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The Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine Receives NCA Accreditation!

Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine now accepting student applications

Rochester, Mich. – Michigan's newest medical school – the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine – is now accepting applications for student admissions.

Admissions opened for the school's first class of 50 students after the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, which accredits degree-granting institutions in 19 states, approved Oakland University's request to issue medical degrees.

NCA representatives visited the medical school in January and recommended approval to NCA administrators in mid-April. The Liaison Committee for Medical Education, the accrediting authority for medical education programs in the U.S. and Canada, granted preliminary accreditation to the school in February.

"We can now move forward with our plans to recruit the best and brightest applicants for our inaugural class, which will begin instruction in August 2011," said Robert Folberg, M.D, founding dean of the medical school. "We are gratified that the NCA has given our school an extremely positive evaluation, recognizing our efforts over the past two years to create an extraordinary medical education experience for students."

The new medical school has attracted distinguished physicians, educators and administrators from across the country to Southeastern Michigan.

Students will receive instruction in basic sciences and research methods on Oakland University's campus in Rochester. Clinical training and applied research will take place in their third and fourth year of instruction at the Beaumont Hospitals in Royal Oak, Troy and Grosse Pointe. There, students will benefit from the expertise of a teaching hospital system with more than 90 medical specialties and 38 accredited, post-graduate residency and fellowship programs.

"Our involvement in the new medical school will help attract even more medical talent to Beaumont and to the region – benefiting our patients and the communities we serve," said Ananias Diokno, M.D., chief medical officer, Beaumont Hospitals. "And it will help to ensure that as our population ages, there will be an adequate supply of physicians to care for Michigan residents."

"This is the start of an exciting, new era for Oakland University, Beaumont Hospitals, Oakland County and Southeastern Michigan," said Virinder Moudgil, Oakland University's senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. "We expect the school to have an immensely positive impact on the local economy, reputation and quality of life in this area."

Operation of the privately funded school will be supported with revenue from tuition, partner contributions, research grants and philanthropy.

To learn more about the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine, including admissions guidelines, and to view a virtual tour of medical school facilities, visit www.oakland.edu/medicine.

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