

# **The Citadel – Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Accelerated Pathway to Medical School**

## **Student Intent to Participate Form**

### ***Part A - Description and Requirements***

**Program purpose and description:** The Citadel and MUSC have developed the *Accelerated Pathway to Medical School* program aimed at reducing students' overall educational cost from undergraduate education through medical school while retaining the most talented students in South Carolina. Citadel students, meeting all program requirements, may apply for admittance to MUSC's Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree program after completing 90 semester hours of undergraduate education at The Citadel. Admission to the MD program is not guaranteed; admissions decisions will be made solely by MUSC. If admitted into the MD program, Citadel *Accelerated Pathway* program students are held to the standards and progress guidelines as all other students in the MD program. After successful completion of the first year of medical school (as defined by the Bulletin of MUSC), The Citadel will award the student a baccalaureate degree subject to students satisfying all applicable requirements outlined in the Citadel Academic Catalogue and submitting of the formal application for graduation.

#### **Student eligibility requirements - per MUSC:**

- a. Student must take the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT) prior to June 30 following completion of the sophomore year (for Early Decision applicants) or prior to July 30 following their sophomore year (for Regular Admission applicants). The current minimum score accepted by MUSC on the MCAT is 508 (which may change annually, but the standard is that the score falls in the top quartile).
- b. Student's unadjusted GPA at the time of application to medical school must be a 3.50 or higher.
- c. Student must complete a minimum of 90 semester credit hours at The Citadel (not including any AP credits, IB credits, or transfer credits) prior to matriculating at MUSC.
- d. All Citadel general education requirements must be completed prior to matriculating at MUSC.
- e. It is recommended, but not required, that students complete two semesters of the following courses prior to applying to MUSC: general biology, general chemistry, organic chemistry, and physics.
- f. Other suggested courses that are valuable in preparing for the MD curriculum are anatomy, biochemistry, cell biology, embryology, genetics and physiology. The following courses are also suggested to support preparation for the MCAT: two semesters of introductory biology, introductory physics, general chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, sociology and psychology.

- g. All applicants are expected to complete significant experiences providing clinical exposure to inform their decision to enter medicine. These experiences, ideally, should be attained through participation in a formal Citadel internship (or similar) supervised course and independent student planning. The latter would demonstrate a personal commitment to explore this career path.
- h. **A recommendation from the appropriate Faculty Advisor or Department Chair at The Citadel endorsing the accelerated student is required.** The letter should outline the student's special characteristics that demonstrate preparation, both academically and developmentally, for the rigors of medical school. The letter should be included in the student's medical school application materials and should be sent directly to the MUSC College of Medicine Admission Office at the following address: College of Medicine Admissions Office, 96 Jonathan Lucas Street, Suite 601, MSC 617, Charleston, SC 29425. The student is responsible for identifying the individuals to write the letters and providing them with the necessary information to complete and submit the letters.

#### **Student responsibilities - per The Citadel:**

- a. The student must complete this Intent to Participate form and file it with the Office of the Registrar in Bond Hall, Room 173 and notify their academic advisor.
- b. If, after filing this Intent to Participate form, the student decides to withdraw from the program or attend another college or university, the student must notify the Office of the Registrar to withdraw from this program.
- c. Be responsible for understanding and following the requirements for The Citadel and MUSC degrees and the specific requirements for their intended major at The Citadel.
- d. Meet all eligibility requirements for the *Accelerated Pathway* program as outlined above.
- e. Follow all MUSC admission processes and timelines.
- f. If the student is accepted to MUSC and completes the first year of study at MUSC, a formal application for Citadel graduation must be submitted; an official MUSC transcript fully documenting completion of the first year of medical school will need to be sent to The Citadel.
- g. Graduation from The Citadel is not guaranteed and is subject to the student meeting all applicable requirements of the Academic Catalogue and successful completion of the formal application for graduation with the Office of the Registrar. If all of these requirements are met, a degree will be awarded no earlier than the May graduation after completion of the first year of medical school.
- h. If a student is enrolled at MUSC but leaves before successfully completing the first year of medical school, the student may seek to transfer completed MUSC credits on a course-by-course basis using The Citadel's credit transfer processes. There is no guarantee that any credits will be transferred.

## ***Part B – Request and Advisor Acknowledgment***

### **Student Request:**

By signing below, I \_\_\_\_\_;  
CW identification # \_\_\_\_\_ - indicate my intent to participate in the *Accelerated Pathway to Medical School* program. I understand that I must meet and maintain all student eligibility requirements in order to participate. I understand that admission to MUSC and graduation from The Citadel is not guaranteed.

**Student Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Intended MUSC Start Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Academic Advisor Acknowledgment:**

I understand that the student identified above desires to participate in the *Accelerated Pathway to Medical School* program. The student must meet all program requirements, including a formal letter from me at the time of application to medical school.

**Academic Advisor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Advisor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Part C – FERPA Permission***

I agree that The Citadel has my permission to share this Intent to Participate form, my name and contact information, my GPA and other academic records with MUSC as part of my participation in the program and for program evaluation purposes. I understand that I can request a copy of records provided to MUSC by contacting the Office of the Registrar at The Citadel. This FERPA permission remains in place until I revoke this permission in writing.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_