Memorandum Of Understanding between Brooklyn College 
and the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn 
regarding the BA/MD Program

This Memorandum Of Understanding covers academic/curriculum changes as well as administrative changes in the BA/MD Program, commencing with the 1998-99 academic year. Provisions #19 and #25 apply to all students in the program. All other provisions apply only to students who enter the program as freshmen after July 8, 1998.

Academic/Curriculum Changes

1. BA/MD students will be required to maintain an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 and a GPA for Program science requirements of 3.5.

2. BA/MD students, during their 4 years at Brooklyn College, must spend a minimum of one summer volunteering in a clinical setting involved with patient care. This will provide students experience working with patients which will contribute to their motivation and commitment to becoming physicians and to their developing professionalism. It will be the students’ responsibility to find their own field placement. The health care practice of a parent or other relative is not acceptable.

3. Students must participate in community service on a continuous basis during a 3 year period beginning in the Fall semester of their sophomore year. This 3 year commitment to community service must be satisfied before entering the Medical School. Should a student finish all course credits necessary for graduating from Brooklyn College by the end of his/her junior year that student must still carry out his/her third year of community service in order to satisfy Program requirements.
4. Students will not be permitted to accelerate after their junior year at Brooklyn College.

5. Students must take the Medical College Admission Tests (MCATs) during their career at Brooklyn College, achieving a score of no less than 9 on each of the subtests before the end of their senior year.

6. The BA/MD program director, in conjunction with colleagues from Brooklyn College, will develop a research course as a required component of the BA/MD students’ curriculum. SUNY HSC faculty will be invited to participate in this course. The goal of the course will be to provide students with a conceptual framework for conducting original empirical research as well as for critically evaluating published research articles.

7. The BA/MD program director will explore the possibility of developing an epidemiology course as part of the students’ curriculum.

8. The BA/MD Program has recently been integrated into the Honors Academy, a federation of all honors programs at Brooklyn College, including the Scholars Program, the Ford Colloquium and the Mellon Minority Fellowship Program. As members of Honors Academy, BA/MD students will be given the option of taking special honors courses, of attending scholarly presentations and conferences, and of presenting their own scholarship/research at an Honors Academy Student Conference.

9. Brooklyn College will develop and offer a series of counseling workshops that BA/MD students will be required to attend. These workshops will provide students with an opportunity to explore their feelings and thoughts about becoming physicians. By doing so it is hoped that students will either reaffirm their commitment to medicine or realize that a medical career is not something that they ultimately want to pursue.

10. The maximum size of the annual entering class will be 15 students.

Administrative Changes

11. Mr. Tom Lo will be put in charge of the BA/MD admissions process. The BA/MD program director will work closely with him and his assistants to ensure that admissions applications are processed expeditiously.
12. The BA/MD program director in conjunction with Mr. Lo, and ideally a number of SUNY HSC representatives, will revise the admissions application process to better identify students with an appropriate level of emotional maturity.

13. Brooklyn College will undertake extensive recruitment, for the BA/MD Program, of academically qualified students from a diversity of backgrounds.

14. A dedicated Fax machine will be purchased for the BA/MD office.

15. The Brooklyn College BA/MD Program Director will attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges. Brooklyn College together with SUNY HSC will fund the Director’s conference, travel and lodging expenses.

16. The BA/MD Program Director will be provided with a summer salary, to be determined according to college guidelines, to compensate him/her for the time spent attending to administrative duties during the months from and including June through August. This will assure that the BA/MD program has 12 month academic coverage.

17. In addition to the faculty Program Director’s position, Brooklyn College will allocate a 12 month non-faculty administrative position to the BA/MD Program. This position will have the authority to run the program on a day-to-day basis, i.e. to provide transcripts, generate probation letters, etc. Further, it will be the responsibility of the program administrator to maintain a computer database and thorough records on all BA/MD students. This database will contain information on the BA/MD students’ academic performance and social-psychological behavior at Brooklyn College as well as at the Medical School. By creating this position and assigning to it the responsibility of maintaining this database, Brooklyn College explicitly intends to relieve SUNY HSC of many of the responsibilities of and costs involved in administering the BA/MD Program.

18. In order to maintain the above stated database and also in order to systematically evaluate how the BA/MD students perform at the Medical School, SUNY HSC will share with Brooklyn College data (to be agreed upon by the two institutions) it routinely collects on its students’ performance. In addition, in order to provide a meaningful comparison group for evaluating the BA/MD students’ performance, SUNY HSC will provide aggregate data on the performance of comparable non-BA/MD students.
19. Brooklyn College will explore developing specific computer codes that will preclude BA/MD students from dropping a course or having a change of grade entered without the explicit written permission of the BA/MD Program Director.

In addition to the above modifications that impact directly on the BA/MD Program, Brooklyn College is willing to undertake a number of other initiatives that will contribute to a more integrated and mutually beneficial relationship with SUNY HSC.

20. A database of students from diverse backgrounds who applied for but were not accepted into the BA/MD Program will be developed. These students will be tracked to determine if they are in attendance at Brooklyn College. If so, their progress at the college will be monitored. Those exhibiting a GPA that would qualify them for medical school will be identified for potential recruitment into SUNY HSC. Further, we will explore ways in which our two institutions might better be able to support and prepare these students so that they might successfully matriculate into SUNY HSC.

21. Brooklyn College will also explore possible ways our faculty might contribute more directly to the Medical School, such as teaching courses in medical anthropology, medical sociology, health psychology, i.e., in substantive areas of expertise that may be under-represented in the Medical School faculty, developing joint research proposals, as well as mounting community health programs.

22. To operationalize these initiatives, a joint committee, comprised of personnel from both institutions, including, of course, interested faculty, will be formed. This committee will have the authority to implement the above initiatives, as well as to identify new ways the BA/MD Program could be made more administratively efficient and educationally enriching.

23. Either Brooklyn College or SUNY HSC has the right to terminate the program, with one year advance written notice. Students who are at that time enrolled in the program will be guaranteed continued support and admission under the program rules.

24. The terms of this agreement build upon the already established rules governing this program (copy attached).
25. All requests for exceptions to any program rule must be submitted in writing by the student and will be reviewed by both institutions, in accordance with a calendar which will be developed by both institutions. Both institutions must agree to any decision regarding such exceptions.

26. Any modifications to this memorandum of understanding must be in writing and signed by both parties.

Agreed:

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City University of New York

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Interim President
State University of New York
Health Science Center at Brooklyn

Date: 7/7/95
that meet the requirements for the major in their science at Brooklyn.

3. Students who receive Brooklyn College Advanced Placement credit

(c) BA/M.D. Student Seminar in the Fall of the student's final year

Core 10 (Knowledge, Experience, and Values)
Core 2 (Power, Influence, and Control)
Electives

(b) Honors sections for Core 1 (Classical Origins of Western

General Physics I and II
Organic Chemistry I and II
General Chemistry I and II

These required courses are:

1. A minimum of 45 credits must be completed at Brooklyn College.
2. Students must take at least 12 credits each year.

Program director/Admissions director. Any student who withdraws from the program must be

Rules and Policies:

This program leads to a baccalaureate degree awarded by Brooklyn Science Center at Brooklyn.

Brooklyn College/SUNY Health
BA/M.D
Medical College. The college is the medical college.

The College of Medicine recognizes different majors in conjunction with departmental requirements and includes courses in areas where individual skills are required. The College of Medicine strongly encourages students to take one

interim.

1. All science courses must be satisfied by the end of the second semester of their junior year.
2. Students must complete all of the required laboratory courses.
3. Students must complete a minimum of 12 credits in a non-science discipline. Students may alternate one science course each semester.
4. All B.A./M.D. students majoring in science must complete a minor.
5. All science courses must be taken at a college other than the college from which the student is admitted.
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