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Graduate Admissions

*AMENDED ARTICULATION AGREEMENT*

University of Rhode Island (URI)  
and  
Johnson & Wales University (JWU)

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies

This AMENDED ARTICULATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made between the Johnson & Wales University Physician Assistant Program (hereinafter "JWU"), Providence, RI 02903 and the University of Rhode Island (hereinafter "URI"), Kingston, RI 02881. The Agreement, which the parties agree will supersede and replace the earlier agreement between them dated April 15, 2014 (entitled "Articulation Agreement") will become effective on the date it is last signed by the parties below.


WHEREAS, URI has presented the information attached as Exhibit A regarding their curriculum, and

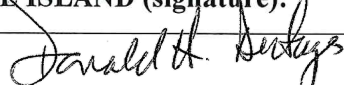
WHEREAS, both parties are desirous of assuring qualified URI graduates are appropriately considered for acceptance for admission to the JWU Physician Assistant Program in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, both parties agree as follows:

1. JWU will interview all qualified URI 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 at all institutions of higher education.)
  - e. Arrange for submission of a letter of recommendation from a University of Rhode Island faculty member in the sciences familiar with the student's academic work as part of CASPA application.
  - f. PA Shadowing experience. PA shadowing is observing a PA in a clinical setting to obtain knowledge about the profession prior to application. No minimum hours required.
3. Candidates for preferred interview status must be nominated for admission by the URI Pre-Health Professions Advising Program by September 1 of the applicable admissions cycle to be considered for admission. Acceptance to the program will be *contingent upon a successful in person interview day with the JWU PA Admissions committee and the respective candidate meeting all JWU requirements for admission into the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies program*. Because JWU usually receives more applicants from qualified applicants than it has available spots, even qualified candidates cannot be guaranteed admission.
  4. If granted an offer of admission, it is understood that students must fulfill additional requirements prior to matriculation, as outlined and attached in Exhibit B.
  5. URI will provide its students with information regarding this Agreement and will arrange an information seminar to be offered by a representative of JWU at URI annually.
  6. Either party may terminate or request amendments to this Agreement for any reason by giving the other one hundred eighty (180) days written notice. The termination shall be effective at the end of the notice period, or at such later date as the party giving notice may specify. Any URI student who applies and is admitted to the JWU PA Program prior to termination of this Agreement shall be allowed to matriculate.
  7. Each party represents the individual signing this Agreement on behalf of its institution is authorized to do so.

<b>JOHNSON &amp; WALES UNIVERSITY (signature):</b>	
Name:	
Title:	Provost
Date:	9/1/2021

<b>UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND (signature):</b>	
Name: Donald H. DeHayes	
Title: Provost	
Date:	8/30/2021

## EXHIBIT A

To be eligible for consideration under this Agreement, a minimum of 32 of the required 36 prerequisite credits (including associated labs) must be completed by the end of December in order to be considered for the June start. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of May. An official transcript reflecting a grade of C or better must be provided before classes start the first week of June. Students accepted before all prerequisite coursework has been completed will be accepted on a provisional basis.

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

### ***Individuals recommended must complete:***

- 8 credits of Biology with labs
- 8 credits of Chemistry with labs
- 3-4 credits of Microbiology
- 3-4 credits of Genetics will be required for the 2022-2023 cycle
- 8 credits Anatomy & Physiology (coursework expires after 7 years)
- 6 credits of Behavioral Science; Psychology and Sociology coursework preferred
- 3 credits college-level math; Statistics preferred

## 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 and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) 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.