

**Program Articulation Agreement
Between
Millersville University of Pennsylvania and Salus University**

This Program Articulation Agreement is between:

Pre-Optometry
Millersville University of Pennsylvania
(Millersville, PA)

and

3+4 Doctor of Optometry
Salus University
(Elkins Park, PA)

Millersville University and Salus University set forth the conditions upon which Salus University consider students who complete the minimum 90 semester credits of the Pre-Optometry curriculum at Millersville to apply for admission into the Doctor of Optometry program at Salus University.

Rationale for the Purpose of the Articulation Agreement

This agreement applies only to students completing the 90 semester credits in Pre-Optometry at Millersville University and wishing to articulate to the Doctor of Optometry at Salus University.

Admissions Requirements and Transfer of Academic Credit

- 1) Students enrolled in the Pre-Optometry program at Millersville University who wish to articulate to the Doctor of Optometry program at Salus University must complete the Salus University admission process.
- 2) Salus University agrees that students in the Millersville University Pre-Optometry program meet the admissions standards of the Doctor of Optometry program at Salus University if they successfully complete Phase I as listed below:
 - a. Completion of the minimum of 90 semester hours of undergraduate education including the required pre-requisites. Pre-requisite courses must be completed with at C- or better. Advanced Placement (AP) courses are accepted only if college credit is awarded by Millersville.
 - b. Transfer students are eligible for this program as long as the majority of the required courses are taken at Millersville.
 - c. International students are eligible for this program, pending official documentation to study in the United States. Official foreign credential evaluation and English language proficiency exam may be required.
 - d. Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.
 - e. Submit a completed application to the Optometry Centralized Application Service (OptomCAS), including score results of the Optometry Admissions Test (OAT) and required letters of evaluation (scores of 300 or higher in each section of the OAT is recommended).

- f. Successful shadowing of a practicing optometrist in order to be familiar with the role of the optometrist as a member of the healthcare team.
- 3) For consideration for admission into the Doctor of Optometry program at Salus University, a student must successfully complete Phase I as described above. Students must then apply for admission in Phase II of the program as listed below:
 - a. Complete the Salus University admissions process as described on the Salus University website.
 - b. Completion of a successful on-campus interview.
- 4) Millersville will confer the appropriate Bachelor of Science (BS) degree to a student who successfully completes Phase I and year one of Phase II, provided that all requirements for graduation are met, as determined by Millersville.
- 5) Salus University will confer the Doctor of Optometry (OD) degree to a student who successfully completes Phase II at Salus University, provided that all requirements are met, as determined by Salus University.

Renewal or Terminated of Articulation Agreement:

- 1) Salus University agrees to promptly notify Millersville University of Pennsylvania of any substantive curricular modifications to the Doctor of Optometry program and further agrees that the terms of this agreement will no longer hold unless Millersville University of Pennsylvania provides a written approval that the curricular changes do not alter the intent of the agreement.
- 2) Millersville University of Pennsylvania agrees to provide Salus University with information about the Pre-Optometry program at Millersville University of Pennsylvania and any changes to the curriculum, if they should occur.
- 3) The terms of the agreement shall remain in effect, except as stipulated in certain previous terms as listed herein, for a period of five years subsequent to the date of execution of this agreement unless terminated by either party. Any party may terminate the agreement with or without cause, on the provision of 120 days written notice to the other party.

Mutual Terms and Conditions:

- 1) The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The parties agree to cooperate in the investigation of any claims of discrimination or harassment.
- 2) The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern this agreement. This agreement is not a legally binding contract and is not enforceable in a court or in the Pennsylvania Board of Claims. In the event of a dispute between the parties, advice and direction will be offered by the Office of the Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education.
- 3) The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this agreement to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
- 4) Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other for injury or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any

defense as a result of entering into this agreement. This provision shall not be construed to limit either parties' rights, claims or defenses which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education or Millersville University

- 5) The terms of the agreement shall remain in effect, except as stipulated in certain previous terms as listed herein, for a period of five years, subsequent to the date of execution of this agreement, unless terminated by either party. Any party may terminate the agreement with or without cause, on the provision of 120 days written notice to the other party. All commitments made to students who have been accepted, but have not yet completed the program at Millersville, will be honored. In the event of a substantial breach, either party may terminate this agreement.
- 6) This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.
- 7) This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regards to this relationship. This Agreement supersedes any other agreements, restrictions, representations, or warranties, if any, between the two parties hereto with regard to the subject matter contained herein.

Millersville University of Pennsylvania and Salus University have entered into this agreement on the indicated date as witnessed by the signatures below:

Dr. Daniel Wubah
President
Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Michael Mittelman
President
Salus University

Date

Date

Dr. Gail Gasparich
Provost and Senior Vice President for
Academic Affairs
Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Gerard O'Sullivan
Interim Provost
Salus University

Date

Date

Approved for form and legality:

Jacqueline C. Fox
University Legal Counsel

Date

CURRICULUM TRANSFER AGREEMENT GUIDELINE			
Salus University: Doctor of Optometry		Millersville University of Pennsylvania: Pre-Optometry	
General Information:			
SALUS UNIVERSITY DOCTOR OF OPTOMETRY		MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY PRE-OPTOMETRY	
Major Courses Completed at CC	Cr.	MU Equivalencies	Cr.
General Biology of Zoology w/ Lab	4	BIOL 101 Foundations of Biology and BIOL 211 Concepts of Zoology	4
Microbiology w/ Lab	4	BIOL 461 General Microbiology	4
General Physics w/ Lab	4	PHYS 131 Physics I with Algebra and PHYS 132 Physics II with Algebra	4
Psychology	3	PSYC 100 General Psychology	3
Statistics (Math, Biology, or Psychology)	3	MATH 130 Elements of Statistics I or Math 235 Survey or Statistics or BIOL 375 Biometry or PSYC 211 Statistics & Experimental Design I	3
General Chemistry w/ Lab	4	CHEM 111 Introductory Chemistry I and CHEM 112 Introductory Chemistry II	4
Organic Chemistry w/ Lab	4	CHEM 231 Organic Chemistry I and CHEM 232 Organic Chemistry II	4
Mathematics (1/2 year Calculus fulfills math requirement; however, 1 year Calculus highly recommended)	4	MATH 160 Pre-Calculus and MATH 161 Calculus I	4
English Composition or English Literature	3	ENGL 110 English Composition and Advanced Writing (WRIT 312, WRIT 316, or WRIT 319)	3
Biochemistry	3		
Anatomy	4	BIOL 254 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
Physiology	4	BIOL 255 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
Histology	3		
Cell Biology	4	BIOL 362 Cell & Developmental Biology	4
Genetics	4	BIOL 364 Foundations of Genetics and Molecular Biology	4
Experimental Psychology	3		
Physiological Psychology	3	PSYC 215 Intro to Physiological Psychology	3
MINIMUM CREDITS NEEDED:	90	CREDITS COMPLETED:	90