ARTICULATION AGREEMENT Between

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE, SPARKILL, NY And DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY NEW YORK, BLAUVELT, NY

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to the following terms and conditions for the purpose of permitting qualified students of St. Thomas Aquinas College, NY, (STAC) the opportunity to enroll in the Dominican University New York's (DUNY) Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

- 1. The Bachelor's degree in Biology or Exercise Science will be awarded by STAC.
 - a. Bachelor degrees must be completed prior to starting the DPT program at DUNY.
- 2. The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree will be awarded by DUNY.
- 3. Students must apply and submit all documents online through the centralized application system PTCAS at https://ptcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login. The deadline is March 1st. It is recommended to submit your application by at least February 15th in order to have your application verified by the March 1st deadline. Submitted applications that are not verified by the March 1st verification deadline will NOT be reviewed or accepted. Dominican University does not review applications until they have been VERIFIED by PTCAS.
- The interested STAC student must email DUNY DPT Program a letter of interest by October 1st of the application cycle.
- 5. The following prerequisites must be completed prior to admission to the entrylevel Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.
 - Biology: I, II 4, 4 credits
 - Anatomy and Physiology I, II: 4, 4 credits
 - Physics I, II: 4, 4 credits
 - Chemistry I, II: 4, 4 credits
 - Any 2 Psychology courses:3, 3 credits
 - Statistics: 3 credits

The overall grade point average, as well as the prerequisites grade point average must be at

least a 3.0 with no course grade lower than a C. A 3.0 G.P.A. is also required for the last 60 credits of the student's most recent coursework as a whole. GRE scores are highly recommended.

- 6. In addition to the prerequisite courses, all applicants must document a total of 60 hours of voluntary or work experience in settings where a licensed physical therapist is employed. These hours must be completed in diverse healthcare settings providing exposure to therapeutic intervention across the life span. While 60 clinical experience hours are mandatory, it is recommended to complete 100 hours.
- 7. Each applicant must also complete a successful interview with the Physical Therapy Admissions Committee.
- 8. DUNY will accept a minimum of two qualified applicants from STAC who meet the aforementioned criteria and have provided DUNY all necessary paperwork. DUNY makes the determination of which students may enter the DPT program.
- 9. All advertising materials promoting this articulated program will be mutually agreed upon by representatives from both institutions prior to publication.
- 10. This agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis (in May) or any time program changes are to be made by either institution. Any program changes will be identified and incorporated into subsequent agreements.
- 11. This agreement will last for five (5) years from the date of the final signature below.

 Upon expiration of the agreement, it may be renewed in writing when signed by authorized representatives of both institutions. Either institution may withdraw from the Agreement upon written notification to the other institution, except the commitments made to students who have signed letters of intent will be honored.
- 12. STAC 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.
- 13. STAC and DUNY 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.

14. 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.

In witness whereof, the institutions hereto, duly authorized, have caused this agreement to be signed. The above agreement has been jointly reviewed and accepted by the authorized representatives of the institutions as indicated by the signatures below.

For St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, NY 10976

Kenneth D. Daly President

 $\frac{2/10/23}{\text{Date}}$

For Dominican University New York, Orangeburg, NY 10962

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

President

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