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Agreement Between

**WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE**  
and  
**MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES**  
(Worcester, MA campus)

This agreement dated 3/5/2012 is between Worcester Polytechnic Institute, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its usual place of business in Worcester, Massachusetts, hereinafter called WPI, and MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its usual place of business in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, hereinafter called MCPHS.

It is agreed by and between WPI and MCPHS for the mutual considerations and covenants herein contained as follows:

1. WPI and MCPHS hereby agree to an articulated program whereby students from WPI may complete a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, chemistry or related field at WPI, and then transfer to MCPHS-Worcester to complete the requirements of the **Doctor of Physical Therapy** program, hereinafter called the DPT Program.

2 (a). MCPHS shall accept up to two (2) qualified WPI students each year into the DPT program. If more than 2 students meet the established requirements, the 2 students deemed most qualified by MCPHS [based upon overall grade point average, grade point average on required prerequisite coursework, and TOEFL (minimum score: 213 computer-based/79 internet-based) or IELTS (minimum score: 6.5) scores, if applicable] will be assured admission, with the remaining students given equal consideration as other applicants to the DPT program and accepted on a space-available basis to the Worcester campus. Completed applications must be submitted within the designated application dates as outlined on the MCPHS website.

2 (b). Upon the successful completion of the degree program at WPI, which completion shall be in accordance with all the standards applicable to WPI students, said students will be accepted by MCPHS, in accordance with its published standards, to the DPT program in Worcester, subject to the limitations and procedures set forth in paragraph 3. All reference to standards will be those published in the respective current catalog of each institution and other applicable materials published by each institution.

3. WPI students who have successfully completed a Bachelor of Science degree program with an overall grade point average of 3.2, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 (on a scale of 4.0) in the specified prerequisite coursework, with no grade below B- and no repeats, are eligible for assured admission to the DPT program in Worcester, contingent upon a satisfactory pre-admission interview conducted by MCPHS at its Worcester campus and other admissions requirements, and subject to the availability of openings in the DPT program within the limit set forth in paragraph 2(a). Students for whom English is a second language must also submit a TOEFL or IELTS score. The MCPHS PharmD Admission Committee retains the right to make the final decision on each student's application. Students are also required to submit a GRE score report.

4 (a). WPI students accepted in the DPT program are subject to the graduation requirements of the college catalogs (and other published standards) issued by WPI and MCPHS in the years of respective matriculation at each institution, subject to changes that may be required to meet accreditation standards, including those established by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), or which are determined by the WPI or MCPHS faculty as warranted to ensure a quality educational program.

4 (b). The required prerequisite courses offered by WPI must be the equivalent of those offered by MCPHS at its Boston campus. The current approved WPI prerequisite courses appear as an attachment to this Agreement. WPI students may apply a maximum of 8 credit hours toward the prerequisite requirements through transfer coursework or CLEP examinations with written approval from the Office of Admission at MCPHS. **Any changes to the approved WPI prerequisite courses must be agreed upon by both parties in writing.**

5. A faculty or staff member at WPI will act as an advisor to students interested in the DPT program and will serve as the liaison with the MCPHS Admission office on all aspects of the DPT program.

6. The Admission offices of both institutions agree that the Admission directors will communicate at the beginning of each fall term to discuss recruiting, entrance requirements, and any other concerns that either may have about the affiliation. Other communications between them may be scheduled as needs arise. Each party agrees that it will communicate as soon as practicable to the other party any changes to its programs as will impact this Agreement. Each institution shall provide the other with advance copies of any written materials that it publishes to describe the terms of this Agreement.

7. *Indemnification.* Each party hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party from and against any and all losses, damages, liabilities and other expenses of every kind and nature, including reasonable attorney's fees, sustained by or incurred by the other party as a result of any debts, actions, causes of action, claims, suits, liabilities, obligations or damages whatsoever resulting from the indemnifying party's (i) breach or default under this Agreement; and (ii) the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnifying party. The right to indemnification set forth herein shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other rights contained in this Agreement. Each party shall promptly notify the other party of any action commenced or claim made or threatened against the notifying party arising from the indemnifying party's conduct. The indemnifying party may assume the defense of, and may settle that part of any such action commenced against the notifying party which relates to the indemnifying party's indemnification, and the indemnifying party may take such other steps as may be necessary to protect itself. If the indemnifying party assumes such defense, the notifying party shall have the right to participate in such defense at the notifying party's expenses and through counsel of its own choice. If the indemnifying party does not assume such a defense, the notifying party may take such other steps as may be necessary to protect itself. In such a case, the notifying party shall conduct the proceedings through its own counsel, but the indemnifying party shall have the right to participate through counsel of its own choice. The assumption of such defense by the notifying party shall in no way affect the indemnification by the indemnifying party of all liabilities and expenses. The indemnifying party shall not be liable to the notifying party on account of any settlement of any such claim or litigation effected without the indemnifying party's consent. The right of the indemnifying party to assume the defense of any action shall be limited to that part of the action commenced against the notifying party which relates to the indemnifying party's indemnification.

8. This Agreement shall be effective on 3/5/2012, and shall continue until terminated by either party. Either institution may terminate this Agreement in any year, without cause, provided that the terminating institution has given the other institution written notice at least six (6) months prior to the effective date of such termination and further provided that termination may occur only at the end of a full academic year. In the event that said Agreement is not terminated, it will automatically be extended year by year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that MCPHS terminates this Agreement with respect to the DPT Program in Worcester, the DPT program will continue to be offered for four years to WPI students as to afford them an opportunity to complete the program, or those students will be provided the opportunity to undertake the program at another MCPHS campus.

9. Both MCPHS and WPI represent and agree that they are and shall remain during the term of this Agreement fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (or any successor organization). Each party further represents and warrants to the other that it is duly commissioned by the appropriate state governing authorities to offer post-secondary educational degrees.

10. This Agreement is being executed within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the parties agree that this Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of said Commonwealth.

11. The parties agree that this Agreement embodies all of the agreements made by and between them and supersedes any prior agreements and understandings with regard to acceptance of WPI students into the MCPHS DPT Program, and that any modifications or amendments thereof must be in writing executed by both parties in order to be effective.

12. All notices or other communications made or given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed made or given upon receipt, or three business days after deposits in the U.S. Mail, in an envelope, postage prepaid, registered or certified mail, and addressed as follows:

If to WPI:

Office of the President  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
100 Institute Road  
Worcester, MA 01609  
Ph: (508) 831-5200

With copy to:

David Grossi  
Bowditch & Dewey  
311 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01609  
Ph: (508) 791-3511

If to MCPHS:

Office of the President  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy  
and Health Sciences  
179 Longwood Avenue  
Boston, MA 02115  
Ph: (617) 732-2880

With copy to:

Deborah O'Malley  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy  
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EXECUTED AS A SEALED INSTRUMENT THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

**WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eric Overström, PhD  
Provost  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

George E. Humphrey, PhD  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

## ADDENDUM – PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK (Physical Therapy)

### **General Biology I and II with lab (8 credits equivalent)**

Two of the following courses:

BB 1025 Human Biology

BB 1035 Introduction to Biotechnology

BB 1045 Biodiversity

**&**

Two of the following lab courses:

BB 2902 Enzymes, Proteins and Purification

BB 2903 Anatomy and Physiology

BB 2904 Ecology, Environment and Animal Behavior

### **Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs (8 hours equivalent)**

BB 3101 Human Anatomy and Physiology: Movement and Communication

BB 3511 Nerve and Muscle Physiology (Lab component for BB 3101)

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BB 3102 Human Anatomy and Physiology: Transport and Maintenance

BB 3514 Circulatory and Respiratory Physiology (Lab component for BB 3102)

### **General Chemistry I and II with lab (8 credits equivalent)**

CH 1010 Molecularity

CH 1020 Forces and Bonding

CH 1030 Equilibrium

### **Physics with lab (8 credits equivalent)**

PH 1110 or PH 1111 General Physics – Mechanics

**&**

PH1120 or PH112 General Physics – Electricity and Magnetism

### **Exercise Physiology (3 credits equivalent)**

Online course with MCPHS, or any 3 credit Exercise Physiology course

### **Calculus (3 credits equivalent)**

One of the following:

MA 1021 Calculus I, or MA 1022 Calculus II, or MA 1023 Calculus III, or MA 1024 Calculus IV

### **Statistics (3 credits equivalent)**

Any MA course on statistics

### **Psychology (3 credits equivalent)**

Any one PSY course

### **Behavioral Science (3 credits equivalent)**

A second course with a PSY designation or SS 2400 Methods, Modeling, and Analysis in Social Science

**\*To be eligible for admission to the MCPHS-Worcester DPT program under the terms of this agreement, students must have completed the above coursework at WPI with a grade point average of no less than 3.2 (on a 4.0 scale) and no less than a grade of B- in any given course (no repeats permitted) and must complete all requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree from WPI with an overall grade point average of 3.2 or higher prior to matriculation at MCPHS. WPI students may apply a maximum of 8 credit hours toward the prerequisite requirements through transfer coursework or CLEP examinations with written approval from the Office of Admission at MCPHS.**