

**Articulation Agreement**  
**Bachelor of Arts in Psychological and Social Sciences and**  
**Master's in Couple and Family Therapy**  
**Between The Pennsylvania State University for Penn State Abington and**  
**Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy**  
**of Thomas Jefferson University**

**I. Purpose**

This Articulation Agreement (“**Agreement**”) is entered on **June 1, 2018** (the “**Effective Date**”) by and between The Pennsylvania State University for Penn State Abington and Thomas Jefferson University on behalf of its Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an admission program between the two institutions and to facilitate the advanced acceptance of students from Penn State Abington to Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy of Thomas Jefferson University to obtain a Master's degree.

Students in the Program can earn both a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Psychological and Social Sciences and a Master's in Couple and Family Therapy degree in 6 years. Students will spend the first four years of the Program at Penn State Abington and then proceed to JCHP for the final two years of the Program. The B.A. degree from Penn State Abington will be awarded after successful completion of the final year at Penn State Abington. The Master's degree from Jefferson will be awarded after successful completion of the remainder of the Program.

**II. Eligibility for Admission – There is one path for admission through the articulation agreement: 1) current Penn State Abington students who apply to the Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy at the end of the spring semester of the student's junior year at least (14) months prior to the term in which the student desires to enroll.**

**1. Credentials – Admission for current Penn State Abington students known as the 4+2 Master's Program:**

Students who wish to apply for the program shall submit a complete Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy application following the instructions on the TJU website. They will select the designation “Penn State Abington /TJU Couple and Family Therapy Master's Partnership Program”; no application fee will be charged. Students for this program are not required to submit standardized test scores.

**2. Admission Requirements for current Penn State Abington students known as the 4+2 Master's Program:**

- The student must be making normal progress toward completing the baccalaureate degree and prerequisite course requirements for the Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy Master's program. "Normal" is defined as completing courses with minimal withdrawals or repeated courses. Ideally, the student will demonstrate that s/he can maintain a full-time course load.
- The Abington baccalaureate degree and all prerequisite course requirements must be completed prior to enrollment in the Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy.
- All prerequisite coursework, *listed in Addendum A* can be completed at Abington or other accredited college or university according to university transfer requirements. This agreement is designed to support enrollment at Abington but recognizes that students may have attended other institutions prior to enrolling at Abington.
- Prerequisite courses, provided in *Addendum A* must be completed with a grade of "B" or above to be eligible for JCHP enrollment. A grade of "B-" or below will not be eligible for transfer. A cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher is required.
- Each student must provide two letters of recommendation through the Jefferson application: one from the designated Abington representative and one from a professional or academic source. The Abington recommendation must include a statement as to whether the candidate is "recommended" or "not recommended," followed by an evaluation in narrative form commenting on such attributes as academic performance, citizenship, and the student's ability to function in a health care basic laboratory setting with patient and client contact.
- Qualified candidates will be invited to Thomas Jefferson University for a personal interview as part of the admissions process.
- Students who have received college credits for non-science courses required in the articulated curriculum, as a result of College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations may transfer these credits to the Jefferson College of Health Professions.

### **3. Level of Overall Academic Achievement**

In order to be eligible for Abington's official recommendation for admission to Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy, the student must have achieved an acceptable level of academic performance as measured by the overall academic grade point average of courses taken at Abington. This overall GPA must be at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. The specific level of achievement to be obtained in order to be eligible for the recommendation for admission to Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy will be determined by the appropriate officials at Abington. Under specific conditions, Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy will grant preferred

admission to Abington students who possess certain credentials. See **“Preferred Admission”** below.

#### **4. Preferred Admission**

Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy will grant preferred admission to Penn State Abington students who desire to enroll from Penn State Abington into the Couple and Family Therapy Master’s program under the following conditions:

- The student must have received an official acceptance from the TJU CFT Admissions Committee
- The student must complete all prerequisite credit requirements and have earned a conferred Pennsylvania State University baccalaureate degree prior to enrollment at Thomas Jefferson University.
- The student must successfully complete an interview with the Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy Admissions Committee.
- A designated Abington representative must recommend the transfer student for admission.
- The student must have a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.25 on a 4.0 scale at the end of the fall semester of their junior year or following completion of 75 credits.
- The student must have earned at least a grade of “B” (a B- will not be accepted) in all prerequisite courses.
- If a student repeats a course at Abington, both course grades will be factored in to the student’s cumulative GPA; however, the lower grade will be excluded from the prerequisite GPA calculation:
- Students who are offered admission to Jefferson are required to be in good standing at Abington. Abington will inform applicants that Thomas Jefferson will require a criminal background check, drug screening, and child abuse clearance. All Couple and Family Therapy students who are offered admission to Jefferson are required to have a criminal background check and child abuse clearance, be fingerprinted, and undergo a drug test, and complete any other reasonable screening requirements as may be determined to be required or necessary as part of the admitted student pre-matriculation requirements and annually while enrolled in coursework in the Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy. Clinical rotation and fieldwork sites that require a criminal background check, drug screening, and child abuse clearance and/or fingerprinting may deny a student’s participation in the clinical experience, rotation or fieldwork because of a felony or misdemeanor conviction or a record of child abuse. Clinical sites may also deny participation in clinical experiences for other reasons, such as failure of a required drug test, or inability to produce an appropriate health clearance. As participation in clinical experiences, rotations, or fieldwork is a required part of the curriculum and a requirement for graduation, denial of participation by a clinical site may result in delay of graduation or the inability to graduate from

the Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy Master's program. Thomas Jefferson University reserves the right to deny or rescind admission.

- The student must confirm that they understand the Prerequisite Requirements and the Performance Requirements and Technical Standards required for being a Couple and Family Therapy student at Jefferson College of Health Professions and Thomas Jefferson University. This information will be presented in their acceptance email and each student must acknowledge their understanding of the requirements.

The “**Preferred Admission**” is extended as long as there are spaces available in the entering class. This applies to the 4+2 *Master's Program* only.

#### ***Deferment Policy***

Only students in good academic standing may request a deferment to a future term. Students must be achieving a cumulative grade point of at least a 3.25 on a 4.0 scale in addition to a grade of “B” in all transferred prerequisite courses. Students are required to submit proper documentation, distributed by the TJU Office of Admissions Committee and be subject to a TJU admissions and faculty review. Students will receive positive or negative notification within two weeks of a deferment request. Thomas Jefferson University reserves the right, in collaboration with Abington, to review and amend this preference as necessary.

### **5. Application Date**

Although Jefferson College of Health Professions has rolling admission, it is recommended that the application be received at the end of the spring semester of the student's junior year at least (14) months prior to the term in which the student desires to enroll.

### **6. Final Decision**

Final decisions regarding any of the requirements of the application process are within the discretion of the Jefferson Office of Admissions and the Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy.

## **III. Maintenance**

1. Abington shall designate a person who will serve as coordinator of the program and as advisor of students who plan to apply to Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy. The coordinator will:
  - a) Be the responsible party for providing the Abington institutional recommendation;

- b) Maintain files for those Abington students who intend to enroll in the Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy;
  - c) Assist each applicant in assembling all necessary credentials. Assist with the completed Jefferson application;
  - d) Be the responsible party for promoting and marketing this opportunity to Abington students;
  - e) Be the responsible party for sending Jefferson College of Health Professions an updated comma-separated values (CSV) file containing the list of correct transfer prerequisites courses each June 1;
  - f) Be responsible for communicating to Jefferson College of Health Professions any changes to the titles or identification numbers of any Undergraduate Institution courses included in the Program's articulated curriculum, and for communicating to the Jefferson College of Health Professions each June 1 either that no such changes have been made or the substance of any changes made.
2. At the time of admission, Thomas Jefferson University shall designate a faculty member within the Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy who will serve as an advisor. Faculty advisors will be chosen depending on the concentration the student intends to pursue.
  3. Abington and Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy will assure that appropriate personnel in their respective colleges are made aware of the existence of this Agreement and are encouraged to support it. Such persons at Abington and Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy will include: the Offices of the Deans, admissions staff, career planning and placement officers, transfer coordinators, and faculty.
  4. Representatives from Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy will visit Abington on a regular basis to meet with the coordinator and other appropriate faculty and administrators. Meetings with students will also be arranged, including potential candidates who intend to enroll in Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy as well as other students who may simply wish to seek general information.
  5. The faculty, staff, and administration of Abington are encouraged to visit the campus of Thomas Jefferson University.
  6. Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy will supply Abington with promotional literature. Promotional literature created by Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy or Abington must be reviewed by both parties and approved by Jefferson prior to Abington's distribution of the promotional

literature to appropriate student groups. Neither party may use the name, trademark, logo, symbol, or other image or trade name of the other party or its employees and agents in any advertisement, promotion, or other form of publicity or new release for any other reason without the prior written consent of an authorized representative of the party whose name is being used. Such approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

#### **IV. Evaluation**

To serve as a basis for evaluating the program, Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy will provide aggregate statistical information regarding applications, applicant credentials, and admissions decisions. This information will be shared with Abington. Contingent upon receiving student permission, Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy will also provide Abington with completion information for Abington students who enroll in the Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy.

#### **V. Terms of Agreement**

1. This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of one year, and will be automatically renewed for successive one year periods unless terminated or amended as provided herein.
2. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the other party. Such notice shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested. The Agreement may also be terminated any time by mutual consent. Any student enrolled in the Jefferson College of Health Professions, Department of Couple and Family Therapy's portion of the program plan of study at the time of termination of this Agreement shall be permitted to complete such plan of study under the terms and conditions set forth herein. The addresses to which written notice is to be sent are specified below.

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VI. General

1. This agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by an agreement in writing signed by the parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the authorized representatives of the parties, **intending to be legally bound**, have signed this Agreement as of the Effective Date:

For Jefferson College of Health Professions:

Debra S. Zelnick OTD, OTR/L, FAPTA  
Debra Zelnick, OTD, OTR/L  
Interim Dean  
Jefferson College of Health Professions  
Thomas Jefferson University  
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6/15/18  
Date

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**Addendum A**  
**Penn State Abington**  
**Prerequisite Requirements Guide**

**Couple and Family Therapy**

<b>Prerequisite Requirements -(Must earn a 'B' or better in all transferable coursework)</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Psychology, General – PSYCH 100	3
Abnormal Psychology- PSYCH 470	3
Statistics – STAT 200, PSYCH 200	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>