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LSU HEALTH NEW ORLEANS & XAVIER PARTNER ON MEDICAL SCHOOL EARLY  
ACCEPTANCE PROGRAM

*New Orleans, LA* – LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine will begin reviewing applications recommended by Xavier University of Louisiana for early acceptance into medical school through a new program launched this year. At the time of conditional acceptance, LSU Health New Orleans will provide Louisiana residents who commit a conditional full four-year scholarship.

“We are dedicated to increasing the diversity of the professional health workforce,” says Dr. Steve Nelson, LSU Health New Orleans Interim Chancellor. “Xavier has been enormously successful nationally in graduating pre-med students, and it seemed a natural partnership to keep these promising future physicians right here at home.”

To be eligible for the LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine-Xavier University of Louisiana Early Acceptance Program , a Xavier student must satisfy certain requirements at the end of the spring semester of sophomore year, including being prepared to be on track to graduate with a bachelor’s degree from Xavier in the spring of the senior year and to enter medical school that same year, completing at least 60 semester hours of courses at Xavier and completing required courses -- eight semester hours of General Biology w/Lab, eight semester hours of General Chemistry w/Lab, eight semester hours of Organic Chemistry w/Lab, two semesters of Mathematics (at least one statistics course is required), and two semesters of English.

"Xavier University of Louisiana is happy to partner with LSU Health in our joint work to educate



*Professions, Nursing, and Graduate Studies. LSU Health New Orleans faculty take care of patients in public and private hospitals and clinics throughout the region. In the vanguard of biosciences research in a number of areas in a worldwide arena, the LSU Health New Orleans research enterprise generates jobs and enormous economic impact. LSU Health New Orleans faculty have made lifesaving discoveries and continue to work to prevent, advance treatment, or cure disease. To learn more, visit <http://www.lsuhs.edu>, <http://www.twitter.com/LSUHealthNO>, or <http://www.facebook.com/LSUHSC>.*

#### ***About Xavier University of Louisiana***

*Being America's only historically Black and Catholic University is only the first among many distinctions that have set Xavier University of Louisiana apart for more than nine decades. Despite its relatively small size, Xavier is a nationally recognized leader in STEM and the health sciences, producing more African American students who graduate from medical schools each year than any other university in the United States. Its College of Pharmacy is among the top producers of African American pharmacists.*

*Its liberal arts-based programs in such areas as art, business, education, psychology, and political science – as well as recent additions in bioinformatics, data science, neuroscience, crime and social justice, and jazz studies – offer students an unbeatable combination of traditional classroom study, hands-on research, service-learning opportunities, and life experiences. The winning Xavier formula to provide students with a well-balanced curriculum and an environment that nurtures their intellect and feeds their souls.*