

**Program Articulation Agreement
for the M.S. and
Psy.D. Programs in School Psychology
between
The University of Scranton
and
The Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine**

A. INTRODUCTION AND OBJECTIVES

The Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (“PCOM”) and The University of Scranton (“University”) agree to cooperate to provide students with a pathway to pursue and complete a Master of Science (M.S.) degree in School Psychology and/or a Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) in School Psychology.

This Agreement between PCOM and Scranton enables qualified Scranton students, as more fully described herein, to:

- (1) Complete the Bachelor of Science in Psychology at The University of Scranton and become eligible for admission to PCOM for its Master of Science in School Psychology (4+14 month option); or
- (2) Complete three years at the University of Scranton and become eligible for admission to PCOM for its Master of Science in School Psychology (3+14 month option); or
- (3) Complete the Bachelor of Science in Psychology at the University of Scranton and enter the Doctor of Psychology Program in School Psychology at PCOM (4+ option); or
- (4) Complete three years at the University and enter the Doctor of Psychology Program in School Psychology at PCOM (3+ early entry option).

B. AMENDMENT OF ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

During the term of this Agreement, The University of Scranton may amend its curriculum or requirements for a bachelor’s degree and PCOM may amend its requirements for admission to one or more of its MS or PsyD programs. In the event amendments occur, the amending party shall notify the other of any substantial changes no later than April 1 of the year in which the changes are made.

C. ACCEPTANCE OF STUDENTS

For the term of this Agreement, PCOM agrees to admit up to five (5) University students per year to PCOM’s Master’s and/or Doctoral programs in School Psychology (“Program”) provided said students have successfully completed their undergraduate prerequisites for Program at University and fulfilled the requirements for admission to PCOM as set forth herein.

D. ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

Counseling and admissions of students entering the Master of Science and/or Doctor of Psychology in School Psychology programs through this Program Articulation Agreement will be through the following procedures and policies:

1. University will supply PCOM with a list of students who have indicated their intent to apply for enrollment in the Program during their sophomore year in order that PCOM might communicate with them regarding the Program. University will also supply PCOM with an annual list of students who intend to apply to the Program in that academic year no later than October 31st of that year.
2. An applicant will not be considered for admission or invited for an interview until his/her full application for admission is complete. The final decision on admission to the Program will be made by PCOM's Faculty Committee on Admissions, in its discretion, after the candidate has had a formal PCOM interview. Final decisions will be made no later than May of the school year in which the application is submitted for admission for the term beginning in June or August.
3. Application for undergraduate admissions will be made to Scranton where the prospective student will be subject to the admission requirements of Scranton.
4. Scranton will provide prospective Psychology Major students with information regarding the Master of Science in School Psychology and Doctor of Psychology in School Psychology programs at PCOM. Such information to be provided will be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.
5. Subject to Paragraph D(2) above, PCOM shall annually accept up to 5 Scranton students who successfully meet all admission requirements to the Program(s). If there are more than 5 students who successfully meet all admissions requirements to the Program(s), these additional students may be considered in the same manner as other external applicants.
6. PCOM shall distribute acceptance letters to students accepted into the Master of Science in School Psychology Program and/or Doctor of Psychology in School Psychology Program.

E. ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Applicants will be admitted into the Program(s) if they satisfy the eligibility requirements set forth herein and are interviewed and accepted by PCOM's Faculty Committee on Admissions. The Faculty Committee on Admissions in relevant departments in the School of Professional and Applied Psychology at PCOM will consider applicants who meet the following criteria:

1. PCOM Master of Science in School Psychology

(a). Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and Master of Science in School Psychology (M.S.): (4 + 14 Month Option)

Students will be required to complete the B.S. in Psychology at the University of Scranton in the regular time (3 ½ or 4 years) and complete fourteen (14) months at PCOM in the School Psychology M.S. program. Scranton students meeting the following requirements would be guaranteed admission into the PCOM M.S. program:

- 3.20 or higher cumulative GPA, 3.30 GPA in psychology courses;
- Specific prerequisite coursework;
- One (1) letter of recommendation from the Department Chair of Psychology at University or other faculty member as designated by University.
- Recommendation of the PCOM Faculty Committee.

(b). Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and Master of Science in School Psychology (M.S.): (3 + 14 Month Early-Entry Option):

Students will be required to complete three years in psychology at the University of Scranton and complete fourteen (14) months at PCOM in the School Psychology M.S. program. Scranton Students meeting the following requirements will be guaranteed admission into the PCOM M.S. Program:

- Completed 90 undergraduate university credits, 63 of which must be completed at Scranton;
- 3.30 or higher cumulative GPA; 3.40 or higher GPA in psychology courses;
- Specific prerequisite coursework;
- One (1) letter of recommendation from the Department Chair of Psychology at University or other faculty member as designated by University; and
- Recommendation of the PCOM Faculty Committee.

2. PCOM School Psychology PsyD

(a). Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and Doctor of Psychology in School Psychology (PsyD): (4 + Option)

Students will be required to complete the B.S. in Psychology at the University of Scranton in the regular time (3 ½ or 4 years) and then the PCOM Psy.D. Program in school psychology.

Scranton students meeting the following requirements will be guaranteed admission into the PCOM PsyD program:

- 3.40 or higher cumulative GPA; 3.50 or higher major GPA,
- Score above the 50th percentile on the GRE Psychology Subject Test,
- Specific prerequisite coursework, and
- Recommendation of the PCOM Faculty Committee.

(b). Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and Doctor of Psychology in School Psychology (PsyD): (3 + Early-Entry Option)

Students will be required to complete three years in psychology at the University of Scranton and then enter the Psy.D. Program at PCOM. Scranton Students meeting the following requirements will be guaranteed admission into the PCOM Psy.D. Program:

- Completed 90 undergraduate university credits, 63 of which must be completed at Scranton,
- Minimum cumulative and major GPA of 3.50;
- Specific prerequisite coursework; and
- Recommendation of the PCOM Faculty Committee.
- The applicants would not be required to take the GRE Psychology Subject Test for this early-entry option.

F. DEGREE AWARDED

1. Baccalaureate Degree: Scranton Students accepted into the M.S. 3+14 Month Early Entry Option or the Psy.D. 3+ Early Entry Option would be eligible to receive a University of Scranton Bachelor of Science Degree upon student petition after successful completion of the first year at PCOM. At least 30 PCOM credits must be earned to count toward the Bachelor of Science degree at Scranton.
2. Master of Science Degree: PCOM shall award the degree of Master of Science to students successfully completing all of PCOM's requirements as set forth in the PCOM catalog and this Agreement.

G. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

1. PCOM and Scranton will establish a mutually agreeable active relationship in the interest of advising and supporting cohorts of Scranton students.
2. The parties agree that both Scranton and PCOM may feature the Programs in their respective catalogues, admissions activities, career counseling, and online and printed materials, provided that the literature or information describing the Program is approved in advance by both Scranton and PCOM.
3. PCOM will provide Scranton with copies of curriculum planning guides used by advisers at PCOM.
4. Both parties will send and receive regular updates about curricular changes as they relate to the Articulation Agreement.

H. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOTH PARTIES

1. University of Scranton shall:
 - a) Recruit undergraduate students who show promise in becoming excellent school psychologists.
 - b) Provide academic advising for applicants for admission to PCOM during their undergraduate course work.
2. PCOM shall:
 - a) Admit annually up to five (5) students from Scranton who have satisfied all of the admissions requirements as previously described.
 - b) Grant the Master of Science in School Psychology to students who have successfully completed the fourteen (14) month Master of Science in School Psychology Program and fulfilled all the other requirements of students at PCOM.
 - c) Grant the Doctor of Psychology in School Psychology to students who have successfully completed the PsyD Program and fulfilled all the other requirements of students at PCOM.
 - d) Provide to Scranton an annual list of students who entered the Master of Science in School Psychology or Doctor of Psychology in School Psychology program via this Articulation Agreement and successfully completed the program.

I. MUTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Term of Agreement. This agreement shall be reviewed on a five (5) year cycle from the date that it is signed by all parties. The Agreement may be renewed upon mutual agreement through a renewed Program Articulation Agreement.
2. Termination of Agreement. PCOM and/or Scranton may terminate this Agreement for any reason with ninety (90) days advanced written notice to the other Party. Either party may terminate this Agreement in writing in the event of a substantial breach. Should PCOM and/or Scranton terminate this Agreement for convenience, all students currently enrolled at that time may continue their educational experience until it would have been concluded absent the termination.
3. Modifications and Amendments of Agreement. This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement. If Addenda require updates, this Agreement may be amended by written agreement of the parties made subsequent to this agreement. To be effective, such amendments must make explicit reference to this agreement and must be signed by authorities with signature authority for the respective institutions.

4. Nondiscrimination. 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, and 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.

5. Interpretation of the Agreement. The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement shall be illegal, void or unenforceable, the remaining portion shall remain in full force and effect. In the event either party is unable to perform hereunder because of circumstances beyond its reasonable control, the obligation shall be suspended for the duration of the cause of the inability to perform.

6. Relationship of Parties. The relationship between the parties of this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other, shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.

7. Assignment. Neither party shall assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this Agreement without prior written consent of the other. Any such purported assignment, sale or transfer shall be void.

8. Liability. Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this Agreement. There are no third party beneficiaries of this Agreement. Under no circumstances shall either party be liable to the other for any indirect, incidental, special or consequential damages of any kind.

9. Representatives
 Each party shall designate a representative responsible for expediting and directing applications and admissions to the Program.

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10. Notices. Any notice, demand, request or other communication required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and may be sent by United States first class mail, postage prepaid, or by electronic mail or facsimile at the address, email address or facsimile number of such party set forth below (or at such other address or number as any party hereto may from time to time designate by notice to the other party). If delivered by electronic mail or facsimile, such notice shall be effective upon delivery and, if mailed, such notice shall be effective two days after it is placed in the mail.

If to Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine:

4170 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131
Attention: Director of Admissions
Facsimile Number: 215-871-6719
Email Address: admissions@pcom.edu

With a copy by first class mail, postage prepaid with delivery confirmation, to:

Chief Legal Affairs Officer
Levin Administration Building, 1st Floor
4180 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131
legalaffairs@pcom.edu

If to University of Scranton:

Address: 800 Linden Street
Scranton, PA 18510

Attention: Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Facsimile Number: (570) 941-7495
Email Address: brian.conniff@scranton.edu

11. Entire Agreement. This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. This Agreement supersedes any prior agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regards to this relationship.

SIGNATURES

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine:

The University of Scranton

By: 

By: 

Title Provost

Title: Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Date 10/9/19

Date: September 17, 2019