

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
AND  
ST. FRANCIS UNIVERSITY  
LORETTO, PA

The Pennsylvania State University (PSU) and St. Francis University (SFU) agree to mutual cooperation in articulating their programs in Physical Therapy. Subject to the terms of this agreement, a student who has earned both an Associate in Science degree with a major in Physical Therapist Assistant (2PTA) and a Bachelor's degree from PSU is eligible for admission to the SFU Doctorate in Physical Therapy Program.

1. If all of the following criteria are met, up to three (3) PSU students will be guaranteed acceptance into the SFU DPT program annually:
  - a. A completed application received no later than October 15th of a student's senior year at PSU
  - b. A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and an earned bachelor's degree.
  - c. Maintenance of a good citizenship record as demonstrated by a strong letter of recommendation from the campus coordinator of the PSU PTA Program.
  - e. Completion of a total of 80 hours of documented volunteer or employed hours in at least two physical therapy settings, including one inpatient and one outpatient setting.
  - f. A letter of intent to enter the SFU Doctor of Physical Therapy program submitted by the end of the spring semester of the student's junior year. The letter should be addressed to the Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at SFU and should contain an official transcript and initial letter of endorsement from the campus coordinator of the PSU Physical Therapist Assistant program.
  
1. SFU will accept all of the required courses, listed in the table below, pursuant to this agreement provided a grade of "C" or better has been achieved in the PSU courses:

PSU Course	Credits	SFU Course	Credits
BIO 129 Mammalian Anatomy	4	BIO 205 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO 141 Physiology	3	BIO 206 Human Anatomy & Physiology	4
BIO 142 Physiology Lab	1	II	
BIO 110S Biology: Basic Concepts and Biodiversity	4	BIOL 111 Biology I	4
PSY 002 Psychology	3	PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology	3
PHYS 150 Technical Physics I	4	PHYS 104 An Introduction to Physics I	4
PHYS 151 Technical Physics II	4	PHYS 105 An Introduction to Physics II	4
CHEM 12 Chemical Principles	3	CHEM 103 Human Chemistry I	4
CHEM 14 Experimental Chemistry	1	CHEM 103	
CHEM 13 Chemical Principles	3	CHEM 104 Human Chemistry II	4
CHEM 15 Experimental Chemistry	1	CHEM 104	
PSY 209 Evolutionary Psychology	3	PSYC Elective	3
PSY 213 Introduction to Developmental Psychology	3	PSYC Elective	3
PSY 438 Theory of Personality	3	PSYC Elective	3
PSY 445 Development Through Childhood	3	PSYC Elective	3
STAT 200 Elementary Statistics	4	STAT 101	3

2. Each student at PSU who declares intent to complete the DPT Program at SFU shall be co-advised by assigned members of the faculty from PSU and from SFU during his or her time at PSU.
3. Students will be required to take a 4 credit exercise physiology course in the summer session when beginning studies in the doctoral portion of the program (PHTH 300)
4. Any exceptions must have advanced approval of both institutions. Reasonable advance notice and acceptable exceptions will be determined by SFU.
5. Students whose credentials do not meet the requirements that assure them automatic admission to the DPT Program may still apply and will be considered in relation to other qualified candidates in the general applicant pool.
6. Both institutions hereby agree to notify the other in the event of substantive changes in institutional courses and programs that may have an impact upon this Agreement.

7. PSU and SFU both agree to freely and widely encourage qualified students to participate in this cooperative undertaking by providing advisement, information, and other such assistance which eases the transition of students to Physical Therapy studies while providing the appropriate and rigorous academic background to prepare students for such study. Every effort will be made by admissions personnel, transfer counselors, faculty and staff at PSD to maintain an accurate listing of students expressing written intent and pursuing course work in preparation for enrollment in the DPT program at SFU.

8. This agreement is contingent upon PSU meeting accreditation by the appropriate higher education accrediting agency and SFU retaining accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and accreditation for its physical therapy program through the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.

9. This agreement will be reviewed annually in May by both institutions or at any time that relevant program changes are to be made by either institution.

10. This Agreement shall remain in force from the date on which it is signed until such time as either institution elects to terminate it. If either institution desires to terminate the agreement, it will be terminated on the first day of May following written notice of the intention to terminate, provided such notice is given at least 90 days prior to the first day of May.

11. Termination of this Agreement by either institution will not unfavorably affect the ability of any PSU student to be admitted to the SFU DPT program if that student has submitted a letter of intent in a timely manner prior to the termination of this Agreement. A maximum of three (3) PSU students who have submitted a letter of intent prior to termination of this Agreement and subsequently comply with all conditions of Section 2 (see above) will be admitted to the SFU DPT program in the appropriate year notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement.

12. In the event of termination of this Agreement, no new students will be admitted to PSU expecting to benefit from the terms of the Agreement.

St. Francis University and The Pennsylvania State University authorize this agreement to become effective on

Gabriel J. Zeis 5/2/06  
Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R. Date  
President  
Saint Francis University

Anita D. McDonald 4/6/06  
Anita McDonald, Ph.D. Date  
Chancellor  
Penn State DuBois

Joseph Melusky 5/1/06  
Joseph Melusky, Ph.D. Date  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Saint Francis University

Robert Loeb 4/6/06  
Robert Loeb, Ph.D. Date  
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Michael B. Arnall 4/28/06  
Michael B. Arnall, PT, MS, MBA Date  
Chair, Department of Physical Therapy  
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Vice President  
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Robert N. Pangborn 4/13/06  
Robert N. Pangborn, Ph.D. Date  
Vice President and Dean  
Undergraduate Education  
Penn State University