



JOHNSON & WALES
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Graduate Admissions

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

College of Arts and Sciences (BS Biology and BS Health Science) at Johnson & Wales

And

Physician Assistant Program at Johnson & Wales University

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

This ARTICULATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made between the Johnson & Wales University Physician Assistant Program (hereinafter JWU MSPAS), Providence, RI, 02903 and Johnson & Wales University Biology and Health Science programs (hereinafter "JWU Biology and Health Science"), Providence, RI 02903.

This Agreement supersedes all prior Agreements.

WHEREAS, JWU Biology and Health Science has presented the information attached as Exhibit A regarding their curriculum, and

WHEREAS, both parties are desirous of assuring qualified JWU Biology and Health Science graduates acceptance for admission to the JWU Physician Assistant Program in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, both parties agree as follows:

1. JWU MSPAS will **interview qualified JWU Biology and Health Science applicants** for the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies who have successfully completed selected courses described in Exhibit A in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
2. In addition to completing the pre-requisite coursework outlined in Exhibit A, a student must meet the following minimum requirements in order to be guaranteed an interview with the JWU PA Program pursuant to this Agreement:
 - a. Accumulate at least 250 hours of direct patient care experience (paid or volunteer) in an allopathic or osteopathic medical setting prior to application. Qualifying experiences are specified on the JWU website; experiences not indicated should be verified as acceptable by the director of admissions or their designee in advance of participation.
 - b. Submit an application to the Physician Assistant Program at Johnson & Wales University through the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) by September 1st of the calendar year prior to their intended matriculation.
 - c. Have a minimum CASPA calculated overall cumulative grade point average of 3.30 or higher with no prerequisite grade below "C."
 - d. Have a minimum CASPA calculated BCP grade point average of 3.30. (BCP GPA includes all Biology, Chemistry, and Physics courses completed.)
 - e. Arrange for submission of a letter of recommendation from a Johnson & Wales Biology and/or Health Science faculty member familiar with the student's academic work as part of CASPA application.
 - f. Arrange for submission of official scores from the Graduate Record Examination as part of the CASPA application.
 - g. PA Shadowing hours

3. If granted an offer of admission to the PA Program, it is understood that students must fulfill additional requirements prior to matriculation, as outlined and attached in Exhibit B.
4. In addition to a guaranteed interview for all qualified JWU Biology and Health Science applicants pursuant to this Agreement, JWU agrees to accept **up to a total of twelve (12) qualified JWU Biology and Health Science candidates annually for admission to its graduate program leading the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.**
 - a. These candidates must be nominated for admission by a JWU Biology or Health Science Advisor. The candidates must be nominated by September 1 of the applicable admissions cycle. Final acceptance will be ***contingent upon a successful in person interview by a JWU Admissions interviewer and the respective candidate meeting all JWU MSPAS requirements for admission into the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program.***
 - b. It is understood that, in the event that JWU Biology and Health Science recommends fewer than twelve candidates in a given cycle, the remaining reserved seats will be released to the general pool of applicants at the full discretion of JWU MSPAS.
5. JWU Biology and Health Science will provide its students with information regarding this Agreement and will arrange an information seminar to be offered by a representative of JWU MSPAS annually. JWU Biology and Health Science will publicize the existence of this articulation agreement in all related publications.
6. The JWU Biology and Health Science departments agree to provide the JWU Office of Graduate Admissions with the names of the JWU Pre-PA Program qualified candidates that they have recommended for interviews no later than September 1st of each year. The JWU Biology or Health Science department agrees to provide an official letter of recommendation via CASPA for each identified candidate no later than September 1st of each year. The letter must be from a JWU Biology or Health Science department faculty member.

Each party represents the individual signing this Agreement on behalf of its institution is authorized to do so.

Johnson & Wales University MSPAS

Johnson & Wales University Arts & Sciences

By: 

By: 

Title: Program Director Date: 5/10/2018 Title: Dean Date: 5/10/18

Johnson & Wales University

By: 
Title: Provost

Date: May 11, 2015

EXHIBIT A

To be eligible for consideration under this Agreement, applicants must be enrolled in the Johnson & Wales University BS Biology or Health Science Program and have completed all requirements according to the below criteria for this degree upon graduation.

In order to be considered for the June start, ten of the eleven required prerequisites must be completed by the end of December in the year that precedes the June program start date.

All prerequisites must be completed by the end of May preceding the June class start.

An official transcript reflecting a grade of C or better must be provided to Graduate Admissions before classes start the first week of June.

Students who are accepted into the PA Program before all prerequisite coursework has been completed will be accepted into the program on a provisional basis.

No Advanced Placement (AP) credits can be used to fulfill these requirements:

Individuals recommended must complete:

27.0 credits of Biology as follows:

- Bio 2021 & 2025 (4.5 cr w/ 2.25 cr lab) Functional Human Anatomy w/ lab
- Bio 2041 & 2045 (4.5 cr w/ 2.25 cr lab) Human Physiology w/lab
- Bio 1011 & 1015 (4.5 cr w/ 2.25 cr lab) General Biology I w/lab (In the event that a student has received Advanced Placement credit for Bio 1011 a second course in human or mammalian biology class with lab may be substituted)

Bio 4011 & Bio 4015 (4.5 cr & 2.25 cr lab) Microbiology

20.25 hours of Chemistry as follows:

- CHM 1011 & 1015 (4.5 cr w/ 2.25 cr lab) General Chemistry I w/lab
- CHM 1022 & 1025 (4.5 cr with 2.25 cr lab) General Chemistry II w/ lab
- CHM 2011 & 2015 (4.5 cr with 2.25 cr lab) Organic Chemistry I w/ lab

Alternate required course if Advanced Placement has allowed the student to test out of these courses:

- CHM 2022 & CHM2025 (4.5 cr w/2.25 lab) Organic Chemistry II w/ lab

4.5 credits of math as follows:

- Math 1040 (4.5 cr) Calculus or Math 2001 (4.5 cr) Statistics

9 credits from Psychology* as follows:

- PSCY 1001 Intro Psychology (4.5 credits)
- PSYC 2002 Abnormal Psychology (4.5 credits)

*or other approved Sociology or Behavioral Science courses (9.0 total)

9 credits English* as follows:

- ENG 1020 (4.5 cr) English Composition
- ENG1021 (4.5) Advanced Composition and Communication

*or other approved English credits (9.0 total)

EXHIBIT B

Before matriculation, accepted applicants must:

- Obtain a physical exam and provide documented proof of program-required immunizations based on current [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) recommendations for health care personnel.
- Provide proof of a negative national criminal background check performed by the program-approved agency. Students will be subject to drug screens as required by clinical training sites. These are both costs to the student and paid directly to the screening agency.
- Provide documented proof of a current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (BLS) for Health Care Providers certification.
- This information must be presented prior to registration. Matriculation is subject to completion of these requirements and submission of appropriate documentation.