

Saint Elizabeth University, Morristown, NJ

And

Dominican University New York

Articulation Agreement

An AGREEMENT has been made and entered into this Date: June 10, 2022, between Dominican University (DUNY) , 460 Western Hy, Orangeburg, NY 10962, and Saint Elizabeth University (SEU), 2 Convent Road, Morristown, NJ, 07960, WHEREAS, DUNY and SEU seek to establish a combined educational program which would culminate in the granting of a baccalaureate degree from DUNY and a Master of Science degree from SEU; and, WHEREAS, the educational program consists of four years of undergraduate study in the Bachelor of Science in Biology at DUNY, with DUNY granting the baccalaureate degree, and twenty-eight months of graduate study in the Master of Science in Physician Assistant degree program at SEU (Saint Elizabeth University Physician Assistant Program (SEU PA Program)).

NOW, THEREFORE, DUNY and SEU agree to the following responsibilities in connection with this program.

A. SEU and the SEU PA Program require and agree to the following:

1. Interview candidates for admission to the Master of Science portion of this combined educational program in February of the DUNY student's junior year at a date(s) scheduled by SEU PA Program.
2. At the time of the interview, candidates must be on track in their DUNY bachelor's degree program to meet the admission criteria for entrance in the master's program upon bachelor's degree completion.
3. Prior to the interview and throughout completion of their bachelor's degree program, if pre-approved for admission to the master's program, candidates must have earned and continue to attain or exceed the following academic requirements in their bachelor's program as determined by the DUNY grading scale:
 - a. Cumulative GPA: 3.2 at DUNY
 - b. Cumulative Prerequisite GPA: 3.4
 - c. Grades of B (3.0) in all required prerequisite courses
4. Candidates must graduate from DUNY with a baccalaureate degree and must matriculate

into the SEU Master of Science in Physician Assistant degree program not longer than one- and one-half years from their conditional acceptance into the program. Candidates with two successive semesters below 3.2 or a cumulative GPA below 3.0 will not be recommended by DUNY for an interview nor will they be allowed to continue in this combined educational program.

5. Candidates must remain in good moral and ethical standing appropriate to the pursuit of a career as a physician assistant during their bachelor's program.
6. Candidates must complete their bachelor's degree requirements at DUNY by June 1 prior to the first year of the master's program.
7. Candidates must meet the following requirements by March 1 prior to first year of the master's program
 - a. Complete a minimum of 300 direct patient care patient hours
 - b. Complete a minimum of 16 PA shadow hours
 - c. Complete a minimum of 50 community service hours
 - d. Submit PA-CAT scores to the SEU PA Program
8. Candidates must be recommended for an interview by the DUNY Pre-Professional Health Committee.
9. After the interview in February (or thereabouts) at SEU of the DUNY student's junior year, the SEU PA Program will conditionally admit up to three (3) qualified DUNY students to the SEU twenty-eight-month Master of Science in physician assistant degree program. For full admission, said students must meet all Saint Elizabeth University Physician Assistant Program admission requirements, as outlined in Appendix A, prior to entrance in the master's program.
10. DUNY students must complete the CASPA application and submit all required documentation by the March 1 deadline in their senior year.
11. The supplemental SEU fee is waived for DUNY students accepted into the dual degree program.
12. In the student'(s)' senior year, SEU officially informs them of their admission to the SEU Master of Science in physician assistant degree program according to standard protocols of accepted student notification by the SEU PA Program.
13. In the event a conditionally accepted DUNY student does not meet all Saint Elizabeth University Physician Assistant Program admission requirements, as outlined in Appendix A, prior to entrance in the master's program, the offer of acceptance will be rescinded.

14. Provide an SEU PA Program faculty liaison to collaborate with DUNY faculty advisor to educate DUNY students about the SEU PA Program requirements.

B. DUNY agrees to the following:

1. Recommend up to three (3) students for interview with the SEU Master of Science in physician assistant degree program after the first semester of the student(s)'s junior year. Interviews will be scheduled by SEU PA Program and will take place normally in February in the student(s)'s junior year
2. The DUNY Pre-Professional Health Advisory Committee will provide the SEU PA Program reports each semester on students after conditional acceptance.
3. Supervise the students and their progress in the Bachelor of Science in Biology course of study as approved by the Pre-Professional Health Committee and assign a faculty advisor to the student. The DUNY faculty advisor will collaborate with SEU PA Program faculty liaison to provide additional guidance for conditionally accepted DUNY students.

C. General Provisions

1. Any scholarships and/or grants awarded by either institution will apply only to the courses offered by that institution.
2. Tuition and related costs, fees and expenses for the DUNY baccalaureate degree shall be paid to DUNY. Tuition and related costs, fees and expenses for the Master of Science in physician assistant degree program shall be paid to SEU.
3. All proposed changes to the program proposed by either SEU or DUNY should be submitted in writing to the other party at least one year prior to the date proposed for the implementation of the suggested changes to the program.
4. In the event the proposed changes are unacceptable, either party may terminate this agreement on one year's written notice
5. In the event of such a termination prior to the expiration of the term, the articulation program will continue in operation until all admitted students to the Master of Science in physician assistant degree program under this agreement have had the appropriate length of time to complete the twenty-eight month program.
6. The term of this agreement shall be from the date of signing and will have a duration of five years. Upon expiration of the agreement, it may be renewed in writing when signed by authorized representatives of both parties.
7. SEU and DUNY shall engage in equal opportunity in recruitment, admission to

educational programs, and employment practices regardless of race, color, age, gender, disability, veteran status, marital status, religion, national origin, affectional or sexual orientation, genetic information, civil union status or domestic partnership, gender identity or expression, or membership in any class protected by state or federal law.

8. Except for a termination under Section C.3 and 4, this agreement may be terminated by either party at any time, for any reason and without liability, by submitting written notice to the other party at least one year prior to the date of termination. In the event of termination prior to the expiration of the term, the articulation program will continue in operation until all admitted students under this agreement have had an appropriate length of time to complete their studies.
9. Notices, requests, and other communications requested pursuant to this agreement shall be in writing and shall be sent by first-class certified mail, return receipt requested to each party as specified below.

Saint Elizabeth University

Dean, School of Arts and Sciences
2 Convent Road
Morristown, NJ 07960

Copy to: SEU PA Program Director
2 Convent Road; Henderson Hall Suite 18
Morristown, NJ 07690

Dominican University New York

470 Western Hwy
Orangeburg, NY 10962

10. This agreement may be revised or modified by a written amendment signed by authorized representatives of both parties.
11. This agreement represents the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter covered herein and supersedes and nullifies any previous agreements between the parties.
12. It is understood that this agreement is not intended to and shall not be construed to create

the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association between SEU and DUNY, but is rather an agreement by and between independent contractors.

13. This agreement is non-exclusive and the parties expressly reserve the right to contract with other entities for the same or similar services provided herein.
14. Neither of the parties shall use the name of the other party in any promotional advertising or other publicly distributed material, without obtaining prior written consent, other than on the SEU PA Program website in accordance with accreditation requirements.
15. This agreement shall be binding on the parties and their respective successors and assigns. None of the parties shall assign its duties and obligations under this agreement without the prior written consent of the other parties.
16. This agreement is not intended to conflict with or affect any existing or future affiliations between the parties and institutions not a party to this agreement.
17. This agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey and New York State.
18. This agreement will be reviewed at the initiative of any of the parties or as a result of requirements of accrediting agencies.
19. DUNY and SEU do hereby warrant and represent that they are qualified by training and experience to perform the required services and programs in the manner and on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Independent Contractors. Saint Elizabeth University and Dominican University New York shall be independent contractors and not partners, joint ventures, principal and agent, or any other similar relationship. Neither institution shall have, or hold itself out as having, the power or authority to bind or create liability for the other by its negligent or intentional act or omission.
2. Confidentiality. The institutions may exchange information that could be confidential and not (a) generally known to the public, (b) already known, through legal means, to the party receiving the information, or (c) legally obtained from a third party. Each institution agrees to use the other's confidential information solely for the purpose contemplated by this agreement and not to disclose such confidential information to any person or entity other than as necessary for such purposes.
3. FERPA. In course of dealings between the parties, and in accordance with the Gramm-Leach Bliley Act (and the Federal Trade Commission's implementing regulations) and

the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, each party represents, warrants and covenants that it is capable of maintaining appropriate safeguards for non-public personal financial information, student education records, and other protected information ("Protected Information") relating to students to which all parties involved in this Agreement will be provided access to by the University. Protected Information shall be held in confidence and may only be used/accessed for the purposes set out in this Agreement. Each party will protect such Protected Information in accordance with generally accepted commercial standards and no less rigorously than it protects its own confidential information.

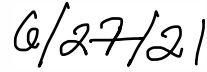
4. Indemnity. Each institution shall defend with competent counsel, indemnify and hold harmless the other institution and the other institution's trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives from and against all claims, demands, actions, suits and proceedings (whether civil, criminal or administrative), and all liability, loss, expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees), costs or damages, which are proximately caused by (i) such institution's breach of its obligations under this agreement, or (ii) the intentional or negligent act or omission of such institution or any of its trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives or contractors.
5. Insurance. Each institution shall procure and maintain insurance as it may deem necessary with respect to this agreement, including without limitation any insurance reasonably necessary to cover any contractual liability.
6. Execution. This agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties regarding the subject matter herein. The agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. The Parties agree to accept electronic, .pdf and facsimile signatures as original signatures. No waiver shall be effective unless in writing, signed by the waiving party. This agreement may only be amended by written instrument signed by both institutions.
7. Assignment. This agreement may not be assigned by either institution without the prior written consent of the other institution, and any purported assignment without such consent shall be void.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto, duly authorized, have caused this agreement to be signed by their proper corporate officers. The above affiliation agreement has been jointly reviewed and accepted by the authorized representatives of the parties as indicated by the signatures below.

FOR SAINT ELIZABETH UNIVERSITY

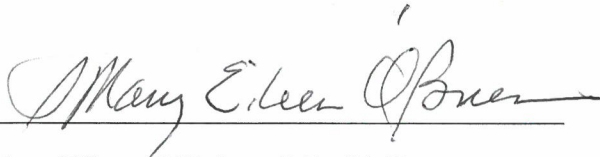


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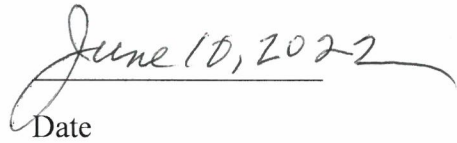


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DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY NEW YORK



Mary Eileen O'Brien, O.P., Ph.D.
President



Date

Appendix A

Saint Elizabeth University Physician Assistant Program Admissions Requirements

Applicants to the SEU PA Program must have:

- Achieved an overall GPA of 3.0 or better (as calculated by CASPA)
- Achieved a prerequisite GPA of 3.2 or better (as calculated by CASPA).
- Satisfactorily completed each of the following prerequisites as part of the Biology degree with a "B- (2.7)" or better:
 - EN 120 English Composition (3 credits)
 - PS 101/102 General Psychology I/II (3 credits)
 - MA 235 Biostatistics & Epidemiology (3 credits)
 - HL 301 Medical Terminology (3 credits)
 - BI 221 General Biology 1 with Lab (4 credits)
 - BI 226 Genetics (4 credits)
 - BI 223 Anatomy and Physiology 1 with Lab (4 credits)*
 - BI 224 Anatomy and Physiology 2 with Lab (4 credits)*
 - BI 229 Microbiology with Lab (4 credits)*
 - CH 221 General Chemistry 1 with Lab (4 credits)
 - CH 222 General Chemistry 2 with Lab (4 credits)
 - BI 328 Biochemistry (4 credits)

*Must be completed within 10 years of matriculation.
- Completed a minimum of:
 - 300 hours of direct patient care experience,
 - 16 hours of PA shadowing experience, and
 - 50 hours of community service by the deadline date.
- Submitted three letters of recommendation; one letter must be from a professor attesting to academic capability and at least one must be from a physician or PA attesting to professional capacity
- Submitted two personal statements detailing:
 - The applicant's fit with the Mission, Vision and Goals of the MS PA Program and Saint Elizabeth University
 - A social justice issue they are passionate about and believe they can address as a PA
- Submitted Physician Assistant College Admission Test (PA-CAT) scores by the deadline date