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ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

University of Rhode Island (URI)
and
Johnson & Wales University (JWU)

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made on the 15th day of April, 2014 between the Johnson & Wales University Physician Assistant Program (hereinafter JWU), Providence, RI, 02903 and the University of Rhode Island (hereinafter “URI”), Kingston, RI 02881.

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

WHEREAS, both parties are desirous of assuring qualified URI 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 URI 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 1st 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 grade below “C.”
 - d. Have a minimum CASPA calculated BCP grade point average of 3.30. (BCP GPA includes all Biology/Microbiology, Chemistry, and Physics courses completed.)
 - e. Arrange for submission of a letter of recommendation from a University of Rhode Island 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.
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 URI applicants pursuant to this Agreement, JWU agrees to **accept six (6) qualified URI candidates annually for admission to its graduate program leading the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.**

- a. These candidates will be nominated for admission by the URI Pre-Health Professions Advising Program. The six (6) candidates must be nominated by September 1 of the applicable admissions cycle. The six (6) candidates will include the qualified Early Identification Program candidates (defined in Section 5.) for the applicable admissions cycle. However, 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 URI 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. **Early Identification Program (EIP):** In addition to the traditional application procedures, JWU will consider qualified specially identified applicants put forth for **early contingent admission** by URI.
- a. These candidates under consideration for nomination to the EIP, typically second semester sophomores, will first complete an internal application and vetting process and be interviewed by the URI Health Professions Advisory Committee (HPAC). By April 1st of each year, the URI HPAC will forward to JWU applications for those candidates (if any) selected for nomination to the EIP.
 - b. Details of this programs requirements and procedures are outlined and attached in Exhibit C. Early contingent admission may be withdrawn by JWU if the candidate fails to meet all requirements and procedures specified in Exhibits A and C as well as JWU's other admissions requirements.
 - c. If extended an offer of early contingent admission, these students will fill out the CASPA by June 1st of the relevant cycle as an Early Decision candidate to JWU, and will not apply to other programs.
6. URI will provide its students with information regarding this Agreement and will arrange an information seminar to be offered by a representative of JWU at URI annually.
7. As there is mutual interest in developing 3+2 options for a variety of majors and other collaborations, through this Agreement JWU and URI also commit to further development of such plans.
8. 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 URI student who applies and is admitted to the JWU PA Program prior to termination of this Agreement shall be allowed to matriculate.
9. Each party represents the individual signing this Agreement on behalf of its institution is authorized to do so.

Johnson and Wales University

University of Rhode Island

By:

By:

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Date:

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Date:

EXHIBIT A

To be eligible for consideration under this Agreement, URI applicants must complete at least 30 of the following 39 required credits *prior to application*. The remaining 9 credits must be completed prior to graduation from URI. No Advanced Placement (AP) credits can be used to fulfill these requirements:

- BIO 121: Human Anatomy (4 cr w/ lab)
- BIO 242 & 244 Human Physiology (3 cr w/ 1 cr lab)
- 8 additional credits of biology (BIO or MIC): Typically this will be fulfilled with BIO 101/103 (General Biology I), plus 4 credits of higher-level human or mammalian biology. In the event that student has received Advanced Placement for BIO 101/103, a second course in human or mammalian biology may be substituted.
- A minimum of 8 credits in chemistry (with labs) from at least two of the following areas:
 1. General Chemistry
 - a. Either CHM 103/105 (4 cr)
OR
 - b. CHM 101/102 (4 cr) and CHM 112/114 (4 cr)
 2. Organic Chemistry
 - a. CHM 124/125 (4 cr)
OR
 - b. CHM 227 (3 cr), CHM 228 (3 cr) and CHM 226 (2 cr)
 3. Biochemistry
 - a. BCH 311 (3 cr) and either BCH 312 (2 cr) or BCH 412 (3 cr)
- Either 3 credits of mathematics at the Pre-calculus level (MTH 111) or higher –OR– 3 credit statistics course such as STA 307.
- PSY 113: General Psychology (3 credits) plus one additional Psychology/Behavioral Science course of at least 3 credits.
- 6 credits of writing intensive English coursework (selected from ENG, WRT and certain HPR courses as pre-approved by the Pre-PA Program).

EXHIBIT B

Before matriculation, accepted applicants must:

- Obtain a physical exam and provide documented proof of program-required immunizations based on current [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) recommendations for health care personnel.
- Provide proof of a negative national criminal background check performed by the program-approved agency. Students will be subject to drug screens as required by clinical training sites. These are both costs to the student and paid directly to the screening agency.
- Provide documented proof of a current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Providers certification.
- This information must be presented prior to registration. Matriculation is subject to completion of these requirements and submission of appropriate documentation.

EXHIBIT C

URI-JWU Early Identification Program for Admission to the Physician Assistant Studies Graduate Program

The URI Health Professions Advisory Committee (HPAC) will consider for nomination to the URI – JWU Early Identification Program (EIP), students who submit an application by February 1st and meet the following criteria:

- As of the February 1st campus deadline, be a current second semester sophomore or first semester junior (i.e. four additional semesters remaining prior to graduation) with a demonstrated commitment to the physician assistant profession.
- Must have a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average and a minimum BCP grade point average of 3.50. (Both averages will be calculated based upon CASPA formulas.)
- Have a minimum of 25 documentable hours of shadowing a physician assistant.
- Accumulate at least 200 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 JWU director of admissions in advance of participation. Early admission will be contingent upon completing an additional 50 hours prior to submission of the CASPA.
- Must have completed the following coursework with a grade of B OR HIGHER prior to application. No Advanced Placement (AP) credits can be used to fulfill these requirements:
 - BIO 121: Human Anatomy (4 cr w/ lab)
 - BIO 242 & 244 Human Physiology (3 cr w/ 1 cr lab)
 - 3 additional credits of biology (BIO or MIC): Typically this will be fulfilled with BIO 101/103 (General Biology I), or 4 credits of higher-level human or mammalian biology.
 - 8 credits in chemistry (with labs), from at least two of the following areas:
 1. General Chemistry
 - a. Either CHM 103/105 (4 cr) OR
 - b. CHM 101/102 (4 cr) and CHM 112/114 (4 cr)
 2. Organic Chemistry
 - a. CHM 124/125 (4 cr) OR
 - b. CHM 227 (3 cr), CHM 228 (3 cr) and CHM 226 (2 cr)
 3. Biochemistry
 - a. BCH 311 (3 cr) and EITHER BCH 312 (2 cr) OR BCH 412 (3 cr)
 - Either 3 credits of mathematics at the Pre-calculus level (MTH 111) or higher –OR– a 3 credit statistics course such as STA 307.
 - PSY 113: General Psychology (3 credits)
 - 3 credits of writing intensive English coursework (selected from ENG, WRT and certain HPR courses as pre-approved by the Pre-PA Program).

If granted early contingent admission to the JWU PA program, students must complete all remaining pre-requisite coursework as outlined in Exhibit A *prior to submission of the CASPA*. They must also:

- meet the standard additional requirements as outlined in Exhibit B prior to matriculation,
- obtain a score at the 50th percentile or higher on each section of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), taken prior to the June 1st submission of the CASPA,
- meet the 3.3 minimum cumulative and BCP grade point average as calculated by CASPA at the time of CASPA submission.