

# LMU

## Lincoln Memorial University

### ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between  
LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY  
for its  
COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE  
and  
East Tennessee State University

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This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into this 25th day of June, 2021, by and between Lincoln Memorial University for its *College of Dental Medicine* (“LMU”) and East Tennessee State University (“ETSU”) for the purpose of offering an articulated educational program leading to the award of a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree (“Program”) to qualified ETSU students.

**WHEREAS**, Lincoln Memorial University (“LMU”) and East Tennessee State University (“ETSU”) are institutions regionally accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC);

**WHEREAS**, LMU has a College of Dental Medicine with a Doctor of Dental Medicine program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

**WHEREAS**, ETSU desires to recruit and retain students who are interested in attaining a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to collaborate to provide educational opportunities to hold seats for ETSU students who meet the minimum requirements for admissions into the Program at LMU.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is agreed that ETSU and LMU enter into this Agreement to offer an articulated program leading to the award of a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree to qualified ETSU students in accordance with the terms and conditions contained herein.

## I. PROGRAM PROMOTION

The parties agree to promote the Program as follows:

- a. Both parties shall be responsible for recruitment of ETSU students into the Program through various promotional materials including, but not limited to, electronic mail, direct mail, social media announcements, brochures and/or flyers.
- b. All promotional materials shall be approved in advance by both parties.
- c. The parties agree to hold information sessions about the Program at ETSU at least three (3) times per academic year on dates and times mutually agreed upon by the parties.
- d. ETSU and LMU identify the following contacts for the program:

Lincoln Memorial University	East Tennessee State University
Dr. Clayton Hess	Martha Edde
6965 Cumberland Gap Parkway	PO Box 70730
Harrogate, Tn. 37752	Johnson City, TN 37614
423.869.6391	423-439-5602
eugene.hess@LMU.net.edu	eddem@etsu.edu

## II. PROGRAM DETAILS

- a) **Qualifications.** Student must be within two semesters of completion of the Bachelor of Science in Biology or Chemistry degree and completed a minimum of 8 credit hours of Biology with lab, 8 credit hours of Physics, 8 credit hours of English, 8 credit hours of General Chemistry with lab, and 8 credit hours of Organic Chemistry with lab.
- b) **Credit Transfer.** After successful completion of the third year at ETSU, a student may apply to the LMU-CDM through the ADEA Associated American Dental Schools Application Service and submit the Supplement Application directly through the CDM.
- c) The deadline to apply would be August 1 of the applying student's senior year. At the student's request and expense, an official transcript shall be sent from ETSU to LMU's Registrar.
- d) **Academic Plan.** Student must have a Bachelor of Science in Biology or Chemistry from ETSU prior to matriculation into the Doctor of Medicine Program at LMU.
- e) **Transcripts.** ETSU is the undergraduate degree-granting institution and will keep the official transcript for the undergraduate degree and provide an official copy to the LMU-CDM. LMU is the professional degree-granting institution and will keep the official transcript for the professional degree.

- f) **Registration and Payment.** Students will register at, be billed by, and pay tuition and fees to ETSU during undergraduate years; students will register for, be billed by, and pay tuition and fees to LMU for the four years of the CDM program.
- g) **Financial Aid.** While in the CDM program, students covered under this Agreement may apply for financial aid through LMU pursuant to its applicable policies and procedures, including schedules applicable to any award.
- h) **Reporting of Grades.** The Registrar at ETSU will report grades to LMU according to prevailing practice and in a timely manner in order for ETSU students to matriculate into the academic CDM Program. In addition, an annual report will be generated indicating the academic status of all ETSU students in or dropped from the Program during that academic year.

### III. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

ETSU students seeking to participate in the Program (“Participant”) **MUST** meet the following eligibility criteria:

- a) Each Participant must meet the criteria set out in Exhibit A and sign the “Intent to Participate” form, attached hereto as Exhibit B, no later than two semesters before the participant completes their fourth year at ETSU and submit the form to the individual of the faculty or staff who has responsibility for overseeing the Program on ETSU’s behalf identified Paragraph I(d) above.

### IV. RESERVATION OF SEATS

LMU agrees to reserve up to ten (10) seats each year for Participants who meet the criteria identified in Paragraph III and are admitted into the Program under applicable admissions standards and procedures.

### V. COMPLIANCE WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Participants admitted to the Program must comply with all ETSU academic and non-academic policies and procedures in all matters related to completion of their Bachelor’s degree and to comply with LMU’s academic and non-academic policies and procedures in all matters related to their enrollment and participation in the CDM program.

### VI. AUTHORITY AND OVERSIGHT

ETSU has, and will have, oversight of all matters related to its core curriculum, any ETSU undergraduate major, minor, or related area, and any undergraduate electives. LMU has, and will have, oversight of all matters related to its CDM program, curriculum, and related areas.

### VII. CHANGES TO PREREQUISITES AND CURRICULUM

LMU will communicate in a timely manner any changes in prerequisites for admission to its CDM program. ETSU will communicate to LMU in a timely manner any changes in its core curriculum or related undergraduate majors which could impact this Agreement.

**VIII. ANNUAL NOTIFICATION**

ETSU will notify LMU-CDM's Dean of Faculty and Students in writing by August 1 of each year the number of Participants it anticipates will apply for admission to the LMU-CDM program during the following academic year.

**IX. TERMINATION**

Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon one (1) year written notice. The parties agree that this Agreement shall continue in force for all ETSU students who, at the time of termination, are participating in the Program and who intend to apply to the LMU-CDM program, as evidenced by the Participant's Intent to Participate form.

**X. TERM**

This agreement shall become effective upon its execution and will remain in effect until July 26, 2026, at which time the Agreement may be renewed annually by mutual written agreement of the parties.

**XI. CONFIDENTIALITY**

To the extent permissible by law, the parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of the terms, conditions, and operations of this Agreement and any related documents; provided, however, that neither party is prohibited from providing information to federal agencies, accrediting institutions, insurance carriers, or other entities that may require such information pursuant to legal process.

**XII. FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT**

The parties agree to comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act with regard to all student education records that may be created, received, or provided under the terms of this Agreement.

**XIII. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS**

The relationship of the parties is that of independent contractors. Nothing contained herein shall create or be deemed to create an employer – employee, principal-agent, joint venture, or partnership relationship.

**XIV. ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION**

This Agreement contains all the understandings of the parties concerning the matters covered herein, and may only be altered, amended, or modified in a writing duly executed by the parties.

**XV. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee without regard to any choice of law provisions. The parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Tennessee.

**XVI. ASSIGNMENT**


Neither party may assign its interests in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

**XVII. NOTICES**

All notices required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed effective upon receipt by the parties at the following addresses.

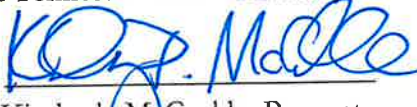
**If to LMU:**

Lincoln Memorial University  
6965 Cumberland Gap Parkway  
Harrogate, TN 37752  
ATTN: Office of the General Counsel

Lincoln Memorial University  
  
BY: Clayton Hess (Aug 19, 2021 14:14 EDT)  
Dr. Clayton Hess, President  
6965 Cumberland Gap Parkway  
Harrogate, TN 37752

**If to East Tennessee State University:**

East Tennessee State University  
PO Box 70730  
Johnson City, TN 37614  
ATTN: Martha Edde  
With a Copy to:  
University Counsel  
PO Box 70285  
Johnson City, TN 37614

East Tennessee State University  
  
BY: Kimberly McCorkle  
Dr. Kimberly McCorkle, Provost  
ETSU, PO Box 70733  
Johnson City, TN 37614

## EXHIBIT A

To qualify for entry via this pathway, students must possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited 4-year institution. Prerequisites and recommended courses align with those of previous pathways.

1. Complete the Associated American Dental Schools Application through ADEA (AADSAS ADEA) and the LMU College of Dental Medicine Supplementary Application.
2. At a minimum, applicants must report both a science and a cumulative GPA over 3.00 (although over 3.33 will be generally be necessary to be competitive) on a 4.00 scale and a plan leading to a bachelor's degree before matriculation. Minimum science and cumulative GPAs of 3.33 on a 4.00 scale are required.
3. Applicants must submit competitive scores on the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT). An Average Academic score of 19 or higher and a Reading Comprehension score of 19 or higher is desired. The DAT must have been taken no more than three years before the application.
4. Three letters of recommendation are required. One must be from either a pre dental advisory committee or a science professor; the College of Dental Medicine prefers other letters to be written by either a dental or medical professional or someone who can attest to the applicant's integrity and ethical standards. Letters written by immediate family members will not be accepted. All letters of recommendation must be submitted directly to the School by those completing the letters. The Office of Admissions will not accept letters submitted by students.
5. Complete 60 observation/shadowing hours before entering the DMD program.
6. Applicants must demonstrate a genuine understanding of, and interest in, the humanitarian ethos of health care, particularly dental medicine.
7. Applicants should be people- and service- oriented, demonstrated through community service or extracurricular activities.
8. Applicants should reflect proper motivation for and commitment to health care as demonstrated by previous salaried work, volunteer work, or other life experiences.
9. Applicants must possess the oral and written communication skills necessary to interact with patients and colleagues. Directions for the required essay submission will be provided before scheduling an interview.
10. Applicants must pass the Lincoln Memorial University College of Dental Medicine criminal background check.
11. Applicants must be drug-free, as evidenced through required drug-testing (completed upon offer of admission).
12. In addition to applicants' GPA and DAT scores, prospective students granted an interview would participate in a chalk/soap carving exercise. This exercise will take thirty-five minutes and the carvings will be evaluated by the Admissions Committee. These results will be used as an adjunct to the GPA and DAT in the selection process. Students must score a minimum of 7 out of 12 to be eligible for admissions to the DMD program.

Admissions criteria are weighted with an emphasis on academic performance will account for about 1/3 of the final score, which includes science GPAs, nonscience GPAs, cumulative GPAs, number of hours completed per semester or quarter, and institution(s) attended. The DAT scores and the chalk/soap carving exercise results will account for about 1/3 of the final score. Motivation, experience, recommendations, community service experience, and the interview evaluation will account for about 1/3 of the final score. The ranking formula, the weighting, and the scoring will be analyzed and reviewed before each admission cycle by the Admissions Committee (Applicant Ranking Plan).

**EXHIBIT B**  
**INTENT TO PARTICIPATE**

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.      Undergraduate Term: Click or tap here to enter text.

Current Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Primary Contact Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Primary Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

I, Click or tap here to enter text., certify that the information provided above is accurate. I grant permission to ETSU to provide information regarding my academic record to Lincoln Memorial University. I understand that admission to the LMU-CDM Program is competitive. Neither admission to nor meeting minimum application requirements for the LMU-CDM Program guarantees admission to the LMU-CDM Program. Admission to the LMU-CDM Program is at the discretion of LMU in conformity with LMU standards which may change from time to time.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Completed form must be submitted to Dr. Denise Terese-Koch at [Denise.Terese-Koch@LMU.net](mailto:Denise.Terese-Koch@LMU.net)

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Participant has applied to LMU through the indicated Application service (AADSA ADEA) by ETSU

Participant has a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above and a science GPA of 3.0 or above at ETSU at the time of application

Participant has successfully completed all core requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree at ETSU

Participant has successfully completed all standard application requirements and prerequisite courses required for application to the LMU-DMD program