

AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

AT PENN STATE ERIE, THE BEHREND COLLEGE

AND

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

I. PURPOSE

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College ("Penn State Behrend") and The Ohio State University College of Optometry ("College of Optometry") agree to cooperate in providing an accelerated 3 + 4 undergraduate/professional school education leading to the Baccalaureate and Doctor of Optometry (OD) degrees (the "Joint Program").

The Joint Program will consist of a minimum of 103 semester hours in the Biology Accelerated Health Programs Option at Penn State Behrend and 60 quarter hours from the first-year of the four-year curriculum of optometry at the College of Optometry.

II. GUIDELINES FOR ACCELERATED ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

To be eligible to participate in the Joint Program, students must have completed at least one term of English, one course each in trigonometry and introductory calculus, one year of biology with lab, one year of inorganic chemistry with lab, one term of organic chemistry, and one term each of biochemistry, microbiology, human physiology, in addition to two courses each in humanities and social sciences, by the end of their junior year. Furthermore, the student must be in the Biology Major with the Accelerated Programs in the Health Professions Option at Penn State Behrend, and have completed 103 Penn State credits in order to be eligible for admission to the College of Optometry.

Penn State Behrend students can receive conditional acceptances based upon the anticipated completion of the above requirements by the end of summer term of the admission year. A formal interview with the College of Optometry Admissions Committee is a required component in the admissions process.

An automatic invitation to interview at the College of Optometry will be granted if the student participating in the Joint Program meets the following criteria while attending Penn State Behrend:

1. Earned (on the 4.0 grading system) the following minimum grade point averages at Penn State Behrend:
 - (a) Science GPA 3.3
 - (b) Overall GPA 3.5
2. Taken the Optometry Admission Test (“OAT”) no later than March 31 of the student’s junior year and earned minimum scores of:
 - (a) Total Science 320
 - (b) Academic Average 320
 - (c) Above 300 in each subcategory
3. Observed at least two optometric practices.
4. Received a favorable letter of recommendation from the Penn State Behrend Health and Allied Health Professions Committee.
5. Met the application deadline of March 31st.

Students who have already received their baccalaureate degree from Penn State Behrend will be subject to the same admissions guidelines as students applying for accelerated admission with a year’s extension on the time frames outlined in (2) and (3) above for taking the OAT and observing optometric practices.

III. MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Penn State Behrend agrees to:
 - (a) Provide courses that meet the prerequisite requirements for the College of Optometry. A list of the prerequisite requirements are attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”
 - (b) Designate a person who will serve as coordinator of the joint program at Penn State Behrend. The coordinator will:

- (i) be responsible for promoting the affiliation to prospective and current students by providing information to the university admissions staff, career planning and placement officers, the Health and Allied Health Professions Committee members, and all pre-optometry student advisors.
 - (ii) keep students and pre-optometry student advisors abreast of current information applicable to the affiliation.
 - (iii) maintain advising files for Penn State Behrend students who intend to apply to the Joint Program.
 - (iv) serve as liaison between Penn State Behrend and the College of Optometry for any and all issues involving the affiliation.
- (c) Confer the baccalaureate degree on candidates who successfully complete all degree requirements of The Pennsylvania State University, and who successfully complete the first year of professional study at the College of Optometry. The student must earn one hundred three (103) Penn State Behrend credits in the Biology Major in the Accelerated Programs in the Health Professions Option, and 60 science credits at the College of Optometry to receive a Pennsylvania State University baccalaureate degree. The first year at the College of Optometry will include science courses or their equivalents listed in the 2007-2008 academic year program: basic human anatomy (5), histology (5), ocular anatomy (5), physiology I (4) and physiology II (5). Penn State Behrend shall only grant credit for courses taken at the College of Optometry in which the student receives a grade of C or better. College of Optometry courses and credits, but not grades, will be listed on a Joint Program student's Penn State Behrend transcript.

2. The College of Optometry agrees to:

- (a) Designate a person who will serve as coordinator of the joint program at The Ohio State University. The coordinator will:
 - (i) serve as a liaison between the College of Optometry and Penn State Behrend for any and all issues involving the affiliation.
 - (ii) inform appropriate personnel of the existence of the agreement and encourage them to support it.

(iii) ensure that an official transcript from the first year of The Ohio State University College of Optometry is forwarded to Penn State Behrend in a timely fashion.

(b) Make available a minimum of two (2) seats in each College of Optometry incoming class for Penn State Behrend students participating in the Joint Program who are deemed fully acceptable by the College of Optometry Admissions Committee and who meet all other admissions requirements. Applicants failing to meet the requirements of their conditional acceptance will not be enrolled. These individuals will be counted against the two (2) seat minimum..

IV. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Joint Program students will not be given preferential consideration for admission by the College of Optometry Admissions Committee; they will be held to the same rigorous standards as other applicants. Final admissions decisions will be solely at the discretion of The Ohio State University.
2. The College of Optometry and Penn State Behrend program administrators should maintain close communication regarding any changes to College of Optometry admissions policies, prerequisite courses, and/or admissions standards.
3. Penn State Behrend will not charge tuition for the fourth year for students who enter The Ohio State University College of Optometry immediately following the junior year; however, Penn State Behrend will require the student to apply for graduation and pay all graduation fees.
4. Any student participating in the Joint Program who wishes to apply for financial assistance should apply to Penn State Behrend for the semesters during which the student shall be enrolled at Penn State Behrend and to the College of Optometry for the terms during which the student shall be enrolled at the College of Optometry. No student participating in the Joint Program shall have any preference in obtaining financial assistance over other students.

5. In addition to any requirements or obligations specified herein, any student participating in the Joint Program shall be subject to all applicable Penn State Behrend policies, procedures and requirements for the semesters during which the student shall be enrolled at Penn State Behrend and shall be subject to all applicable Ohio State University policies, procedures and requirements for the semesters during which the student shall be enrolled at the College of Optometry.
6. Each party to this affiliation agreement agrees to be responsible for any liability, claim, loss, damage or expense, including, without limitation, reasonable attorney fees, arising from its negligent acts or omissions in connection with or arising out of the activities described in this agreement, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction.
7. Penn State Behrend and the College of Optometry, in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations, will not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation or veteran status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in their respective programs and activities.
8. It is understood that this Agreement is not intended to and shall not be construed to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association between The Pennsylvania State University and The Ohio State University, but is rather an Agreement by and between independent contractors.

V. AMENDMENTS AND DURATION OF AGREEMENT

Either party may take the initiative to amend this agreement by submitting suggestions in writing. The amended Agreement will become effective when signed by the respective agents authorized by each party to execute such amendments.

This agreement will go into effect beginning with the 2008/2009 academic year, and will remain in effect until either party indicates otherwise in writing, at least three years in advance. Any decision to terminate the Joint Program will not affect the status of any Penn State Behrend students currently accepted into or enrolled in the program at the College of Optometry.

VI. AGREEMENT SIGNATURES

The Pennsylvania State University and The Ohio State University have entered this agreement on the indicated dates and witnessed by the signatures below:

Jack D. Burke 5/20/08
Jack D. Burke, Date
Chancellor,
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

Melvin D. Shipp 5-7-08
Melvin D. Shipp Date
Dean, College of Optometry
The Ohio State University

Roger F. Knacke 5/16/08
Roger F. Knacke, Date
Director, School of Science
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

Sally D. Haltom 5-7-08
Sally D. Haltom Date
Director of Student Affairs
College of Optometry
The Ohio State University

James T. Warren, Jr. 5-16-08
James T. Warren, Jr. Date
Chairman of Joint Program
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

Signature, Vice Provost for
Martha Garland 5/2/08
Martha M. Garland Date
Vice Provost and Dean
Undergraduate Studies
The Ohio State University

John J. Romano 5/27/08
John J. Romano, Date
Vice President for Commonwealth Campuses
The Pennsylvania State University

Signature, Vice Provost for
William R. Smith 5/2/08
William R. Smith Date
Vice Provost
Curriculum and Instruction
The Ohio State University

Robert N. Pangborn 6/3/08
Robert N. Pangborn Date
Vice President and Dean
Undergraduate Education
The Pennsylvania State University

William R. Shkurti 5/6/08
William R. Shkurti Date
Senior Vice President
Business and Finance
The Ohio State University

EXHIBIT A

BIOBD Curriculum, 2007
ACCELERATED PROGRAMS IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS Option
B.S Degree - 124 Credits required

General Education (46 credits)	Prescribed Courses,	Supporting Courses for Option (24-26 cr)
	All Options (23 credits)	
First Year Seminar (included in Prescribed courses)	BIOL 110S (4) BIOL 240W (4) BIOL 230W (4)	Select 3-5 credits from School-approved list ()
Communications (GWS) ENGL 015 (3) ENGL 202C (3) CAS 100 (3)	BIOL 220W (4) BIOL 322 (3) BIOL 223 (1) STAT 250 (3)	() ()
		Professional school Academic courses (21 cr)
Quantification (GQ) MATH 140 (4) MATH 141 (4)	Additional Courses, for Acc Health option (29-31 cr) BIOL 421 (4) B M B 402 (3)	() () ()
Natural Sciences (GN) CHEM 110 (3) CHEM 111 (1) CHEM 112 (3) CHEM 113 (1)	B M B 403 (1) MICRB 201 (3) MICRB 202 (2) CHEM 210 (3) CHEM 212 (3) CHEM 213 (2)	() () () () ()
Arts (GA) (3) (3)	PHYS 250 (4) PHYS 251 (4) or PHYS 211 (4) PHYS 212 (4)	
Humanities (GH) (3) (3)	PHYS 213 or 214 (2)	These two requirements can be fulfilled with other General Education courses
Social and Behavioral Science (GS) (3) (3)		United States Cultures (US) (3)
Health and Physical Activity (GHA) (1.5) (1.5)		International Cultures (IL) (3)

Students graduating from this major must achieve at least a 2.00 average in the prescribed, additional, and supporting courses in the major AND in their overall course work. In addition, a student must earn a grade of C or better in all 200-, 300-, and 400-level courses within the major field. If a student receives a grade below C in a 200-, 300-, or 400-level course, the student must repeat that course or a School-approved alternative, and earn a grade of C or better.

School Approved List of Courses for Electives

All courses listed in the Pennsylvania State University Bulletin except those specifically listed in the table of non-approved courses below are approved courses and can be used as supporting course electives.

School of Science Non-Approved List of Courses for the BIOBD Major

BIOL no course under 100	MATH no course under 140, 140A (2 of 6 cr)
BI SC 001, 002, 003, 004	MICRB 106 and 107
B M B 001, 003	PHYS 001, 150, 151
CHEM 001, 003, 101, 106 (2 of 5 credits), 108	PH SC 007, 008, 011
CMPSC 001, 100	LL ED 005, 010
ENGL 004, 005	STAT 100