

Mary Baldwin University  
Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences  
Physical Therapy Program  
Occupational Therapy Program

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
WITNESSETH

WHEREAS the **Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Programs** of the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences (hereafter referred to as: MDCHS), a college of Mary Baldwin University wishes to revise its formal articulation agreement with **Roanoke College** for the expressed purpose of establishing the pre-admission criteria, performance standards and inter-institutional considerations as part of this agreement.

WHEREAS Roanoke College (hereafter referred to as: RC) desires to enter into this Articulation Agreement with Mary Baldwin's **Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Programs** (hereafter referred to as: "The Programs") and meet the performance standards set forth in this agreement for the recruitment and selection of candidates to be admitted via this articulated admission track;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises, the parties agree as follows:

**STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT.** The Programs agrees to guaranteed admission for two suitably-qualified Roanoke College students per program. A qualified student will be enrolled full-time at Roanoke College and satisfy all of the criteria listed below. These criteria may be amended by the mutual, written consent of both parties. The stipulated criteria are:

- **Applying to OTD and DPT Programs:** Students must apply through the appropriate centralized application service (OT – OTCAS, PT – PTCAS). Applications open in the summer prior to their final year. Students are responsible for the fees required for CAS applications; MDCHS' supplemental application fee will be waived under this agreement. In order to ensure that the student is identified as a participant of this agreement in the CAS system, we request that students answer "yes" to the optional question asking if they currently attend an Articulation Agreement school. Applicants interested in the guaranteed admission option should apply by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average:** To be eligible for our Guaranteed Admission agreement, students must maintain a 3.5 or higher cumulative grade point average. For all students, a grade of "B" or better is required for courses listed in the prerequisite coursework.
- **Prerequisite Coursework:** For OT and PT programs, students may apply with coursework planned in their final year, as long as they indicate their plan in CAS to complete their prerequisites by the May before the start of classes. Students must have successfully completed planned anatomy and physiology prerequisite to be considered for guaranteed admission.
- **Observation Hours:** Must complete designated program requirement for observation hours by the application deadline.
- **Graduate Record Exam:** The General Test must be completed and score submitted with the CAS application.

- **Interview (OT Program Only):** Applicants must successfully complete an interview with the OT program, which is scheduled after the application is submitted via OTCAS.
- Students must meet all requirements for admission as indicated on the appropriate MDCHS website admissions checklist page and satisfy all matriculation requirements.

Students who are not selected or eligible for guaranteed admission under this agreement will be considered for admission using the same criteria involved in the competitive admission process open to other applicants.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF RC.** Roanoke College shall assume responsibility for the following:

**1. PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

**a. Marketing of this Articulation Agreement**

RC will be responsible for announcing this Agreement as part of its promotional literature and for marketing the articulated curricula in its promotional and literature available to prospective applicants for admission.

RC will also be responsible for informing students already enrolled in the College about this Agreement, the articulated curricula and the career opportunities available in this profession. This information will be shared with and readily available to all interested RC students.

**b. Recruiting Qualified Students**

RC will be responsible for making bona fide recruiting efforts to attract and retain students annually in sufficient numbers who will meet the terms of this Agreement. This Articulation Agreement will commence for the OT/PT class entering in the Summer of 2023.

**c. Career Counseling**

RC agrees to provide career counseling and advising activities about the professions of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy in consultation with The Programs, in the manner commensurate with other services provided to RC students through its pre-health professions advisor(s) or other suitable-qualified staff member of its choosing.

**2. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

**a. Notification of Changes**

RC agrees to provide Mary Baldwin's Programs with timely notification of impending changes within the University that may adversely impact the ability or willingness of RC to meet the terms of this agreement. Although not an inclusive list, modifications involving the following would be applicable: decline in admissions standards, changes from current institutional grading practices and standards; changes in graduation requirements; termination of course offerings required in the pre-requisite courses; a change in the affiliation and/or accreditation status of RC with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

**b. Accreditation Site Inspection**

If requested, RC agrees to assist Mary Baldwin's Programs in terms of providing information related to this Articulation Agreement deemed necessary and essential to the specialized accreditation process involving the Programs' accrediting agencies, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy

Education (CAPTE) and American Council on Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE).

3. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF MARY BALDWIN'S PROGRAMS.** The Programs of Mary Baldwin/Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences shall assume responsibility for the following:
  - a. **PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS**
    - i. **Marketing of this Articulation Agreement**

The Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences and The Programs will be responsible for announcing this Articulation Agreement with RC on its website.
    - ii. **Career Counseling**

The Programs and its Admissions Office agrees to serve as a resource for RC faculty advisors and students in terms of providing career-counseling and advising about the profession of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy.
    - iii. **Programming**

The Programs agree to conduct student outreach at RC. The Programs will host at least one (1) "information session" (virtually or in-person) for pre-OT, pre-PT, and other interested students in collaboration with relevant faculty at RC.
    - iv. **Specialized Accreditation**

The Programs are responsible for maintaining its status as an accredited educational program from its specialized accrediting agencies (CAPTE and ACOTE). The Programs shall be responsible for providing RC with timely notification of changes to accreditation status.
  - b. **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**
    - i. **Notification of Changes**

The Programs agree to provide RC with timely notification of impending changes within the program that may adversely impact the ability or willingness of The Programs to meet the terms of this agreement. Although not an inclusive list, modifications involving the following would be applicable: changes in current admissions prerequisites or requirements; changes in leadership of the individual Programs; shifts in enrollment projections; notification of a change in accreditation status of the Programs; and a change in the affiliation and/or accreditation status of Mary Baldwin within the Southern Colleges Association of Colleges and Schools. Mary Baldwin reserves the right to make changes and alter this agreement at any time, with prior notification.

All notices or other communication provided for in this Agreement shall be given to the parties addressed as follows:


MDCHS      Dean of Health Sciences  
Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences  
Mary Baldwin University  
100 Baldwin Boulevard  
Fishersville, VA 22939


RC            Director of Health Professions Advising

Roanoke College  
221 College Lane  
Salem, VA 24153

4. **TERMS AND TERMINATION.** The Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences' Program at Mary Baldwin and RC agree to an indefinite term for this Articulation Agreement. Termination of this agreement can be accomplished by mutual written consent of both parties within a time frame established at the point if and when action is taken by both parties to sever this Agreement. Unilateral termination of this Agreement by either party shall require sufficient advance notification so that any student at junior standing or higher that is already enrolled is given the opportunity to meet the criteria for non-competitive admission to the Program.
- a. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE.** Unilateral severing of this Agreement without the aforementioned advance notification may occur for sufficient cause. Termination for cause may include but is not limited to:
- i. Withdrawal of specialized accreditation of the individual Program;
  - ii. Withdrawal of SACS accreditation to either institution
  - iii. Cancellation of the specific educational program by the Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences of Mary Baldwin University.
5. **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**
- a. **ENTIRE AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS.** This Agreement and the attached exhibits hereto constitute the entire agreement between the parties. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations or representations relating the subject matter are of no force or effect. Except as otherwise provided by federal or state law, any paragraph or provision of this Agreement may be amended only by mutual written consent of the parties. This agreement is made for the sole benefit of Roanoke College and Mary Baldwin. Nothing in this agreement shall create or be deemed to create a relationship between the parties, or either of them, and any third parties, including a relationship in the nature of a third party beneficiary.
- b. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- c. **WAIVERS.** Any paragraph or provision of this Agreement may be waived only by the prior written consent of the parties and the failure of any party to insist on a strict performance of any term or condition of the Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of such terms and conditions in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the date and year written below.

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 Pamela R. Fox, Ph.D.  
 President,  
 Mary Baldwin University

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 Richard Grant, Ph.D.  
 Interim Vice President for  
 Academic Affairs,  
 Roanoke College

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Lisa Shoal, Ph.D.

*Dean, Murphy Deming College of  
Health Sciences*

4/10/2022

On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.