

**PROPOSED ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
CHATHAM UNIVERSITY**

The Pennsylvania State University (PSU) and Chatham University (CU) agree to mutual cooperation in articulating their programs in Occupational Therapy. Subject to the terms of this agreement, a student who has earned both an Associate in Science degree with a major in Occupational Therapy (2OTA) and is working toward completion of a Bachelor's degree from PSU may be eligible for admission to the 5 year CU Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) Program.

1. Satisfactory completion of the attached program will be required prior to enrollment at CU. Students must complete at least 103 credits of transferable work by the time they begin taking CU graduate courses.
 - a. If all of the following criteria are met, up to five (5) PSU students will be guaranteed acceptance into the CU MOT Program:
 - i. A minimum grade of C in each prerequisite course.
 - ii. An overall grade point average of 3.50.
 - iii. Maintenance of a good citizenship record.
 - iv. Completion of all CU MOT admission requirements, which include the prerequisite courses listed in the CU catalogue, as well as completing an application, volunteer hours, successful on-campus interview and writing sample, and submitting three letters of reference, as specified in the application form.
 - b. In addition to the above, students at PSU will be guaranteed an interview for consideration of acceptance into the CU MOT Program if all of the following criteria are met:
 - i. A minimum grade of C in each prerequisite course.
 - ii. An overall grade point average of 3.00.
 - iii. Maintenance of a good citizenship record.
 - iv. Completion of all CU MOT admission requirements, which include the prerequisite courses listed in the CU catalogue, as well as completing an application, volunteer hours, successful on-campus interview and writing sample, and submitting three letters of reference, as specified in the application form.
2. By December 15 of a student's final year in residence at Pennsylvania State University, the Chatham University Master of Occupational Therapy program will send a five-year master's degree and graduate application to him or her.
3. The undergraduate degree will be awarded by PSU upon completion of established degree requirements. The establishment of degree requirements and

academic advising of the student regarding PSU degree requirements is the responsibility of PSU. The Master of Occupational Therapy degree will be awarded by Chatham University. Prior to awarding the master's degree, Chatham must receive a final, official transcript from PSU showing that the bachelor's degree has been awarded.

4. CU will accept all of the required courses, listed in the table below, pursuant to this agreement provided a grade of C or better has been achieved in the PSU courses:

Chatham MSOT prerequisite	Penn State Course Meeting Prerequisite
One term human anatomy	Biology 129 = 4 credits
One term human physiology	Biology 141 = 3 credits
One term abnormal psychology	Psychology 412 = 3 credits
One term lifespan development	Psychology 212 = 3 credits
One term statistics	Statistics 200 = 3 credits OR Psychology 200 = 3 credits

5. Each student from PSU who declares intent to complete the MOT Program at CU shall be co-advised by assigned members of the faculty from PSU and from CU during his or her time at PSU.
6. Any exceptions must have the approval of both institutions. Reasonable advance notice and acceptable exceptions will be determined by CU.
7. Both institutions hereby agree to notify the other in the event of substantive changes in institutional courses and programs that may have an impact upon this Agreement.
8. PSU and CU both agree to freely and widely encourage qualified students to participate in this cooperative undertaking by providing advertisement, information, and other such assistance which eases the transition of students to Occupational Therapy studies while providing the appropriate and rigorous academic background to prepare students for such study. Every effort will be made by admissions personnel, transfer counselors, faculty and staff at PSU to maintain an accurate listing of students expressing written intent and pursuing course work in preparation for enrollment in the MOT program at CU.
9. All advertising materials promoting this articulated program will be mutually agreed upon by representatives from both institutions prior to publication.
10. This agreement is contingent upon PSU meeting accreditation by the appropriate higher education accrediting agency and CU retaining accreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and accreditation for its

occupational therapy program through the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.

11. This agreement will be reviewed annually in May by both institutions or at any time that relevant program changes are to be made by either institution.
12. This Agreement shall remain in force from the date on which it is signed until such time as either institution elects to terminate it. If either institution desires to terminate the agreement, it will be terminated on the first day of May following written notice of the intention to terminate, provided such notice is given at least 90 days prior to the first day of May.
13. Termination of this Agreement by either institution will not unfavorably affect the ability of any PSU student to be admitted to the CU MOT program if that student has submitted a letter of intent in a timely manner prior to the termination of this Agreement. A maximum of five (5) PSU students who have submitted a letter of intent prior to termination of the Agreement and subsequently comply with all condition of Section 1 (see above) will be admitted to the CU MOT program in the appropriate year notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement.
14. In the event of termination of this Agreement, no new students will be admitted to PSU expecting to benefit from the terms of the Agreement.

Chatham University and The Pennsylvania State University authorize this agreement to become effective on

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<u>Francis Achampong</u>	<u>12/15/08</u>	<u>Laura Armesto</u>	<u>11/17/08</u>
Francis Achampong, Ph.D. Director of Academic Affairs Penn State Mont Alto	Date	Laura Armesto, Ph.D. Vice President Academic Affairs Chatham University	Date
<u>John J. Romano</u>	<u>1/5/09</u>	<u>Joyce Salls</u>	<u>12/1/08</u>
John J. Romano, Ph.D. Vice President Commonwealth Campuses Penn State University	Date	Joyce Salls, OTD, OTR/L Chair, Department of Occupational Therapy Chatham University	Date
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