



MASSACHUSETTS  
COLLEGE of PHARMACY  
and HEALTH SCIENCES

*A Member of MCPHS University*

*Admission Office*

October 27, 2016

Greetings,

Enclosed is the final updated copy of the MCPHS Articulation agreement for the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program. Please have this signed by the appropriate party (noted in the agreement) and have the original signed copy returned to:

**Jon Korhonen**  
**Office of Admission**  
**19 Foster Street**  
**Worcester, MA**

Sincerely,

Jon Korhonen

Agreement Between  
**WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY**  
and  
**MCPHS UNIVERSITY**  
(Worcester, MA campus)

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This agreement dated as of June 2, 2016 is between Worcester State University, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its usual place of business in Worcester, Massachusetts, hereinafter called "WSU", and MCPHS University, 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".

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, WSU and MCPHS agree as follows:

1. WSU and MCPHS hereby agree to an articulated program whereby students from WSU who are seeking their first bachelor's degree may complete a Bachelor of Science degree in biology or related field at WSU, and then transfer to MCPHS-Worcester to complete the requirements of the **Master of Physician Assistant Studies program**, hereinafter called the "PA Program".

2(a). MCPHS shall accept up to two (2) qualified WSU students each year into the PA Program. If more than two students meet the established requirements, the two 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 PA program and accepted on a space-available basis to the Worcester campus. All applications must be completed and verified by the Central Application Service for Physician Assistants ("CASPA") by October 1 of the 4<sup>th</sup> year at WSU.

2(b). Upon the successful completion of the degree program at WSU, which completion shall be in accordance with all the standards applicable to WSU students, said students will be accepted by MCPHS, in accordance with its published standards, to the PA Program in Worcester, subject to the limitations and procedures set forth in paragraph 3 below. 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. WSU students who have successfully completed a WSU Bachelor of Science degree program with an overall grade point average of 3.40, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 (on a scale of 4.0) in the specified prerequisite coursework, with no grade below C and no repeats, are eligible for assured admission to the PA 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 PA Program

within the limit set forth in paragraph 2(a) above. Students for whom English is a second language must also submit a TOEFL or IELTS score. The MCPHS Admission Committee retains the right to make the final decision on each student's application.

4(a). WSU students accepted in the PA Program are subject to the graduation requirements of the college catalogs (and other published standards) issued by WSU 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 WSU or MCPHS faculty as warranted to ensure a quality educational program.

4(b). The required prerequisite courses offered by WSU must be the equivalent of those offered by MCPHS at its Boston campus. The current approved WSU prerequisite courses are set forth on Addendum A attached hereto and made a part hereof. WSU 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 WSU prerequisite courses must be agreed upon by both parties in writing.**

5. A faculty or staff member at WSU will act as advisor to students interested in the PA Program and will serve as the liaison with the MCPHS Admission office on all aspects of the PA 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, not including consequential or special 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 expense 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 as of June 2, 2016, 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 be extended year by year by an agreement in writing, signed by both WSU and MCPHS. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that MCPHS terminates this Agreement with respect to the PA Program in Worcester, the program will continue to be offered for four years to WSU 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 WSU 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 WSU students into the MCPHS PA Program, and that any modifications or amendments hereof 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 WSU:

Office of the President  
Worcester State University  
486 Chandler Street  
Worcester, MA 01602

With copy to:

James Cox, WSU Legal Counsel  
Rubin and Rudman LLP  
50 Rowes Wharf  
Boston, MA 02110

If to MCPHS:

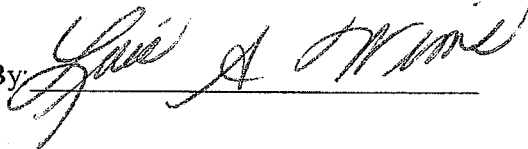
MCPHS University  
  
179 Longwood Avenue  
Boston, MA 02115  
Attn: Office of the President  
Ph: (617) 732-2880  
Fax: (617) 732-2242

With copy to:

MCPHS University  
  
179 Longwood Avenue  
Boston, MA 02115  
Attn: General Counsel  
Ph: (617) 732-2249  
Fax: (617) 732-2784

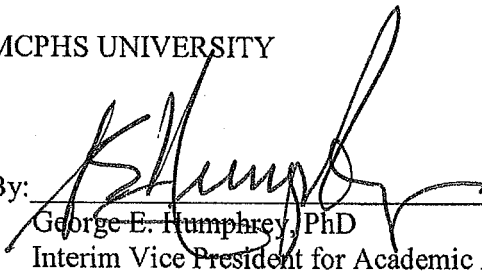
EXECUTED AS A SEALED INSTRUMENT AS OF THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

WORCESTER STATE UNIVERSITY

By: 

Date: 11/2/16

MCPHS UNIVERSITY

By:   
George E. Humphrey, PhD  
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost

Date: 10/20/2016

Approved as to form.  
MCPHS Legal Department.

Initials: ujm 8/18/16

## ADDENDUM A- PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

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### MCPHS Requirements

### Worcester State University Equivalent

Human Anatomy & Physiology I (with lab)	BI 161 Human A & P I (with lab)
Human Anatomy & Physiology II (with lab)	BI 162 Human A & P II (with lab)
Microbiology (with lab)	BI 204 Microbiology (with lab)
General Chemistry (with lab)	CH 120 Chemistry I (with lab)
Organic Chemistry (with lab)	CH 201 & 203 Organic I & lab
Biochemistry	BI/CH 410 Biochemistry I
Statistics	MA 150 Statistics
Psychology	PS 101 Psychology

To be eligible for admission to the MCPHS-Worcester PA program under the terms of this agreement, students must have completed the above coursework at WSU with a grade point average of no less than 3.40 (on a 4.0 scale) and no less than a grade of C in any given course (no repeats permitted) and must complete all requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree from WSU with an overall grade point average of 3.40 or higher prior to matriculation at MCPHS. WSU 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.