Articulation Agreement between

Saint Francis University and St. Bonaventure University For matriculation of students into the Saint Francis University Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (4 + 3)

We do hereby agree to the following considerations concerning students at St. Bonaventure University (SBU) who wish to enroll at Saint Francis University (SFU) for the purpose of matriculation into the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program.

- 1. The undergraduate degree will be awarded by St. Bonaventure University.
- 2. The DPT degree will be awarded by SFU.
- 3. Each student at St. Bonaventure University who declares intent to complete the DPT program at SFU shall be co-advised by assigned members of the faculty from St. Bonaventure University and from SFU during his or her time at St. Bonaventure University. Advisors will be determined by the FHCP Director at SBU and the Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at SFU.
- 4. If all of the following criteria are met, up to three (3) St. Bonaventure University students will be guaranteed acceptance into the SFU DPT program annually:
 - a. A completed application thru PTCAS by October 15 of a student's senior year at St. Bonaventure University.
 - b. A minimum overall GPA of 3.200 and an earned bachelor's degree.
 - c. A minimum 3.200 math/science GPA for the following prerequisite courses:
 - 1. 4 credits of general biology with lab
 - 2. 8 credits of anatomy and physiology with lab (in sequence)
 - 3. 8 credits of chemistry with lab (in sequence)
 - 4. 8 credits of physics with lab (in sequence)
 - 5. 4 credits of exercise physiology with lab
 - 6. 3 credits of pre-calculus or higher level mathematics
 - 7. 3 credits of statistics
 - 8. 9 credits of psychology
 - d. Maintenance of a good citizenship record as demonstrated by a strong letter of recommendation from either the student's Academic Advisor, the SBU Dean of Arts or Sciences or the SBU Chair of the Exercise Science Department.
 - e. Completion of 80 hours (minimum) of documented volunteer or employed experience in at least two physical therapy settings, including one inpatient and one outpatient setting. Students are required to complete the SFU's Documentation form for physical therapy clinical hours. This document can be found at: http://info.francis.edu/Physical-therapy-department/
 - f. Students must register and submit their application on the PTCAS system.
 - g. A letter of intent submitted by the student to enter the SFU DPT 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 either the student's Academic Advisor, the SBU Dean of Arts or Sciences or the SBU Chair of the Exercise Science Department.

- 5. Any exceptions must have the advance approval of both institutions. Approval will be provided by the FHCP Director at SBU and Chair of the Physical Therapy Program at SFU. Reasonable advance notice and acceptable exceptions will be determined by SFU.
- 6. Students whose credentials do not meet the requirements that assure them automatic admission to the DPT program may still apply. They will be considered in relation to other qualified candidates in the general applicant pool.
- 7. All advertising materials promoting this articulated program will be mutually agreed upon by representatives from both institutions prior to publication.
- 8. Each institution hereby agrees to notify the other in writing in the event of substantive changes in the institutional courses and programs that may have an impact upon this Agreement. The SBU Dean of Arts or Sciences and the SFU Dean of Health Sciences will be consulted.
- 9. St. Bonaventure University 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 will ease 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 FHCP director at SBU and identified staff at SFU to maintain an accurate listing of students expressing written intent and pursuing course work in preparation for enrollment in the DPT program at SFU.
- 10. This Agreement is contingent upon St. Bonaventure University retaining accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. This Agreement is contingent upon SFU retaining accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and retaining accreditation for its physical therapy program through the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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.
- 13. Termination of this Agreement by either institution will not unfavorably affect the ability of any St. Bonaventure University student to be admitted to the SFU DPT program if that student has submitted a letter of intent (see Section 4f above) in a timely manner prior to the termination of this Agreement. A maximum of three (3) students who have submitted a letter of intent prior to termination of this Agreement and subsequently comply with all conditions for admission of Section 4 (see above) will be admitted to the SFU DPT program in the appropriate year notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement.

14. In the event of termination of this Agreement, no new students will be admitted to St. Bonaventure University expecting to benefit from the terms of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures.

Date

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Prerequisite Courses Identified

Saint Francis University Course Requirement	St. Bonaventure University Courses		
4 credits, General Biology with lab			
8 credits, Anatomy & Physiology with labs			
8 credits, Chemistry with labs			
8 credits, Physics with labs	pp lyddyddiai.		
4 credits, Exercise Physiology			
3 credits, Pre-Calc Mathematics			
3 credits, statistics			
9 credits, Psychology			

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