Because the M.D. degree signifies that the holder is a physician prepared for entry into the practice of medicine within postgraduate training programs, it follows that candidates for graduation must have the knowledge, skills, attitudes and judgment to function in a broad variety of clinical situations and to render a wide spectrum of patient care. Candidates must demonstrate the capacity to develop academic and emotional maturity and leadership skills to function effectively in a medical team. Therefore, all students admitted to the School of Medicine must be able to meet, with or without reasonable accommodation, the following abilities and expectations. Students/Applicants who may have questions regarding the technical standards or who believe they may need to request reasonable accommodation in order to meet the standards are encouraged to contact the Education & Student Affairs Office.

1. Candidates must be able to observe demonstrations and experiments in the basic sciences.

2. Candidates must have sufficient use of the sensory, vision, hearing, motor, and the somatic sensation necessary to perform a physical examination. Candidates must be able to perform activities such as palpation, auscultation, percussion, the administration of intravenous medication, the application of pressure to stop bleeding, the opening of obstructed airways, the movements, equilibrium and functional use of the sense of touch and vision.

3. Candidates must be able to learn to respond with precise, quick and appropriate action in emergency situations.

4. Candidates must be able to communicate with accuracy, clarity, efficiency, and sensitivity.

5. Candidates must have the skills to be able to analyze and synthesize information, solve problems, and reach diagnostic and therapeutic judgments.

6. Candidates must be able to acknowledge evaluation and respond appropriately.

7. Candidates must possess the interpersonal skills to develop rapport and positive relationships with patients.

8. Candidates are expected to possess the perseverance, diligence, and consistency to complete the medical school curriculum. Candidates, therefore, must be able to tolerate physically and emotionally taxing workloads, to function effectively under stress, to adapt to changing environments, to display flexibility, and to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of many patients.

I have read carefully the above listed technical standards set forth by the Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine. I declare that to the best of my knowledge, I possess the abilities and am otherwise able to meet the expectations set forth in these technical standards.

Applicant’s Name (Please Print)

Applicant’s Signature Date