Policy on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Applicants

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The California University of Science and Medicine – School of Medicine (CUSM-SOM) is accepting applications from students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status.

The Office of Admissions encourages all applicants to review the information provided in the Admissions Section of our website at: https://www.calmedu.org/school-of-medicine/admissions/welcome.php

AMCAS Application

- Individuals with DACA status applying to CUSM-SOM can refer to “Section Three: Biographical Information” of the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS) Instructions Manual for guidance on disclosing information about their immigration status on their AMCAS application.

Financial Assistance

- All students have the responsibility to obtain funding for tuition, other required fees and associated costs of attendance (e.g., housing, books, etc.).
- CUSM-SOM will work actively to explore methods for financial aid for all students. However, there is no guarantee that sufficient funding will be available to meet the financial needs of a student with limited options for aid.

Requirements for Participation at Clinical Training Sites

- Applicants who enroll in CUSM-SOM may have limitations on some curricular experiences (e.g., participating in clinical rotations at certain training sites) as a result of their citizenship status. This could impact the student’s ability to graduate from the program, so please read the following information carefully.
In order for a student to participate in clinical training at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center (ARMC), our main clinical training site, each student MUST meet ARMC’s background check requirements for students, as follows:

- Prior to student(s) starting their training at ARMC, all students who will be on ARMC premises must complete a background check in accordance with applicable State caregiver background check law and ARMC policy. The results of the background check must contain clearance for at least the past seven (7) years and must include at least the following:
  - All names
  - All counties (San Bernardino county, California required)
  - Social Security Number
  - Sex Offender Database
  - Office of Inspector General (OIG/GSA)

- Only student(s) with a PASS grade are accepted for training at ARMC. Inacceptable hits include:
  - Murder
  - Sexual offenses/misconduct
  - Physical abuse
  - Misdemeanor or felony fraud
  - Misdemeanor or felony theft
  - Misdemeanor involving weapons/violence/cruelty
  - Felony assault
  - Felony involving weapons/violence
  - Felony possession and furnishing (without rehabilitation certificate)
  - All pending charges
  - Multiple charges—two or more of the same or different nature
  - Multiple charges involving driving under the influence (DUI)—two or more on the same date or multiple dates
  - Recent DUI charge—those which have occurred within the last 24 months
  - Dismissed charges for which the people have presented a reasonable argument to the court against dismissal.