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## ***ARTICULATION AGREEMENT***

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**Providence College (PC)**  
and  
**Johnson & Wales University (JWU)**

**Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies**

This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made between the Johnson & Wales University Physician Assistant Program (hereinafter JWU), Providence, RI, 02903 and Providence College (hereinafter "PC"), Providence, RI 02918.

WHEREAS, PC has presented the information attached as Exhibit A regarding their curriculum, and

WHEREAS, both parties are desirous of assuring qualified PC graduates acceptance for admission to the JWU Physician Assistant Program in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, both parties agree as follows:

1. JWU will **interview all qualified PC applicants** for the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies who have successfully completed selected courses described in Exhibit A in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
2. In addition to completing the pre-requisite coursework outlined in Exhibit A, a student must meet the following minimum requirements in order to be guaranteed an interview with the JWU PA Program pursuant to this Agreement:
  - a. Accumulate at least 250 hours of direct patient care experience (paid or volunteer) in an allopathic or osteopathic medical setting prior to application. Qualifying experiences are specified on the JWU website; experiences not indicated should be verified as acceptable by the director of admissions or their designee in advance of participation.
  - b. Submit an application to the Physician Assistant Program at Johnson & Wales University through the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year prior to their intended matriculation.
  - c. Have a minimum CASPA calculated overall cumulative grade point average of 3.30 or higher with no prerequisite grade below "C."
  - d. Have a minimum CASPA calculated BCP grade point average of 3.30. (BCP GPA includes all Biology, Chemistry, and Physics courses completed.)
  - e. Arrange for submission of a letter of recommendation from a Providence College faculty member in the sciences familiar with the student's academic work as part of CASPA application.
  - f. Arrange for submission of official scores from the Graduate Record Examination as part of the CASPA application.
  - g. PA Shadowing hours
3. If granted an offer of admission, it is understood that students must fulfill additional requirements prior to matriculation, as outlined and attached in Exhibit B.
4. In addition to a guaranteed interview for all qualified PC applicants pursuant to this Agreement, JWU agrees to accept **up to six (6) qualified PC candidates annually for admission to its graduate program leading the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.**

- a. These candidates must be nominated for admission by the PC Health Professions Advising Committee. The candidates must be nominated by September 1 of the applicable admissions cycle. Final acceptance will be ***contingent upon a successful in person interview by a JWU Admissions interviewer and the respective candidate meeting all JWU requirements for admission into the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program.***
  - b. It is understood that, in the event that PC recommends fewer than six candidates in a given cycle, the remaining reserved seats will be released to the general pool of applicants at JWU's full discretion.
5. PC will provide its students with information regarding this Agreement and will arrange an information seminar to be offered by a representative of JWU at PC annually.
  6. This Agreement is effective upon execution. Either party may terminate or request amendments to this Agreement for any reason by giving the other one hundred eighty (180) days written notice. The termination shall be effective at the end of the notice period, or at such later date as the party giving notice may specify. Any PC student who applies and is admitted to the JWU PA Program prior to termination of this Agreement shall be allowed to matriculate.
  7. Each party represents the individual signing this Agreement on behalf of its institution is authorized to do so.

Johnson and Wales University

Providence College

By:

*Thomas Dwyer*

By:

*Heidi F. Clark*

Title:

*Provost*

Date: *5/6/2015*

Title:

*Provost  
& Sr. VPAA*

Date:

*5/6/2015*

## EXHIBIT A

To be eligible for consideration under this Agreement, a minimum of 35 of the required 39 prerequisite credits (including associated labs) must be completed by the end of December in order to be considered for the June start. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of May. An official transcript reflecting a grade of C or better must be provided before classes start the first week of June. Students accepted before all prerequisite coursework has been completed will be accepted on a provisional basis.

No Advanced Placement (AP) credits can be used to fulfill the following requirements:

- Bio 205: Human Anatomy (4 cr w/ lab)
- Bio 405: Human Physiology (4 cr w/ lab)
- 8 additional credits of biology (BIO or MIC): Typically this will be fulfilled with BIO 103 (General Biology I), plus 4 credits of higher-level human or mammalian biology. In the event that student has received Advanced Placement for BIO 103, a second course in human or mammalian biology may be substituted. BIO 215 – Histology and Cytology, BIO 308 – Modern Genetics, BIO 320 – Developmental Biology, BIO 407 – Microbiology, BIO 413 – Cell Signaling, BIO 416 – Immunology
- A minimum of 8 credits in chemistry (with labs) from at least two of the following areas:
  1. General Chemistry
    - a. Either CHM 101/121 (4 cr)  
OR
    - b. CHM 102/122 (4 cr)
  2. Organic Chemistry
    - a. CHM 201/221 (4 cr)  
OR
    - b. CHM 202/222 (4 cr),
- Either 3 credits of mathematics at the Pre-calculus level (MTH 109/131) or higher –OR– 3 credit statistics course such as MTH 217/218.
- 6 credits behavioral science
- 6 credits of writing intensive English coursework. Through the DWC 16 credit series, PC claims equivalency to 4 credits of writing. This, in addition to two writing proficiency designated (one of which is a biology course-BIO200), provides 6 total credits of writing intensive coursework. A letter from PC is required to be provided with application.

To better prepare for the rigors of our PA program, other highly recommended courses include advanced physiology, pathophysiology, microbiology, immunology, genetics, statistics, organic chemistry and biochemistry.