

### **TTUHSC MPAS Program Early Admission Decision Initiative and Austin College**

The TTUHSC School of Health Professions is pleased to partner with other colleges and universities to streamline the application process to our healthcare degree programs, including the PA program. TTUHSC MPAS Program participates in the Early Admission Decision Initiative agreement with Austin College (AC). This allows an AC student to apply to the MPAS program at the end of their sophomore year, complete the admission review and interview process, and receive a provisional early admission offer 1 year earlier (junior year) for matriculation a subsequent year, pending completion of all prerequisite and admission requirements as defined by the MPAS Admissions website and the contingency agreement.

Participation in the Early Admission Decision Initiative will be open to all students at AC who meet the published criteria.

#### **Criteria for Early Admission Application and Decision:**

- AC student at the definition of rank of junior (at least 60 credit hours)
- Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.70 or higher (calculated by CASPA)
- PA Program Admission Prerequisite course GPA of 3.70 or higher (calculated by CASPA)
- Completion of at least 30 credit hours of coursework at AC
- Completion of the following prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher:
  - Genetics (3 hrs)
  - Microbiology (3 hours)
  - Organic or Biochemistry (4 hrs)
  - Psychology (3 hrs)
- Completion of GRE

#### **Process**

- Completion of the following admission requirements (as described on the MPAS Program Admissions Website at <https://www.ttuhschool.edu/health-professions/master-physician-assistant-studies/admissions-requirements.aspx>)
  - Online Application (CASPA application and TTUHSC online application)
  - Application Fee
  - Official Transcripts
  - Official GRE scores
  - Letters of Recommendation
- Applicants will be evaluated through the MPAS Program Holistic Admissions Process as defined on the MPAS Program Admissions Website, including the interview process. AC applicants will not receive additional special consideration in the holistic review and interview process beyond criteria described on the MPAS Program Admissions Website.

#### **Early Admission Decision**

- Applicants who are selected by the Admissions Committee following interview may be offered an provisional, early admission decision based on the following stipulations and defined in the contingency letter:

- Maintain enrollment at Austin College making satisfactory progression toward completion of all program prerequisites with grade of C or higher and baccalaureate degree.
- Must maintain a cumulative and prerequisite GPA of 3.70 or higher through the end of Fall semester of their senior year.
- Complete the CASPA application by defined deadlines during the admission cycle of matriculation.
- Meet all other TTUHSC admission criteria and comply with all TTUHSC rules, regulations, policies and processes.

Applicants who receive and accept a provisional early admission offer must commit to enroll in the TTUHSC MPAS Program and may not apply to similar programs at another university or college. Applying to a similar program at another university or college will nullify their early admission offer to the MPAS program.

Austin College students participating in the Early Admission Decision Initiative are not guaranteed admission to TTUHSC until all TTUHSC requirements are met. TTUHSC may withdraw provision acceptance or refuse admission for reasons other than not meeting admission criteria, including but not limited to: academic or professional misconduct and violation of local, state, or federal law.

The detailed agreement is available at: <https://www.ttuhsu.edu/health-professions/admissions/partner-institutions.aspx>