Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (MSU-CHM) and Aquinas College agree to establish a cooperative program of premedical/medical education by which premedical students at Aquinas College shall be granted an early assurance of admission to MSU-CHM through the Early Assurance Program.

The Early Assurance Program (hereinafter, "Program") provides an enhanced opportunity for admission to medical school to Aquinas College premedical students who are interested in practicing in an underserved area of medicine. Preference for admission to the Program will be given to those who otherwise might not have access to or be familiar with the intricacies of premedical preparation and medical school application by virtue of being a first generation college student, graduating from a low income high school as defined by the United States Department of Education, being eligible or a recipient of an undergraduate PELL grant, graduating from an underserved (health professional shortage) urban or rural area, or demonstrating interest in a high need medical specialty area. By identifying and developing such students, Aquinas College will make a substantial contribution to the physician work force of the future and enhance the Aquinas College's presence as a partner in the west Michigan health care community.

Fees:
MSU-CHM waives secondary application fees for endorsed students applying to the Program.

Requirements:
Candidates complete all medical school prerequisites and must meet the minimum academic standards of a 3.0 overall GPA, 3.0 science GPA, and a minimum 25 MCAT composite score, with the biological science score being equal to or greater than 8.

Required Premedical Course Work
Both institutions agree to the following premedical course work for students to be eligible for endorsement under the Assurance of Admission Review Program:

Completion of the following prerequisite requirements:
1 year of biology, including:
- BY170 (Intro)
- BY170L (Intro Lab)
1 year of general chemistry, including
• CY111 (General Chemistry I)
• CY111L (General Chemistry I Laboratory)
• CY112 (General Chemistry II)
• CY112L (General Chemistry II Laboratory)

1 year of organic chemistry, including
• CY211 (Organic Chemistry I)
• CY211L (Organic Chemistry I Laboratory)
• CY212 (Organic Chemistry II)
• CY212L (Organic Chemistry II Laboratory)

6 semester hours of writing/composition, including
• GE101 (Inquiry and Expression)
• GE103 (College Research/Research Skills)
• English elective

Humanities/social sciences courses selected from Aquinas College’s General Education curriculum. Recommended courses:
• PG100 (Introductory Psychology)
• SY103 (Cultural Anthropology) or SY101 (Introduction to Sociology)
• PH244 (Medical Ethics)

Two upper-level biological science courses, chosen from the following:
• BY326 (Cell Biology) or CY325 (Biochemistry)
• BY328 (Genetics)
• BY372 (Physiology)

Mathematics through pre-calculus (MS114). The mathematics requirement may be waived with Advanced Placement (AP) credit for statistics & probability, calculus I, or freshman mathematics placement into MS121 (Calculus) or higher.