

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, NEWARK, DE

AND

WIDENER UNIVERSITY, CHESTER, PA

I. PURPOSE

These two institutions enter into this Agreement in order to facilitate the admission of qualified students from UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE to the health science graduate programs at Widener University indicated below.

Graduate Program	4+3	3+3	4+2*	3+2*	Number of reserved seats
DPT	X				6
OTD	X				6
SLP					
PA*			X		6

*PA is a 27-month program

KEY:

DPT = Doctor of Physical Therapy

PA = Master of Science (M.S.) in Physician Assistant Studies

OTD = Doctor of Occupational Therapy

SLP = Master of Science (M.S.) – Speech- Language Pathology

II. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

A. Admissions Guidelines

1. Must be a student in good standing at UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE.
2. Completion of the prerequisite courses (as listed by program in the Addendum) with at least a grade of B or higher. This does not include a B- grade.
3. Must maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA throughout their undergraduate program and have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher by the end of the fall semester prior to matriculating into the graduate program.
4. Meet the minimum of hours of volunteer and/or work experience in the relevant field (as listed by program in the Addendum).
5. Three favorable letters of recommendation; at least one must be from a UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE professor and at least one must be from a licensed practitioner from the profession that is applicable to the intended graduate program of study who has

supervised the applicant in the capacity of observer, volunteer, or paid employee or as otherwise stated in the addendum.

B. Course requirements

1. Candidates must **fulfill** prerequisite courses as outlined in the current requirements stipulated by Widener University Graduate Catalogue (see also Addendum). To participate in this articulation program, those prerequisite courses must be taken at UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE. AP credits or dual enrollment courses are not acceptable unless reviewed and approved for equivalent course credit by the UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE.
2. A grade of B or better must be obtained in all prerequisite courses.

C. Special Entry Options

1. Traditional pathway (4+3, 4+2) – Unlimited UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE students who meet the application requirements as listed in the relevant discipline’s centralized application system may apply to Widener University through the relevant system (PTACS, OTCAS, ETC). With this Agreement, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE students will have expedited review, automatic invitation to interview, and priority consideration for acceptance. UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE students should indicate on the application that they are applying from an articulating school.
2. Reserved seat pathway
 - a. Widener University reserves up to 6 seats for qualified students from UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE for each applicable professional program. The breakdown of seats, majors, and departments from the UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE is as follows:
 - i. 6 seats for Nutritional and Medical Sciences or Health Behavior Science – Health and Disabilities concentration majors (HBNS department) in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program.
 - ii. 6 seats for Integrated Health Sciences or Health Behavior Science – Health and Disabilities concentration majors (HBNS department) in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program.
 - iii. A total of 6 seats in the MS in Physician Assistant Studies program to be drawn from the Nutrition and Medical Science majors (HBNS department) [approximately 3 seats] and Medical Diagnostics Pre-Physician Assistant majors (MMSC department) [approximately 3 seats].
 - b. All other requirements to apply through the relevant discipline’s centralized application system still apply. UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE (HBNS department) will provide the names and relevant demographic information for all qualified students applying with a reserved seat no later than September 15th in the year prior to matriculation.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE agrees to:

1. Provide courses that meet the prerequisite requirements of the relevant graduate program(s) as indicated in the table above.
2. Designate a person who will serve as coordinator of the joint program at UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE.

The coordinator will:

- a. Be responsible for promoting the articulation program to prospective and current students through providing information to the relevant groups, offices, and academic advisors.
- b. Keep students and professions advisors abreast of current information applicable to the articulation program.
- c. Maintain permanent files for UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE students who intend to apply to the relevant Widener University graduate program(s).
- d. Serve as liaison between UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE and Widener University for any and all issues involving the articulation program.

B. Widener University agrees to:

1. Designate a person who will serve as coordinator of the articulation program at Widener University.

The coordinator will:

- a. Serve as liaison between Widener University and UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE for any and all issues involving the articulation program.
- b. Inform appropriate personnel of the existence of this Agreement and encourage them to support it.

IV. AMENDMENTS AND DURATION OF AGREEMENT

Either party may take the initiative to amend this Agreement by submitting suggestions in writing and following through with the appropriate negotiations through the respective coordinators. The amended Agreement will become effective when signed by the respective college and university representatives.

This Agreement will go into effect beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year and will remain in effect until either party provides to the other party notice of termination in writing at least one academic year in advance. Any decision to terminate the program will not affect the status of any

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE students currently accepted into or enrolled in the relevant program (s) at Widener University.

V. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Neither party shall discriminate against any person on the basis of race, age, religion, sex, gender, pregnancy status, color, creed, national origin, ethnicity, handicap, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, genetic information, veteran status, or any other class protected by federal, state or local law.

B. FERPA

Each party will comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") and its accompanying regulations and further agrees that it will not disclose any student educational records except as permitted or required by such Act.

C. NOTICES

Any notices to be provided under this Agreement shall be made by hand delivery or sent by nationally-recognized overnight courier services or certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the parties as addressed below:

TO UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE:

Laura A. Carlson, PhD
Provost
University of Delaware
116 Hullahen Hall
Newark, DE 19716

WITH A COPY (which shall not constitute notice) TO:

William Farquhar, PhD
Dean, College of Health Sciences
University of Delaware
The Tower at STAR, 7th floor
100 Discovery Blvd.
Newark, DE 19713

Jillian Trabulsi, PhD
Chair, Department of Health Behavior and Nutrition Sciences
University of Delaware
The Tower at STAR, Office 318
100 Discovery Blvd.
Newark, DE 19713

TO WIDENER UNIVERSITY:

William S. Lockhard
Vice President for Administration & Finance
Widener University
One University Place
Chester, PA 19013

WITH A COPY (which shall not constitute notice) TO:

Rocco P. Imperatrice, III, Esquire
Lamb McErlane, P.C.
3405 West Chester Pike
Newtown Square, PA 19073

D. JURISDICTION AND VENUE/GOVERNING LAW

With respect to any dispute arising hereunder, the parties agree and consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and the parties hereto expressly consent to such jurisdiction and venue and waive any and all objections thereto. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

E. **JURY TRIAL WAIVER. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO EXPRESSLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHTS IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY.**

F. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

Each of the parties hereto acknowledges that they are independent contractors, and neither party, nor its trustees, directors, officers, employees, representatives, or agents, shall be considered agents, representatives or employees of the other. In no event shall this Agreement be construed as establishing a partnership, joint venture, or similar relationship between the parties hereto. The parties acknowledge that the students are not employees of either party.

G. NO ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the express prior written consent of the other party hereto.

H. CONFIDENTIALITY

Each of the parties hereto agrees to keep strictly confidential and to hold in trust all confidential information of the other and not disclose any such information to any third party without the express prior written consent of the other party hereto, unless otherwise required by law.

I. HEADINGS

All paragraph and other headings and captions are for convenience of reference only and shall not be used in the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.

J. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be liable or responsible for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder due to causes beyond the reasonable control of the party affected or its agents, representatives, contractors or vendors, including, but not limited to, war, sabotage, insurrection, epidemics, pandemics, earthquakes, terrorism, riot or other act of civil disobedience, strikes or other labor shortages, accident, fire, explosion, flood, hurricane, severe weather or acts of God.

K. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms disregarding such unenforceable or invalid provision.

L. NO WAIVER

Any failure of a party to enforce that party's right under any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed or act as a waiver of said party's subsequent right to enforce any of the provisions contained herein.

M. BINDING EFFECT

This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors and permitted assigns.

The parties to the Agreement, intending to be legally bound, indicate their consent to terms contained within it, by signing below.

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

Signed by: Laura Carlson, PhD 10/17/2024
By: _____
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Name: Laura A. Carlson, PhD
Title: Provost

Signed by: William Farquhar, PhD 10/15/2024
By: _____
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Name: William Farquhar, PhD
Title: Dean, College of Health Sciences

WIDENER UNIVERSITY

Signed by: William Lockard 10/28/2024
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Name: William S. Lockard
Title: Vice President for Administration and Finance

Signed by: Andrew A. Workman 10/17/2024
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Title: Chair, Medical and Molecular Sciences

ADDENDUM A.

Name of program: **Physician Assistant Studies (MS)**

Programs pre-requisites (including any special volunteer or work experiences needed)

- General biology or zoology - 3 credits with lab (BISC207)
- Microbiology - 3 credits (BISC300 or MMSC270)
- Other biology courses recommended: genetics, cell biology, molecular biology, embryology, histology, or immunology - 3 credits (BISC208).
- Anatomy and physiology (completed within 5 years of attending MS program) - 8 credits with lab (KAAP309 and KAAP310).
- General chemistry - 4 credits with lab (CHEM103/CHEM133)
- Organic chemistry - 4 credits (CHEM213/CHEM215)
- General psychology or behavioral psychology - 3 credits (PSYC100)
- Statistics - 1-2 credits (STAT200)
- Medical terminology (can be taken online) - 1 credit or certificate of completion (MMSC200).

Applicants are required to complete a minimum of 500 hours of direct patient/client care. This can be done through employment or volunteer experience. It is recommended that the student complete at least 40 hours of shadowing with a PA. The documentation of hours is built into the application system. The student documents the hours and lists the name and contact information of the supervising PA for verification purposes.

ADDENDUM B.

Name of program: **Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (OTD)**

Programs pre-requisites (including any special volunteer or work experiences needed)

- Lifespan Human Development or equivalent (3 credits) (HDFS201)
- Abnormal Psychology or equivalent (3 credits) (PSYC334)
- Sociology or Anthropology (preferably cultural) (3 credits) (SOCI201)
- Anatomy and Physiology I and II with Lab (8 credits) (KAAP309/KAAP310)
- Statistical Methods (3 credits) (STAT200)

Applicants are required to complete 20 hours of volunteer or paid experience in a supervised OT setting. The documentation of hours is built into the application system. The student documents the hours and lists the name and contact information of the supervising OT for verification purposes.

ADDENDUM C.

Name of program: **Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT)**

Programs pre-requisites (including any special volunteer or work experiences needed)

- Biology (3 credits) (BISC307)
- Human Anatomy & Physiology (6 credits, as separate or combined courses) (KAAP309/KAAP310)
- Chemistry (8 credits)(CHEM103/CHEM133 and CHEM104/CHEM134)
- Physics (6 credits) Lab is recommended, but not required (PHYS201/221 and PHYS202/PHYS222)
- Humanities (9 credits, including 3 credits of English composition) (ENGL110, 6cr of Creative Art/Humanities breadth courses)
- Social Science (9 credits, including 6 credits of psychology) (PSYC100, 6 cr of Social and Behavioral Science breadth courses)
- Statistics (3 credits) (STAT200)

Applicants are required to complete 40 hours of volunteer or work experience in physical therapy, preferably working with both inpatient and outpatient clients. The documentation of hours is built into the application system. The student documents the hours and lists the name and contact information of the supervising PT for verification purposes.