

**Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
A.T. Still University of Health Sciences  
and  
University of Central Missouri**

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter "MOU") is entered into on this 15th day of May 2025, by and between A.T. Still University of Health Sciences (hereinafter "ATSU") and the University of Central Missouri (hereinafter "UCM"). ATSU and the UCM may be referred to herein individually as "Party" or collectively as "Parties."

WHEREAS, the UCM is an undergraduate higher education institution devoted to the success of its students and creating opportunities for its graduates;

WHEREAS, ATSU, the founding institution of osteopathic healthcare, is a leading postgraduate health sciences university dedicated to preparing highly competent healthcare professionals with a focus on whole person healthcare, scholarship, community health, interprofessional education, diversity, and underserved populations;

WHEREAS, the UCM and ATSU recognize the benefit of establishing pipeline programs through which both Parties seek to identify the UCM students that possess the qualifications and ability to successfully complete programs offered by ATSU and, as importantly, reflect the mission of ATSU.


NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and conditions herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, it is understood and agreed by the Parties, as follows:

- A. Purpose. The purpose of this MOU is to establish a general collaboration between ATSU and the UCM to increase post-graduation opportunities for the UCM students by identifying the Pre-Health students who reflect the mission of ATSU and would make quality candidates for admission into certain ATSU programs.
- B. General. This MOU establishes the overarching relationship between the UCM and ATSU related to creating pipeline programs for UCM students to enter programs offered in ATSU schools. Each ATSU school's admission and pipeline program requirements are memorialized by separate addendum/addenda to this MOU, and may differ between ATSU's schools. ATSU and the UCM shall mutually establish procedures intended to: 1) identify motivated and capable students who demonstrate a high likelihood of successful academic performance at both the UCM and ATSU; 2) provide expanded educational opportunities to identified students; and 3) develop an assessment plan to critically assess each pipeline program and its expected outcomes. Both institutions shall agree as to the students admitted into each pipeline program, but nothing herein shall limit the authority of either Party to admit other applicants to their own programs.
- C. Course Requirements. The UCM students presented to ATSU through this MOU shall pursue a curriculum approved by both the UCM and ATSU. Prerequisite course requirements and other relevant requirements are attached as addendum/addenda to this MOU or are found on the ATSU website.

- D. No Guarantee. ATSU makes no guarantee or covenant under this MOU that any UCM student will be admitted to, or be awarded a degree by, any of its schools or programs.
- E. Academic Misconduct. A student will be dismissed from participation in a pipeline program in the event the student is found by UCM, or by ATSU or its affiliated hospitals and/or clinics, to have engaged in academic misconduct as defined by the policies of the respective school or organization.
- F. Indemnification. Without waiving sovereign immunity and only as permitted by Missouri law, ATSU and the UCM shall indemnify and hold harmless the other Party and its trustees, regents, officers, and employees, and shall pay all charges, costs, damages, and expenses, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and related expenses associated with defending claims asserted by any student participating in any pipeline program established by this MOU, or claims asserted by any third party, if such claims arise from, or are related to, any action or decision by either Party concerning its programs, policies or procedures. The obligation of either Party to indemnify the other shall extend without limitation to claims arising from any decisions by either Party to admit or refuse to admit a participating student into its degree programs, to grant or refuse to grant a degree to a participating student, or to impose discipline against a participating student.
- G. Relationships. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture or other business enterprise between the Parties. In implementing this MOU, the UCM and ATSU shall each act on its own behalf and neither has authority to bind the other without the other's express written consent.
- H. Other MOUs. This MOU and any addendum/addenda shall not prohibit either Party from entering into similar MOUs with other institutions. It is also agreed that any the UCM student who applies through the normal application and acceptance procedures to any ATSU program shall not be adversely affected by not utilizing the application process through this MOU.
- I. Amendments. By mutual written consent, the Parties may amend, modify and/or expand this MOU. Any amendment shall only apply subsequent to the date such amendment has been approved by the Parties.
- J. Termination. Either Party may terminate this MOU, without cause, with a minimum written notice of twelve months to the other Party. The students participating in pipeline programs shall be allowed to complete the course of study provided all requirements are successfully completed.
- K. Enforceability. None of the benefits or obligations of the Parties under this MOU shall be enforceable by any student or other third party.
- L. Assignment. Neither Party shall assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this MOU without the written consent of the other.


Agreed to by and between:

University of Central Missouri

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Roger Best, PhD  
President  
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Tim Crowley, PhD  
Provost

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Date

A.T. Still University of Health Sciences

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Craig M. Phelps, DO  
Chancellor

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Date