



Wy'east Post-Baccalaureate Pathway Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I apply?

- a. The Wy'east online primary application will be found at www.ohsu.edu/nativehealth starting April 1st, 2019.
- b. A completed application will consist of:
 - i. Submission of online application
 - ii. Unofficial transcripts emailed to nativehealth@ohsu.edu
 - iii. Submission of two letters of recommendation emailed* OR postmarked by May 31st, 2019. Send letters to:

Oregon Health & Science University
Northwest Native American Center of Excellence
Mail Code: CL2N
3181 SW Sam Jackson Park RD
Portland, Oregon 97239

Email: nativehealth@ohsu.edu

*letters of recommendation can only be emailed by the recommender

2. What is the Wy'east Application Process?

- a. The application opens Monday, April 1st, 2019.
- b. The primary application is due Tuesday, April 30th, 2019
- c. The secondary application, and all supporting materials, are due by Friday, May 31st, 2019 at 2:00pm Pacific Standard Time.
- d. The online application consists of:
 - i. A short primary application
 - ii. A longer secondary application – you will be emailed a link to the secondary application within 3 business days after submitting the

primary application. You will be able to save and return to the secondary application.

- e. Mid-June, 2019 are the in-person interviews. Interviewees are responsible for their own travel and lodging. There is no available funding for travel or lodging assistance at this time.

3. I'm not available to interview June, 2019. Can I interview a different day?

- a. No. Unfortunately we cannot change our interview day and no alternative interview days will be available.

4. Who should write my letters of recommendation?

- a. College instructors, pre-health advisors, employers, etc. Anyone who can attest to your professional and academic abilities. Choose people who are able to comment on your ability to succeed in the Wy'east post-bac and as a medical professional.

5. Who is Wy'east for?

- a. The Wy'east Pathway is for students who do not possess a qualifying MCAT score for OHSU, or who have unsuccessfully applied for medical school.

6. Who is eligible?

- a. Eligibility includes:
 - i. Bachelor's degree
 - ii. Completion of premedical coursework
 - iii. Received score of 491 or greater on the MCAT
 - iv. Overall GPA 2.8 or greater
 - v. American Indian or Alaska Native from a federally recognized tribe.

7. Will I receive a Certificate or Degree?

- a. No official certificate or degree will be awarded upon completion of the Wy'east Pathway

8. Can I receive Financial Aid?

- a. No, you cannot receive Financial Aid through the Wy'east Pathway. Wy'east is not an official program at OHSU and you will not be considered



an OHSU student. The Financial Aid Office cannot be used to receive scholarship funds on behalf of a Wy'east scholar.

9. What does Conditional Acceptance mean?

- a. Conditional acceptance is a promise from OHSU that, upon successful completion of the Wy'east Pathway, the Wy'east scholar will be accepted into OHSU School of Medicine.
- b. If scholars successfully *complete* the Pathway in June 2019, they will matriculate into OHSU School of Medicine August of 2019 as first year medical students.

10. What's required to successfully complete the Wy'east Pathway?

- a. Successful completion of the Wy'east Pathway includes:
 - i. Qualifying MCAT score of 497 or greater from testing completed no later than spring of 2020 (if planning to matriculate into OHSU August 2020).
 - ii. Overall GPA of 2.8 or greater
 - iii. Satisfactorily meeting Wy'east Pathway policies including, but not limited to:
 1. attending all classes with no unexcused absences,
 2. obtaining a passing score during each end-of-block exam,
 3. completion of all weekly quizzes, and
 4. professionalism in all aspects of pathway activities.
 - iv. A more detailed handbook will be reviewed during Wy'east orientation.

11. Will I need to resubmit my AMCAS Application?

- a. To qualify for conditional acceptance scholars will need to have submitted an AMCAS application during the admissions cycle that corresponds with their matriculating year.
 - i. For example, if a Wy'east scholar will be matriculating into OHSU School of Medicine August, 2020 they will need to have an AMCAS application submitted during the 2020 application cycle.
- b. If a Wy'east scholar has an AMCAS application on file from the previous year of their projected OHSU matriculation date, then they will be required to submit an AMCAS application during the fall of their Wy'east Pathway year.

12. Will I have to retake the MCAT

- a. Yes, Wy'east scholars retake the MCAT in the spring of the Pathway year. To qualify for conditional acceptance into OHSU Wy'east scholars need a minimum 497 MCAT score.

13. Will Wy'east pay for my MCAT?

- a. There is no dedicated funding to pay for Wy'east Scholars MCAT exam. Please plan on paying for your MCAT exam in spring of the Pathway year.

14. Can I attend remotely?

- a. No. No online courses offered at this time.

15. Moving to Portland, Oregon

- a. All scholars will be responsible for moving costs to Portland, Oregon.

16. Will I receive a stipend?

- a. Yes, participants will receive a monthly stipend of \$840 while enrolled in Wy'east. The amount of the stipend depends on number of scholars who matriculate into the Pathway and is subject to change.
- b. It is expected that scholars will need to supplement their living expenses with additional funding through maintaining part-time employment, or some other funding opportunity.

17. What is the Wy'east Academic schedule?

- a. Wy'east Academic Pathway will be half days 9am-1pm Monday – Friday with flexible clinical shadowing hours in the afternoon once per week during the fall.
- b. The Pathway is September, 2019 – June, 2020.
- c. Scholars receive a two-week Winter Break, and a two-week Spring break.

18. As a Wy'east Scholar am I considered an OHSU student?

- a. Wy'east is not an official program at OHSU and you will not be considered an OHSU student. No credit is offered through Wy'east and no degree awarded.

19. Please Note:

a. Funding

- i. We cannot accept scholarship funds on behalf of a Wy'east scholar. We do not have access to use OHSU Financial Aid Office and most scholarship programs require use of the Financial Aid Office. You will NOT be eligible for financial aid as you are technically not considered a student while in the Wy'east Pathway per Financial Aid rules and regulations. Please make sure you are able to afford living expenses if you do not have access to scholarship or loan programs.

Any questions please contact:

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