

Memorandum of Agreement

Between

Dillard University

And

Meharry Medical College

School of Medicine

To Establish a Dual Degree Program in Medicine

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, is made and entered into by and between **DILLARD UNIVERSITY**, hereinafter referred to as "DILLARD", and **MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**, hereinafter referred to as "MMC".

WHEREAS, DILLARD and MMC have enjoyed effective collaboration for several years; and

WHEREAS, DILLARD and MMC agree to cooperate in federal grants and other projects to cross-enroll students in undergraduate and graduate programs; and

WHEREAS, both MMC and DILLARD are interested in increasing the number of minority and other persons in the professional field of medicine;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is agreed by and between MMC and DILLARD that both institutions will work cooperatively to recruit and facilitate the entry of student into the field of medicine by developing joint programs leading to the Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degrees in biology and/or chemistry from DILLARD and Doctor of Medicine degree from MMC.

A. Meharry Medical College agrees to:

1. Permit qualified DILLARD students, who have successfully completed a prescribed three-year course of study and have satisfied entrance criteria, to enroll at MMC for their first year of professional medical training. The number of students to be admitted each year shall not exceed four (4);
2. Encourage students, who have entered MMC under this Agreement, to return to DILLARD after the successful completion of the first professional year at MMC for the award of their Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree either in biology or chemistry and to then continue their studies at MMC toward completion of the final professional years of their medical education.

1. Completed a DILLARD prescribed 3-year curriculum in either biology or chemistry, with a 3.25 grade point average or better (transfer students are not eligible);
- The students who shall be provided this dual degree opportunity must have...
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1. It is agreed between both schools that the student participants, while pursuing studies at the respective school, shall be considered for administrative, academic, financial and such other purposes as a regular full-time student of the institution of which the student is in attendance. Accordingly, each student participant shall be subject to all rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the institution of which the student is in attendance.
 2. Sponsor annual health careers awareness programs in which careers in medicine will be among the health careers emphasized during the program.
 3. Award the degree of Bachelor of Arts in biology or the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry to students who have completed three academic years of study at DILLARD and enter MMC under this Agreement, upon their successful completion of the first professional year at MMC, and to encourage those students to return to MMC, after receipt of their Bachelor's degree from Dillard, for completion of their professional education in medicine;
 4. Provide programs of instruction in biology and chemistry designed to qualify students for admission to, retention in and graduation from MMC. The program of instruction will be based on the competencies required for success in the study of medicine, with a focus on the basic sciences and math skills, and will provide additional assistance in those subjects which medical students find most difficult.
 5. Cooperate with MMC efforts to recruit and increase the number of minority persons in the profession of medicine and to advertise the availability of the dual degree program as an incentive to students interested in the study of medicine;
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- Dillard University agrees to:
1. Assist DILLARD in training DILLARD pre-medicine advisors and faculty for MMC's requirements.
 2. Participate in invitational conferences and symposia sponsored by DILLARD to promote career awareness in medicine; and
 3. Designate a staff person from MMC to maintain ongoing and close contact with pre-medicine advisors and faculty at DILLARD.

2. Total MCAT score of twenty-four (24) or better with no category score less than seven (7);

3. Approval by the DILLARD Pre-medicine Advisory Committee; and

4. Met all requirements of this Agreement including successful completion of the first year of medical school at MMC. (The total credits earned at MMC must equal at least twenty-four (24) semester hours.)

This Dual Degree Program in medicine shall become effective on the date of the final signature by the appropriate official of each institution and shall remain in effect for a continuous period of sixty (60) months unless expressly modified by agreement of both parties or terminated upon ninety (90) days notice at the written request of either institution. If the Agreement is either modified or terminated, students participating in the program established by this Agreement shall be permitted to complete their studies at MMC. The laws of the State of Tennessee shall govern this Agreement.

D. *Miscellaneous Terms:* The following terms shall apply in the interpretation and performance of this Agreement.

1. The terms and effective date of this Agreement shall be the date of execution with and option to renew but not to exceed an agreement total of sixty (60) months. Renewals may become effective with agreement of both parties provided no substantial changes are made to the original agreement.

2. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon giving ninety (90) days written notice to the other before the effective date of termination. Such termination shall have no effect on students currently enrolled in the program.

3. This Agreement may be modified only by written amendment executed by all parties hereto.

4. Neither party shall assign this Agreement or enter into subcontracts for any of the work described herein without prior written approval by both parties.

5. The delay or failure of performance by either party shall not constitute default under the terms of this Agreement, nor shall it give rise to any claims against either party for damages. The sole remedy for breach of this Agreement shall be immediate termination of the Agreement.

6. Both parties agree to comply with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11, 246 and the related regulations to each. Each party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual

7. including, but not limited to, employees or applicants for employment and/or students, because of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age disability, veteran status, or national origin.
8. Students will be subject to applicable policies of the institution in which courses are being pursued.
9. The Dean of the Natural Sciences or his/her designee is the coordinator of this Agreement for DILLARD and can be reached at (504) 286-4722.
10. The Dean of the School of Medicine or his/her designee is the coordinator of this Agreement for MMC and can be reached at (615) 327-6204.

signatures:

MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE

By: A. Chertie Epps, Ph.D.
 Dean
 Meharry Medical College
 Date: 3/17/02

APPROVED: [Signature]
 By: John E. Maupin, Jr. D.D.S., M.B.A.
 President
 Meharry Medical College
 Date: 3/21/02

DILLARD UNIVERSITY

By: John E. Wilson
 Dean
 Division of the Natural Sciences
 Dillard University
 Date: 3/3/02

APPROVED: [Signature]
 By: Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D.
 President
 Dillard University
 Date: 3/3/02