## Articulation Agreement between

## Our Lady of Holy Cross College and Saint Francis 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 Our Lady of Holy Cross College (OLHCC) 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 OLHCC.
- 2. The DPT degree will be awarded by SFU.
- Each student at OLHCC who declares intent to complete the DPT program at SFU shall be co-advised by assigned members of the faculty from OLHCC and from SFU during his or her time at OLHCC.
- 4. If all of the following criteria are met, up to three (3) OLHCC students will be guaranteed acceptance into the SFU DPT program annually:
  - a. A completed application received no later than October 15 of a student's senior year at OLHCC
  - b. A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and an earned bachelor's degree.
  - c. A minimum 3.0 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
    - 3. 8 credits of chemistry with lab
    - 4. 8 credits of physics with lab
    - 5. 9 credits of psychology
    - 6. 3 credits of statistics
  - d. Maintenance of a good citizenship record as demonstrated by a strong letter of recommendation from the director of the OLHCC pre-physical therapy program.
  - e. Completion of a total of 80 hours (minimum) of documented volunteer or employed experience in at least two physical therapy settings, including one inpatient and one outpatient setting.
  - f. A letter of intent to enter 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 director of the OLHCC prephysical therapy program.
- 5. Students will be required to successfully complete, with a grade of "C" or better, a 4-credit exercise physiology course (PHTH 300) at Saint Francis University in the summer session prior to the start of the DPT program.
- 6. Any exceptions must have the advance approval of both institutions. Reasonable advance notice and acceptable exceptions will be determined by SFU.

- 7. 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.
- 8. All advertising materials promoting this articulated program will be mutually agreed upon by representatives from both institutions prior to publication.
- 9. Each institution hereby agrees to notify the other in writing in the event of substantive changes in the courses and programs at their institution that may have an impact upon this Agreement.
- 10. OLHCC 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 admissions personnel, transfer counselors, faculty and staff at OLHCC to maintain an accurate listing of students expressing written intent and pursuing course work in preparation for enrollment in the DPT program at SFU.
- 11. This Agreement is contingent upon OLHCC retaining accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. This Agreement is contingent on SFU retaining accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and accreditation for its physical therapy program through the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. Termination of this Agreement by either institution will not unfavorably affect the ability of any OLHCC 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 of Section 4 (see above) will be admitted to the SFU DPT program in the appropriate year notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement.
- 15. In the event of termination of this Agreement, no new students will be admitted to OLHCC expecting to benefit from the terms of the Agreement.

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

	Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R. President Saint Francis University	Rev. Anthony J. De Conciliis, C.S.C., PhD President Our Lady of Holy Cross College
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	Wayne Powel, PhD Vice President for Academic Affairs Saint Francis University	Myles Seghers, PhD Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs Our Lady of Holy Cross College
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	<u>/2-14-06</u> Date	$\frac{1/8/67}{\text{Date}}$
	Michael B. Arnall, PT, MS, MBA Chair, Department of Physical Therapy Saint Francis University Signature	
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