



**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
**BETWEEN**  
**HARRISBURG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**AND**  
**SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY**

This Articulation Agreement is made and entered into on this January 29, 2025, by and between Harrisburg University of Science and Technology “HU”, 326 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101, and Susquehanna University “SU”, 514 University Ave, Selinsgrove, PA 17870, hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Parties”, for the purpose of establishing a pathway for students from SU to secure reserved seats in the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at HU.

This purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the admission of qualified graduates from SU into the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at HU, ensuring that a predetermined number of seats are reserved each year for eligible candidates from SU.

I. PRINCIPLES OF AGREEMENT

HU and SU confirm the following principles to assure equal treatment of university/college and transfer students.

1. This Agreement applies to SU students who are scheduled to and/or have completed a Bachelor’s degree in an undergraduate program.
2. Admission and program requirements for a DPT degree shall be the sole responsibility of HU.
3. HU exclusively controls its respective academic programs. Nothing contained in this Agreement or any subsequent formal agreement is, or intended to be, delegation of that control.

HU has sole authority over all final decisions regarding its program structure, delivery method, and course content; selection, retention, supervision, credentialing, evaluation, and termination of faculty; its admission, registration, discipline, termination, and assessment of students; its calculation and award of prior learning

credit; evaluation of student progress; and the awarding and recording of credit independently including the issuance of any HU degree.

SU has exclusive control over its respective educational and training programs. Nothing contained in this Agreement or any subsequent formal agreement is, or intended to be, a delegation of that control.

SU has sole authority over all final decisions regarding its program structure, delivery method, and course content; selection, retention, supervision, evaluation, and termination of faculty; its admission, registration, discipline, termination, and assessment of students; evaluation of student progress; and the awarding and recording of credit independently, including the issuance of any SU degree.

4. SU students who follow the prescribed HU Doctor of Physical Therapy degree admission and program requirements at SU and are scheduled to and/or have earned a Bachelor's at SU may be admitted to HU with graduate standing.
5. Under this agreement, SU students will be granted admission into HU on the following conditions:
  - Graduate from SU with a Bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
  - Complete HU's DPT admissions application once the student earns 90 credits at SU and satisfy all other regular HU admissions requirements including the submission of official transcripts and goal statement.
  - Not attend another institution of higher education between the time they graduate from SU and enroll at HU.
  - Enroll at HU within two years of SU graduation.
6. All students must be in good-standing according to HU policy at time of admission.
7. When program requirements change at HU, SU students who have submitted a letter of intent to enroll at HU will have the option of satisfying "old" program requirements in the same manner as non-transfer HU students. However, this "pre-existing status" is limited to two years from HU's implementation date of any changes, except when changes are required by an accrediting agency. Accrediting agency requirements must be met and are not negotiable.
8. Students applying to HU must provide written consent for the release of information from SU to HU necessary to facilitate the admissions process and to ensure the requirements of the program are met.
9. Students will be provided with financial aid information for HU upon admission. They will receive full consideration for financial aid upon acceptance and matriculation to HU.

10. SU and HU jointly agree to develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of this agreement.
11. Each institution will designate a representative who will coordinate this program between the two institutions.

	SU	HU
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Title of staff person	Director of Health Care Professions	Director of Articulation
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12. On a regular basis, SU will share aggregate data such as graduate totals and program-specific completion rates, and limited demographic data, such as directory information, with HU. This data will be used to track student progress, inform future advising, and identify opportunities to better market this academic pathway and expand the applicant pool. All data sharing will comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
13. SU students matriculating to HU will be treated the same as existing HU students of equal class standing when applying for financial aid and in the award and distribution of funds.
14. SU students matriculating to HU will receive consideration for campus housing on the same basis as existing HU students of equal class standing.
15. Upon matriculation, SU students will become students of HU and be subject to all HU's policies and procedures including but not limited to those concerning academics and student behavior.
16. SU students matriculating to HU will receive equal opportunity to pre-register for classes and have access to other student services on the same basis as existing HU students of equal class standing.
17. An informal review of programs will occur every two (2) years from the date of signature and shall terminate in five (5) years from the signature date subject to a new agreement.
18. The student, while enrolled at SU or HU, shall comply with each school's academic policies, requirements, catalogs, handbooks, and codes of conduct. However, the specific policies, requirements, catalogs, handbooks, and codes of conduct in effect for

the doctorate degree as awarded by HU will be as such during the time of the student's enrollment in the program unless amended by HU for the entire student population.

19. Upon formal approval of this agreement, joint advertising and promotion will be developed by the appropriate representative at each institution. The parties may utilize each other's trademarks in connection with promoting the Agreement, provided the other party pre-approves such use; neither party shall gain any right, title or interest in any name or trademark of the other party.

## II. MUTUAL TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. This Agreement is subject to change or modification by mutual written consent between the parties. Any provisions of this Agreement which remain to be performed or by their nature would be intended to be applicable following the expiration or termination of this Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Either party may terminate this Agreement with ninety (90) days written notice. All students accepted by HU or who have submitted an application to HU at the time a notice of termination is delivered will continue to receive the benefits of this Agreement.
2. Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other than those contained within this Agreement. Regarding liability to each other, including but not limited to death to persons and/or damages to property, the parties do not waive any causes of actions or defenses by signing this Agreement.
3. This Agreement is not exclusive, and the parties are free to contract with other institutions in a similar manner.
4. This agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, without regard to its choice or law doctrine.
5. Neither party shall discriminate in the performance of this Agreement because of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, religion, handicap, marital status, or national origin in violation of any applicable federal, state, or local law or regulation.
6. Both parties shall protect the confidentiality of student records as dictated by FERPA and shall release no personally identifiable student information absent written consent of the student unless required to do so by law or as dictated by the terms of this Agreement.
7. SU and HU shall at all times under this Agreement comply with federal, state, and local laws and respective institutional policies.

8. This agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.
9. Neither party shall assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without prior written consent of the other party. Any assignment is expressly prohibited and shall be deemed null and void.
10. If any provision of this Agreement shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, or the parties determine any provision to conflict with any applicable federal, state or local law or regulation, then the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall be unaffected and shall remain in full force and effect.
11. The waiver of a breach of any of the terms of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach or default whether of the same or similar nature and shall not in any way affect the other terms. No waiver shall be valid or binding unless in writing and signed by the parties.
12. Any notice provided for or permitted under this Agreement shall be treated as having been given the next business day after being sent by nationally recognized commercial overnight courier or three business days after being postage prepaid by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the party to be notified or upon receipt if delivered in person. Notices will be sent to the addresses set forth in this Agreement or such other addresses may be provided from time to time.

	SU	HU
Mailing Address:	Susquehanna University 514 University Avenue Selinsgrove, PA 17870 ATTN: Kelly Puzzi	Harrisburg University of Science and Technology 326 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17101 ATTN: Teri Mickle, Director of Articulation CC: Office of General Counsel

13. The relationship between SU and HU is that of independent contractors. The relationship to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
14. The parties will cooperate to create all appropriate public, promotional announcement or press releases relating to this collaboration and will not make any independent announcements

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except as necessary to conduct the business contemplated by this Agreement and activities necessarily related to it.


15. By signing below, each party acknowledges its agreement with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and each signatory represents and warrants that he/she is authorized to sign on behalf of his/her organization to all the terms and conditions of this Agreement. This Agreement and any attachments, which are incorporated into this Agreement, constitute the full and complete understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings, and agreements between the parties related to this subject matter.

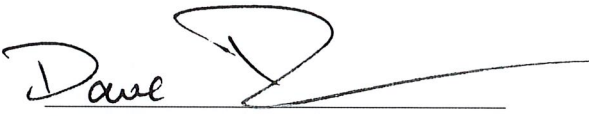
Authorize this Agreement to become effective on August 6, 2025


For SU

  
Jonathan D. Green  
President

For HU

  
Kevin M. Purcell, Ph.D.  
Provost and Chief Academic Officer

  
Dave Ramsaran  
Provost & Dean of the Faculty

  
David Schankweiler  
Interim President

## Harrisburg University of Science and Technology Admissions requirements for Doctor of Physical Therapy, DPT

- Complete the application online at [www.HarrisburgU.edu/Apply](http://www.HarrisburgU.edu/Apply).
- Write an essay (in English) on how this degree supports the candidate's academic and career aspirations.
- Submit final official transcript(s) from the college or university at which the highest degree earned was conferred. Completion of a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution is required.
- Provide two letters of recommendation from academic or industry professionals.
- Submit a resume.
- The program prefers but does not require a basic exercise science background. It should be noted that most students in the program have completed undergraduate coursework in exercise science, physical therapist assistant, or athletic training program prior to entry into the DPT program.
- Video essay as part of the application process. (Video requirement found on application)
- Volunteer/observational work in the field is not required although it is highly recommended.
- For applicants whose native language is not English, the TOEFL is required with a minimum score of 79 on the iBT
- 3.0 GPA undergraduate cumulative average (on a 4.0 scale)
- Assemble all the above required documents into a zip folder and email to [PhD@HarrisburgU.edu](mailto:PhD@HarrisburgU.edu).
- A faculty review committee may select the candidate for an interview.
- Completion of all prerequisite coursework, including a minimum of six credit hours of each of the following courses: anatomy and physiology, biology, chemistry, physics.
  - 2.8 GPA and C or greater in all prerequisite courses (on a 4.0 scale)
  - The complete list of acceptable prerequisites is as follows:

Science	Courses that fulfill six credits in each area
Anatomy/ Physiology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced</li> <li>• Animal</li> <li>• COMBINED A&amp;P</li> <li>• Human</li> <li>• Mammalian</li> <li>• Physiology</li> <li>• Vertebrate</li> </ul>
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exercise Physiology</li> <li>• Neuroanatomy</li> <li>• Neurophysiology</li> <li>• Pathophysiology</li> <li>• Biology: Advanced</li> <li>• Biology: Cell</li> <li>• Biology: Embryology</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Biology: General</li><li>• Biology: Genetics</li><li>• Biology: Histology</li><li>• Biology: Immunology</li><li>• Biology: Microbiology</li><li>• Biology: Molecular</li><li>• Biology: Zoology</li></ul>
Chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chemistry I &amp; II</li><li>• Biochemistry</li><li>• Chemistry: Inorganic</li><li>• Chemistry: Organic</li></ul>
Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physics I</li><li>• Physics II</li><li>• Biomechanics</li><li>• Kinesiology</li></ul>