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**Articulation Agreement
Between
Mount Aloysius College and Saint Francis University
For matriculation of students into
Saint Francis University Master of Occupational Therapy Program**

We do hereby agree to the following considerations concerning the pre-occupational therapy students (Pre-OT) at Mount Aloysius College who wish to enroll at Saint Francis University for the purpose of matriculation into the Master of Occupational Therapy Program (M.O.T.)

1. Students who meet the following criteria, will be admitted as Pre-OT students to Mount Aloysius College :
 - a. A minimum SAT score of 1000
 - b. Completion of 10 hours of occupational therapy observation as part of the application process.
2. The undergraduate degree will be awarded by Mount Aloysius College. For early admission students, this will occur upon receipt of a transcript from Saint Francis University indicating that at least 27 credits in the Occupational Therapy Program at Saint Francis University and a total of at least 120 credits between the two institutions have been successfully completed.
2. The Master of Occupational Therapy degree will be awarded by Saint Francis University upon completion of all MOT Program requirements.
3. Each pre-occupational therapy student from Mount Aloysius College who declares an intent to complete the Master of Occupational Therapy Program at Saint Francis University shall be co-advised by assigned members of the faculty from Mount Aloysius College and from Saint Francis University during his or her time at Mount Aloysius College. The Occupational Therapy Recruitment Coordinator will visit Mount Aloysius College at prescribed intervals in order to meet with the Pre-OT students.
4. Satisfactory completion of the agreed program will be required prior to enrollment at Saint Francis University. Students must complete at least 90 credits of transferable work by the time they begin taking Saint Francis University occupational therapy professional phase courses.
 - A. Saint Francis University agrees to hold a maximum of five (5) seats in each Occupational Therapy cohort for Pre-OT students from Mount Aloysius College. Since there may be more than five students in this group, students are NOT guaranteed a seat in the Saint Francis University cohort. All students in the Pre-OT class must complete an interview process with Saint Francis University Occupational Therapy Faculty. Successful candidates will be enrolled provided they have:
 - i. A minimum grade of C in each collateral course.
 - ii. An overall (pre-professional) grade point average of 3.0 AND a minimum collateral QPA of a 2.75.

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- iii. Maintenance of a good citizenship record, as indicated in a letter of recommendation from the Mount Aloysius College Advisor.
- iv. Completion of at least 30 hours of occupational therapy observation, in at least 2 different settings (ex. Hospital, outpatient, skilled nursing facility, pediatrics, etc.) between their freshman year and the start of the professional phase, OT 401.
- v. Completion of all Saint Francis University Master of Occupational Therapy prerequisite or collateral requirements (or their equivalents) which include:

Saint Francis University Courses		Mount Aloysius College Courses	
BIOL 111	Biology I	BL 101	Biology I
BIOL 205	Anatomy & Physiology I	BL 201	Anatomy & Physiology I
BIOL 206	Anatomy & Physiology II	BL 202	Anatomy & Physiology II
SPCH 103	Speech Fundamentals	EN 260	Public Speaking
SOC 101	General Sociology	SOC 101	Intro to Sociology
PSYC 101	Intro to Psychology	PY 101	Intro to Psychology
PSYC 201	Research Methods & Statistics I	PY 270	Research Design and Analysis I
PSYC 202	Research Methods & Statistics II	PY 271	Research Design and Analysis II
PSYC 205	Abnormal Psychology	PY 202	Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 209	Developmental Psychology	PY 102	Human Growth & Development
PSYC 305	Memory & Cognition	PY 320	Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 314	Biopsychology	PY 380	Neuroscience
PSYC EI	Psychology Elective	PY 300/400 level	Elective
CPSC 101	Intro to Computer Systems	CS 103	Communication Technologies Literacy
OT 301	OT Seminar I***		
OT 302	OT Seminar II***		

***NOTE: Mount Aloysius College no longer offers Occupational Therapy Courses which would equate to the Seminar Courses. Therefore, students would have two options to satisfy this requirement:

- 1) Register for OT 301 Occupational Therapy Seminar I (Fall) and OT 302 Occupational Therapy Seminar II (Spring) at Saint Francis University
- or -
- 2) Complete the procedure outlined for the established Exemption Policy for OT 301 and OT 302.

NOTE: If the Pre-OT students opt to take OT 301 &/or OT 302 at Saint Francis University, they MUST register for the course(s) at Saint Francis University and pay the standard Saint Francis University tuition rate.

5. The following timeline will be followed in regard to the pre-professional phase years under the articulation agreement:
Year One:

Fall: Mount Aloysius College will contact Saint Francis University with the number of students who entered Mount Aloysius College as 'Pre-OT' students and verify that those students meet the minimum admission requirements.

Spring: Recruitment Coordinator from Saint Francis University will offer an informative presentation to the Freshman Pre-OT students at Mount Aloysius College. The presentation will consist of general information outlining the MOT program at SFU and how the articulation agreement functions.

Year Two:

Fall: A representative from MAC will contact SFU confirming the number of Pre-OT students at MAC and list of those students' names by October 15.

Spring: Recruitment Coordinator from SFU will meet with each Pre-OT student @ MAC. The meeting will include a general interview, a degree audit of the student's coursework to date, information regarding the SFU MOT progression standards and expectations, and offer answers to all of the student's questions. If there are more than 5 Pre-OT students at MAC, an interview process will be conducted by the SFU MOT faculty, to rank the top 5 students who will enter the program under this agreement.

Year Three:

Fall: Each Pre-OT student will complete the SFU general Admissions application as well as an Occupational Therapy Department application form and submit by October 15.

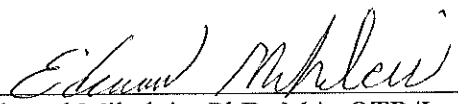
Spring: SFU will invite the five Pre-OT students to join the OT 302 course to learn about the SFU MOT professional phase as well as the Academic Fieldwork curriculum embedded in the professional phase (will also include the requirements needed to engage in fieldwork opportunities).

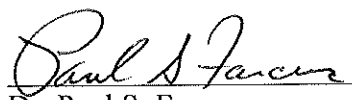
6. All students MUST provide proof of earning a bachelor's degree after year four prior to beginning professional phase at SFU. An official transcript with the confirmation of a


	YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO		YEAR THREE	
	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
Saint Francis University MOT		Presentation by Recruitment Coordinator to MAC students (outlining general information about SFU MOT program)		March 15 Meeting/interviews with each of the MAC students (to include a general interview, degree audit, progression standards, progress, etc).		Invite the 5 MAC students to OT 302 to learn about professional phase and Level I Fieldwork requirements/opportunities
Mount Aloysius College	General email to SFU OT Recruitment Coordinator with an initial list of students coded as 'Pre-OT'		October 15 Confirmed/Final list of students coded as "Pre-OT" sent to SFU Recruitment Coordinator		October 15 Deadline for application for MOT Program	

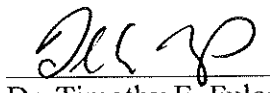
bachelor's degree must be received by the SFU Registrar's office no later than May 31 of the year the student graduates from MAC with their bachelor's degree.

7. Any exceptions must have approval of both institutions.
8. All advertising materials promoting this articulated program will be mutually agreed upon by representatives from both institutions prior to publication.
9. This agreement will be reviewed bi-annually by both institutions or any time program changes are to be made by either institution. Any program changes will be identified and incorporated into subsequent agreements.
10. Mount Aloysius College pre-occupational therapy students must be aware that graduates from the Saint Francis University Master of Occupational therapy Program will be eligible to sit for the national certification examination for the occupational therapist administered by the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT). After successful completion of this exam, the individual will be an Occupational Therapist, Registered (OTR). In addition, most states require licensure in order to practice; however state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT Certification Examination. A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT Certification Examination. It is the responsibility of the prospective student to determine eligibility.
11. This agreement will not in any way create financial obligations between Mount Aloysius College and Saint Francis University. All program revenues and expenses will be independently borne by the institution of record.
12. Termination of this agreement may be requested by either Mount Aloysius College or Saint Francis University, provided that the other institution is given written notice at least six months in advance of the termination date. The termination of this agreement shall not take effect until the enrolled students, at the time of the notice of termination is given, complete the program outlined in the agreement.

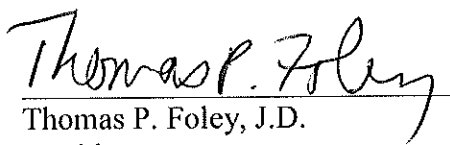

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Exemption Policy:

Occupational Therapy 301 and 302

At the discretion of the Chairman of the Department of Occupational Therapy, the Occupational Therapy Seminar Course(s) may be waived for individuals who demonstrate substantial exposure to Occupational Therapy. The following scenarios are considered substantial exposure in order to waive the Seminar Courses:

- a) existing credential as a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant
- b) completion of Observation Hours including:
 - 1. documentation of at least 50 hours of observation (30 of these hours can also be used for the required hours of observation that are needed for progression into professional phase) in at least 2 different settings (ex. Hospital, outpatient, skilled nursing facility, pediatrics, etc.) – Refer to **Documentation Form for Occupational Therapy Observation**
 - 2. interview of two (2) registered occupational therapists in different settings, followed by submission of a paper (500 words or less) to Ms. Amy Hudkins at Saint Francis University summarizing their observation experiences and the various roles of the occupational therapists, AND
- c) completion of MA 109 Medical Terminology (3 credits) at Mount Aloysius College OR completion of the following medical terminology workbook:
 - Gyls, B. A. & Masters, R.M. (2010). *Medical Terminology Simplified*. Current edition. FA Davis.
 - (Students must read each chapter and complete all “*Section Review*” Exercises. Once these exercises are completed, the student will present the work to the Chair of the Department of Occupational Therapy. NOTE: This work must be completed and presented PRIOR to commencing OT 401.)

NOTE: For students wishing to apply for exemption of one of the above courses, 25 observation hours, along with one interview, and appropriate half of Medical Terminology Book

Appendixes:

Documentation Form for Occupational Therapy Observation

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**Documentation Form for Occupational Therapy Observation
Volunteer/Paid Employment Experience**

(PLEASE PRINT)

Applicant Name: _____

Contact information: _____

The student named above is applying for a waiver from Occupational Therapy Seminar(s) at Saint Francis University. A component of the course waiver policy requires the student to document completion of 25 to 50 hours of observation of Occupational Therapy services. By completing this form, you are verifying that the student was supervised by an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant as a volunteer or paid employee. This form requires the signature of an occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant.

NAME OF FACILITY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

PRACTICE SETTING: ___ acute care ___ rehab ___ outpatient
 ___ outpatient ___ pediatrics ___ mental health
 ___ other: _____

_____ hours of experience were completed as a: ___ volunteer ___ employee

INCLUSIVE DATES: _____

PLEASE indicate student's responsibilities: _____

Name of Therapist/ Assistant (please print): _____

Position / Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant may photocopy this form as necessary