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## **POLICY ON Committee on Admissions Mission Statement**

### **Policy Statement**

The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences (“SMHS”) 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 domestic and international health authorities.

To meet this goal, the MD program is dedicated to admitting a well rounded group of students who will be prepared to meet the broad and disparate needs and challenges 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 (which correlate to *learning objectives*):

Evidence of...

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

#### 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 different populations that demonstrate sensitivity to others, cultural competency, and the ability to work collaboratively in a team or community environment

#### Academic Achievement:

Evidence of...

- Success in the Biomedical and Social Sciences that is 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.

The Mission of the Committee and criteria for admissions reflect best practices in MD admissions, primarily based upon relevant ACGME and AAMC competencies and holistic file review. The Committee on Admissions follows the MD Guiding principles and learning objectives in applicant review and selection of the class. This review balances academic metrics, experiences, and attributes with a potential contribution to our MD program and mission. *All criteria and processes are posted publicly on the GW SMHS web. The Committee on Admissions annually reviews all requirements and procedures.*

## **Who Needs to Know This Policy**

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All faculty and staff of SMHS, premedical advisors, and applicants.

## **Policy Contact**

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## **Who Approved This Policy**

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Committee on Admissions

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## **Dates**

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Origination Date – 2013. *The committee reviews it annually.*  
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