

Early Assurance Agreement

between

**Albany Medical College
Center for Physician Assistant Studies**

and

Siena College

October 2008

**Albany Medical College
Center for Physician Assistant Studies
Early Assurance Program With
Siena College**

Introduction and Requirements:

Albany Medical College, acting on behalf of its Center for Physician Assistant Studies (CPAS) will offer qualified students of Siena College the opportunity to apply to the Center for early acceptance under this Early Assurance Program (EAP). The students may apply at the end of the first semester of their junior year if the minimum requirements are met (listed below). Students are expected to maintain the minimum GPA (3.2) and complete all ancillary requirements prior to enrolling at CPAS.

To be eligible for admission, candidates must have completed their baccalaureate degree with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 and have completed two semesters each of General Biology, General Chemistry, as well as two semesters of Human Anatomy and Physiology. These requirements are best met at Siena as a Biology major. 1000 hours of health care experience are required prior to enrolling at CPAS. SAT scores may also be examined as part of the application process.

Students must present themselves to the Siena's Health Professions Recommendation Committee (HPRC) for review prior to having their names forwarded to CPAS. A letter of instruction and application materials will be sent directly to the applicants by the Center. The applicant will be required to complete a centralized application (CASPA), as well as submit a Supplemental Application and Personal Statement directly to the Center. Interviews will be individually scheduled upon receipt of these materials.

Accepted students must continue as full time students engaging in rigorous intellectual activity by taking specific courses that will be of benefit to a professional health care provider.

Admission Process:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
• Appear before Siena's HPRC	January 31
• Supplemental Application Personal Statements received by CPAS	May 1 (Junior year)
• Interviews	(Individual arrangement)
• CASPA profile received by Center	June 15
• Notification of Committee Action	July 15
• Commitment from accepted applicant	September 1
• Tuition deposit to secure seat for January	May 30 (senior year)

Acceptance and Continuation in the Program.


An offer of admission by the CPAS requires a reciprocal commitment by the student. It is understood that the student will not apply to other physician assistant programs. A deposit of \$500 dollars is required at the time of acceptance. This deposit will be returned if the student's continuation in the EAP is subsequently denied by CPAS for reasons cited below. It will be forfeited if the student subsequently declines to enroll.

Continuation in the EAP will be dependent on continued academic progress toward the bachelor's degree with a minimum grade point average each term of 3.2 in both overall course work and in the sciences. Grades in prerequisite courses must be "C" or better. Failure to meet the academic standards constitutes grounds for dismissal from the EAP. Albany Medical College will require a final transcript to insure that all students accepted to the EAP have fulfilled the requirements. Admission can also be revoked by Albany Medical College at any time should events occur that would cause its Admission Committee to question a student's suitability to pursue a career in medicine. Such events may include but are not limited to the student's engagement in criminal activity, academic dishonesty or unprofessional conduct.

The term of this Agreement shall be ten (10) years commencing January 1, 2009. The Agreement shall be reviewed by the parties from time to time during the ten (10) year period to ensure compliance with the agreement and accreditation standards. Either institution may terminate this Agreement on 30 days notice if either institution is in breach of any provision of the Agreement. If the Agreement is terminated, students who are participating in the EAP under this agreement shall be given the opportunity to complete the EAP without interruption in their studies.

This agreement may be amended from time to time with mutual consent of both parties. Amendments shall be in writing, and signed by both parties.

Albany Medical College


Signature

Vincent Verdile, M.D.
Dean

11/24/08
Date

Siena College


Signature

Kevin Mullen, O.F.M., Ph.D.
President

10/16/08
Date