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COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS MISSION STATEMENT

Policy Statement

The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences seeks to graduate “Physician Citizens” committed to local, national and global public service through excellent patient care, leadership, advocacy for change and innovation, and scholarly inquiry. This goal will be achieved through a robust and flexible curriculum and by leveraging the School’s unique position as part of a major university located in the heart of the nation’s capital surrounded by major institutions and leading authorities in domestic and international health.

To meet this goal, the MD Program is dedicated to admitting a diverse group of students who will be prepared to meet the broad and disparate needs of patients and their communities. The committee will review applicants to identify those individuals best suited by personal attributes, experiences and academic achievement to become the Physician Citizens of tomorrow. In so doing, the following characteristics will be considered essential for the successful applicant:

Attributes:

Evidence of...

- A commitment to lifelong learning
- Altruism, integrity, respect, maturity, reliability, dependability and compassion
- Sustained and effective leadership
- A commitment to advocacy and innovation to achieve change
- Personal balance, self-awareness and resilience in the face of challenges
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to communicate well with others

Experiences:

Evidence of...

- Sustained and meaningful service to others through clinical or non-clinical experiences, particularly those that develop an awareness of the unique challenges of a career in medicine
- Experiences with diverse populations that demonstrate sensitivity to others and the ability to work collaboratively in a team or community environment

Academic Achievement

Evidence of...

- Success in the Biomedical and Social Sciences essential to the practice of medicine

- Scholarly curiosity including research or educational achievements in health services, public or global health, health policy, clinical care, humanities or basic biomedical sciences

Updated/Approved by the Dean, Committee on Admissions 2013. Reviewed annually by committee.

The Mission of the Committee and criteria for admissions reflect best practice in MD admissions, especially based upon relevant ACGME and AAMC competencies and holistic file review. The Committee on Admissions follows the SMHS Policy on Diversity in applicant review and selection of the class. This review balances academic metrics, experiences and attributes with potential contribution to our M.D. program and mission.

All criteria and process are posted publicly on the GWSMHS web. The Committee on Admissions annually reviews all criteria and process.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

All faculty and staff of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, premedical advisors, and applicants.

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Who Approved This Policy

Committee on Admissions,
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