

The WSU-SOM Office of Admissions agrees to grant automatic interviews for medical school admission to students enrolled in the ACB Master's Program who meet certain benchmark criteria during their tenure.

These requirements include:

- A GPA of 3.7 or higher after completing the first year (16 credits*) of the program's coursework
- No grade of less than B in any of the program's courses
- An MCAT score of 504 or higher
- Meeting all professionalism requirements, including no institutional actions

* Per the Admissions Committee, the recommended 20 credit minimum criteria for post-graduate program coursework in didactic science (BCPM), whether as a post-bachelor student or in a graduate program, will be waived for applicants in this WSU pipeline program. If an applicant in the Wayne State University Master's Program in ACB has 16 credits of coursework on their transcript at the time of application, the Committee will consider that GPA instead of the undergraduate GPA.

This policy will be communicated to all incoming ACB students prior to their matriculation. There will be no limit to the number of students who will be granted interviews. No parties involved will discriminate against any student on the basis of age, race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, qualified handicap, sexual preference, or veteran status.



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Students who have completed 16 credits in the ACB program (typically by the end of May) and have met the above criteria will be granted an interview upon submission of the AMCAS application. The ACB program will monitor the students' performances and remind those who qualify of the requirements and deadlines. As with regular admission, an interview does not guarantee admission into medical school; however, it does guarantee students the opportunity to advance their applications to the discussion stage.

This agreement will be implemented for the 2025-26 admission cycle and will renew automatically for the two following admission cycles, unless either the School of Medicine or the ACB Master's Program makes a written request for the agreement to be terminated for an upcoming cycle by April 15. The linkage agreement will be reviewed by both parties by April 15, 2027 to determine if it will continue for a period beyond the 2027-28 admission cycle.

For WSU SOM Office of Admissions:

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Patrice Harold, MD
Associate Dean of Admissions

For WSU SOM MS Program in ACB,
OVAS Department:

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