

Title: Medical Students Baccalaureate Degree Completion	Policy No. 1.13
Category: Programs and Curricula	Effective: Fall 2005

Policy Statement: Some UCO students are accepted early to medical and allied health professional schools (e.g., Dentistry, Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Physician’s Assistant, Chiropractic Medicine) prior to earning a bachelor’s degree. They will be allowed to transfer the first year medical course work toward the award of a bachelor’s degree. Transfer of up to thirty credit hours will be considered elective credit unless the department chair from the major of the bachelor’s degree determines that specific medical school course work may substitute for or count toward a major course requirement.

To be eligible, students must have successfully completed the following minimum requirements from UCO before admission into the professional program:

1. 94 credit hours total,
2. 30 credit hours in residence at UCO
3. 15 credit hours of upper division in the major
4. 50% of the total major credit hours
5. All regular degree requirements, including general education.

Students must apply for their bachelor’s degree within two years of completing their UCO work, but no later than graduation from medical school.

Background: UCO has accepted 15 hours of credit from medical programs to be applied to baccalaureate degrees. Changes in OSRHE policy on final residency make it possible to increase that number to 30 for students who have completed at least half of their major requirements at UCO.

Purpose: Provide a mechanism for students who are admitted to medical or and allied health professional programs prior to bachelor’s degree completion to be awarded a baccalaureate degree.

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Related Procedures:

Coordinating Offices: Enrollment Services, Health Professionals Advisor

Point-of-Contact for Academic Affairs: Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management/Registrar

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