

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
AND
WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
Master of Arts in Biology
Biomedical Sciences Major

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), effective as of the later date of the signatures appearing below, is entered into by and between the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, a state educational institution having offices located at 400 North Lee Street, Lewisburg, WV 24901 (hereinafter referred to as “WVSOM”), and West Liberty University, a state educational institution having offices located at 208 University Drive, West Liberty, WV 26074 (hereinafter referred to as “West Liberty”). WVSOM and West Liberty are sometimes referred to herein individually as “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.

I. PURPOSE

The West Virginia School of Medicine and West Liberty University hereby agree to facilitate the West Liberty/WVSOM Bridge Program [Master of Arts in Biology, with a major in Biomedical Sciences (MAB)]. The MAB is designed for students to demonstrate they can be successful at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine (WVSOM). Students will take West Liberty graduate level courses in human biology and medicine to improve their overall academic credentials and prove they can handle the rigors of medical school. Those students who complete the MAB at West Liberty University with exemplary academics will be [guaranteed](#) admission to WVSOM. Students must take a minimum of 30 credit hours in any of the following disciplines: anatomy, histology, neuroanatomy, biochemistry, microbiology, physiology, pathology, cell biology and/or genetics. Students who successfully complete the MAB (**Appendix I**) with the specified GPA and MCAT score will be guaranteed admission to the upcoming Osteopathic Medical school class at WVSOM.

II. Commencement of Major

- (A) West Liberty agrees to begin offering courses in the MAB starting in the Fall of 2018. The MAB will be announced in the Spring of 2018 and jointly marketed by the parties hereto. Neither party can incur any marketing expense.
- (B) In the event West Liberty is unable to secure ten (10) incoming students for the MAB per year during the first two (2) years at its inception, West Liberty reserves the right to terminate the MAB.

III. Agreements of WVSOM and West Liberty

- (A) WVSOM and West Liberty agree to assist in the recruitment of students for the MAB.
- (B) West Liberty shall maintain responsibility for the academic, administrative and record-keeping requirements for the MAB for all student records and HLC accreditation requirements

IV. Exclusivity

- (A) During the term of this agreement, each party agrees to collaborate exclusively with the other in West Liberty’s offering of the MAB. Both parties must agree and provide consent if either West Liberty or WVSOM wishes to enter into a similar “bridge program” agreement with another academic institution.

V. COORDINATORS

Each Party shall designate a coordinator to oversee and facilitate the implementation of this MOU. The coordinators shall have the following responsibilities:

- To act as principal contacts for individual and group activities;
- To develop, organize, and promote the Program;
- To periodically review and evaluate the progress of the Program;
- To distribute to each Party information about the progress of the Program; and
- Call meetings between the Parties as needed.

WVSOM Coordinator

West Liberty Coordinator

Name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

E-mail: _____

VI. ENTIRE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This general MOU shall be identified as the parent document of any contracts or other Program agreements executed between the Parties. Further agreements concerning this Program shall provide details concerning the specific commitments made by each Party and shall not become effective until they have been reduced to writing and signed by an authorized representative of each Party.

IV. FUTURE OBLIGATIONS

The Parties acknowledge and agree this MOU does not create any binding legal obligations or financial commitments. The Parties recognize that any such future obligations or commitments must be agreed upon in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each Party. The Parties also recognize that any future obligations or commitments will depend on the availability of funds and other resources for each Party.

V. TERMINATION

Upon approval by each Party, this MOU shall remain in effect until it is terminated. Either Party may terminate this MOU by giving the other Party at least thirty (30) days advanced written notice of its intention to terminate. Termination shall be without penalty. If this MOU is terminated, neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for any monetary or other losses that may result.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Party has executed this MOU by its duly authorized representative on the date(s) below in duplicate copies, each of which shall be deemed an original.

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

By: _____

Date: _____

President: _____

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

By: _____

Date: _____

President: _____