Articulation Agreement

Between

Franciscan University of Steubenville

And

Saint Francis University
School of Health Sciences
Department of Physical Therapy

4+3 Articulation with Franciscan University of Steubenville

This **Articulation Agreement** ("Agreement"**)** is entered between **Franciscan University of Steubenville** ("FUS"), and **St. Francis University** ("SFU") on September 3, 2025 ("Effective Date"). Each individually may be referred to herein as a "Party" and collectively, as the "Parties."

WHEREAS this Agreement outlines the mutually beneficial opportunities for collaboration between the Parties to educate and form FUS students.

WHEREAS SFU wishes to collaborate with FUS to accept participating FUS students for its Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

NOW THEREFORE, **in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, the Parties hereby agree as follows:**

Structure of the Collaboration
Qualified students who are enrolled at Franciscan University of Steubenville (FUS) may apply for entry into the Saint Francis University (SFU) Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) 4+3 Program.

The student will complete their first four years at FUS, with a bachelor's degree awarded from FUS. The student will then complete three years at SFU; the DPT is awarded at the end of the third year.

If all the following criteria are met, a minimum of three (3) FUS students will be guaranteed acceptance into the SFU DPT program annually:

a. A completed application on PTCAS by October 15 of a student's senior year
b. A minimum overall GPA of 3.2 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. 3 credits of statistics
d. Completion of 6 credits of psychology.
e. Maintenance of a good citizenship record as demonstrated by a strong letter of

recommendation from an FUS faculty member.
f. Completion of 50 hours (minimum) of documented volunteer or employed experience in one physical therapy setting, two or more recommended.
h. A letter of intent 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 student's FUS adviser.

Application Process:

- Application should be made with intended matriculation into the SFU DPT program in the summer following FUS spring graduation.
- Applicants must have completed or be in progress with all PT prerequisites including BIO 142(Gen Bio1 and lab); CHM 111, CHM 116, CHM 112, and CHM 1117 (CHEM 1 and 2 with labs); BIO 224 and BIO 330 (A&P with labs); PHY 111, PHY 112, PHY 113, PHY 114 (physics I and II with labs); PSY 204 or any equivalent statistics class, PSY 105 and PSY XXX (psych).
- To be considered, applicants must meet the academic progression standards for admission into the SFU DPT program, including a cumulative QPA of 3.200 and a Math/Science Pre-Requisite QPA of 3.2*. *No pre-requisite grade may be lower than a C*.
- By October 15 of senior year, students will complete and submit the following through PTCAS:
    - Application form
    - Official Transcript from FUS and any other school where prerequisites were completed
    - Letters of recommendation, including one from an FUS faculty member
    - 50 documented volunteer/observation hours of physical therapy clinics in one or more settings

Once application is made:

- The SFU Graduate Admissions Coordinator and the PT Chair will review the application and determine if the applicant is eligible for an interview.
- The applicant must complete an interview with a Department of Physical Therapy faculty member prior to a decision being made for acceptance.
- Students will be informed of the admissions decision within three weeks of the application process being completed.
- To maintain their acceptance into the SFU DPT program, students must continue to meet the pre-professional standards, including a 3.2 in both overall QPA and in math/science prerequisites, with no prerequisite grades below a C.

A minimum of 3 seats will be held each year for FUS students. Additional seats may be available in any given year based on current DPT program enrollment.

* Prerequisites used to calculate math/science QPA include BIO 142, CHM 111, CHM 116, CHM 112, CHM 117, BIO 224 (to be completed by the conclusion of sophomore year); BIO 330, PHY 111, PHY 112, PHY 113, PHY 114, PSY 204 (or any equivalent statistics class) (to be completed by the end of junior year). Students must also complete

two psych courses (PSY 105, plus one other PSY course) prior to beginning the professional phase of the program.

Timeline of important dates and requirements

Year 1- Fall	SFU provides the FUS Advisor with updated information to share with the incoming freshman cohort about the opportunity to articulate into the 4+3 program.
Year 1- Spring	The SFU PT Recruitment Coordinator offers a Zoom informational session for FUS students to provide more information about the DPT program and invites them to visit the campus. The FUS Adviser works with students to create an individualized plan to help them achieve entry into the program.
Year 2- Fall	FUS Adviser continues to work with students to adjust their POE as needed.
Year 2- Spring	SFU Recruitment Coordinator offers a Zoom session to answer questions about the application process and will work with students individually as needed.
Year 3- Fall	Students will continue with FUS coursework with the expectation to complete prerequisites and maintain grades within progression standards (3.2 GPA).
Year 3- Spring	The FUS Adviser provides a list to SFU of juniors who intend to apply to the SFU DPT program. Students should send a letter of intent to apply to the SFU PT chair. Students will have an individual virtual meeting with the SFU Recruitment Coordinator to confirm they are on track with all program requirements and to answer any questions they may have.
Year 4- Fall	Students must submit an application for admission to the SFU DPT program via PTCAS no later than October 15. Students will be informed of the decision within 3 weeks of a complete application.
Year 4-Spring	Zoom meetings will be held with the SFU Recruitment Coordinator and faculty for all students to prepare them for the SFU summer semester in the DPT program. Students will graduate with their bachelor's degree from FUS.
Year 4-Summer	Begin SFU DPT program in early June. Provide a transcript reflecting successful completion of a bachelor's degree from FUS by August 1.
Years 5, 6, 7	Continue through the DPT curriculum. Graduate from SFU with a DPT degree at the conclusion of spring in the 7th year.

Comparative Courses:

SFU Courses		**FUS Course**	
BIO 111/BIO111L	Biology 1 with lab	BIO 142	Gen Bio I l with lab
BIO 205/205L	Anatomy and Physiology 1 with lab	BIO 224	Human Physiology with lab
BIO 206/206L	Anatomy and Physiology 2 with lab	BIO 330	Human Anatomy with lab
CHEM 113/113L	Human Chemistry 1	CHM 111 and CHM 116	General Chem 1 and Lab
CHEM 114/114L	Human Chemistry 2	CHM 112 and CHM 117	General Chem II and Lab
PHYS 104	Intro Physics 1	PHY 111 and PHY 112	Gen Phys I and lab
PHYS 105	Physics 2	PHY 113 and PHY 114	Gen Phys II and lab
STAT 205	Essentials of Statistics	PSY 204 or any equivalent statistics class	Quantitative Measures, Math or Business Statistics
PSYC 101	Intro to Psych	PSY 105	Gen Psychology
PSYC XXX	Upper Level Psych	PSY XXX	

Important: FUS students MUST provide proof of earning a bachelor's degree from FUS before Year 5 Fall semester commences. An official transcript must be received by the SFU Registrar's Office by August 1st following completion of the FUS degree.

Program Review:
This agreement will be reviewed biannually by both institutions or at any time program changes are made by either institution. Any program changes will be identified and incorporated into subsequent agreements.

Termination:
Termination of this agreement may be requested by either FUS or SFU, provided that the other institution is given written notice at least 6 months in advance of the termination date. The termination of this agreement shall not take effect until the enrolled students, at the time the notice of termination is given, complete the program outlined in the agreement.

Primary Points of Contact

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Relationship of the Parties
This Agreement is not intended, nor should anything herein be construed, to create the relationship of partners, joint venturers, principal and agent, employer and employee, or other fiduciary relationship between the Parties hereto. Neither Party shall have the authority to bind the other in any matters relating to this Agreement.

Force Majeure
Neither Party will be liable for failure or delay to perform obligations under this Agreement , which have become practicably impossible because of circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the applicable Party. Such circumstances include without limitation natural disasters or acts of God; riots, acts of terrorism; labor disputes or stoppages; war; government acts, recommendations, guidelines, or orders including but not limited to COVID-19 or other epidemics, pandemics or outbreak of communicable disease (including but not limited to the suspension and/or cancellation of on-campus activities by FUS due to the epidemics, pandemics or outbreak of communicable disease such as COVID-19); quarantines; national or regional emergencies; fire, explosion; utility, internet, or telecommunication service interruptions or outages; or any other cause, whether similar in kind to the foregoing or otherwise, beyond the Party's reasonable control. Written notice of a Party's failure or delay in performance due to force majeure must be given to the other Party as soon as possible (within 24 hours) following the force majeure event commencing, which notice shall describe the force majeure event and the actions taken to minimize the impact thereof.

Assignment; Successors
This Agreement shall not be assigned or transferred by either Party without prior written consent of the other. This Agreement shall be binding upon each Party's heirs, successors, and assigns.

Severability
If any portion or provision of this Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable, then the remainder will continue in full force and effect. Any invalid portion will be modified or partially enforced to the maximum extent permitted by law to carry out the purpose of the Agreement.

Dispute Resolution

Any dispute, claim, or controversy that may arise in connection with this Agreement shall be first negotiated in good faith by the Parties.

Applicable Law
This Agreement shall in all respects be interpreted, enforced, and governed under the laws of the State of Ohio, excluding conflicts of laws rules.

Integration, Modification, Entirety
This Agreement and its attachments, if any, constitute the entire understanding between the Parties and may be modified only by a writing signed by both Parties. It is agreed that the Party whose consent is required to modify this Agreement shall not unreasonably withhold or delay such consent. This Agreement supersedes all previous understandings and agreements between the Parties, whether oral or written.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with the provisions of this Agreement.

For SFU:

Dr. Jessica Cammarata, PT, DPT, D. Ed
Chair, Department of Physical Therapy
Saint Francis University

Kerri A. Golden

Kerri Golden, Ed. D, OTR/L
Dean, School of Health Sciences and Education

For FUS:

Dr. Stephen Hildebrand, Provost

Franciscan University/SFU 4+3
For Matriculation of Students into SFU DPT Program
Student Advising Checklist

Student:

Student Responsibilities/Process:

Meet with FUS Adviser regularly to make an academic plan and monitor progress with it	
Letter of intent to apply to SFU DPT program by end of junior spring semester	
Cumulative FUS QPA 3.2 (by end of junior year)	
Math/Science Pre-Req QPA 3.2 (by end of junior year)	
PT Observation Hours Completed (50) (by end of junior year)	
Application to SFU through PTCAS due by 10/15 in Senior year	
Letter of Recommendation from FUS Faculty in PTCAS	
Interview with SFU Graduate Coordinator or Chair	
Once admitted, maintain the 3.2 QPA requirements through graduation from FUS	

Degree Audit for SFU:

SFU Courses		**FUS Courses**		Semester	Grade
BIO 111/BIO111L	Biology 1 with lab				
BIO 205/205L	Anatomy and Physiology 1 with lab				
BIO 206/206L	Anatomy and Physiology 2 with lab				
CHEM 113/113L	Human Chemistry 1				
CHEM 114/114L	Human Chemistry 2				
PHYS 104/L	Physics 1				
PHYS 105/L	Physics 2				
STAT 205	Essentials of Statistics				
PSYC 101	Intro to Psych				
PSYC XXX	Upper Level Psych				

SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY
School of Health Sciences and Education
Physical Therapy: Doctor of Physical Therapy
(Professional Curriculum)

Year 1 – DPT 1 - Summer			Year 1 – DPT 1 - Fall			Year 1 – DPT 1 - Spring		
PT 402	Movement Science 1	2	PT 403	Movement Science 2	2	PT 501	Neuroscience 1	2
PT 404	Surface Anatomy/Palpation	1	PT 405	Exercise Prescription	2	PT 511	Pathology & Diff. Dx-Musculoskeletal	3
PT 406	Human Anatomy 1	3	PT 407	Human Anatomy 2	2	PT 522	Therapeutic Agents	3
			PT 510	Pathology & Differential Dx-CP	2	PT 523	PM 2-Musculoskeletal 1	4
			PT 520	Physical Therapy Procedures	3	PT 540	Pharmacology	2
			PT 521	PM 1-Cardiopulmonary	4	PT 555	Research 1-Critical Inquiry	2
			PT 530	Professional Issues-Documentation	2	PT 561	Clinical Education Seminar 2	0.5
			PT 560	Clinical Education Seminar 1	0.5	PT 571	Professional Development 2	0.5
			PT 570	Professional Development 1	0.5			
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Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology earned after completion of year 4.

Year 2 – DPT 2 - Summer			Year 2 – DPT 2 - Fall			Year 2 – DPT 2 - Spring		
PT 660	Clinical Education Experience 1	4	PT 601	Neuroscience 2	2	PT 611	Pathology & Diff. Dx-Multiple System	2
PT 651	Research 2-Clinical Application of Research	1	PT 610	Pathology & Diff. Dx-Neurology	2	PT 622	PM 5-Musculoskeletal 2	4
			PT 620	PM 3-Neurology 1	4	PT 623	PM 6-Neurology 2	4
			PT 621	PM 4-Pediatrics	2	PT 624	Motor Control & Advanced Exercise	2
			PT 630	Professional Issues-Ethics	2	PT 631	Professional Issues-Legal	2
			PT 641	Psychosocial Aspects of Patient Care	3	PT 640	Advanced Concepts in PT Practice 1	2
			PT 655	Research 2-Clinical Research Design	2	PT 642	Teaching & Learning	2
			PT 670	Professional Development 3	0.5	PT 671	Professional Development 4	0
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Year 3 – DPT 3 - Summer			Year 3 – DPT 3 - Fall			Year 3 – DPT 3 - Spring		
PT 720	PM 7-Geriatrics	2	PT 731	Professional Issues-Health Policy, Admin	2	PT 762	Clinical Education Experience 4	8
PT 721	PM 8-Other Systems	4	PT 760	Clinical Educ Experience 2 (8 wks)	4	PT 771	Professional Development 6	0
PT 722	PM 9-Complex Patients	2	PT 761	Clinical Educ Experience 3 (8 wks)	4			
PT 730	Administration	3						
PT 740	Advanced Concepts in PT Practice 2	2						
PT 741	Health & Wellness	2						
PT 770	Professional Development 5	0.5						
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