

**Doctor of Physical Therapy Program**  
**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
**St. Ambrose University**  
**AND**  
**Augustana College**

This articulation agreement outlines the understanding established between Augustana College and St. Ambrose University for an Augustana College undergraduate student to transition to St. Ambrose University to pursue the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. The agreement details the requirements for students to be considered for admission to the DPT program and the understanding between Augustana College and St. Ambrose University for reverse transfer of credits that will count toward the student's remaining requirements for the bachelor's degree and the requirements for the DPT degree.

**A. Intent**

St. Ambrose University and Augustana College have developed an articulation agreement to establish the responsibilities of each institution and admission criteria, to allow students to complete the first three years of the undergraduate Bachelor of Arts degree at Augustana College and then transfer to St. Ambrose University for completion of coursework for the DPT degree, through a 3+2.5 pathway. Students who successfully complete all requirements will be awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree (B.A.) from Augustana College and a doctor of physical therapy degree (DPT) from St. Ambrose University.

**B. Articulation Agreement**

1. Augustana College students who have completed a minimum of 91 credits toward the bachelor's degree, including all of their general education requirements, have met the admission requirements for the DPT program, and have been admitted to the DPT program will be eligible for an accelerated 3+2.5 program that awards the Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana College at the conclusion of the student's 4<sup>th</sup> year and the DPT degree from St. Ambrose University at the completion of the student's 6<sup>th</sup> year.
2. Students who enter Augustana College as a transfer student will only be eligible to participate in this program after they have completed a minimum of 75 credits in residence at Augustana.
3. Augustana College students will apply for admission to the DPT program in their third year by December 1 through Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS).
4. Students who have successfully completed all DPT coursework at the conclusion of the 4<sup>th</sup> year of study will request an official St. Ambrose University transcript be sent to Augustana College for evaluation by applicable published deadlines.
5. Augustana College will award the Bachelor of Arts degree to the student enrolled in the DPT program at the conclusion of the student's 4<sup>th</sup> year in the DPT program if all degree requirements have been met.
6. Augustana students participating in this program are not eligible to petition to waive the Final 12 Credits In Residence policy in order to transfer additional credit to Augustana from another school outside of St. Ambrose University to complete their degree.

7. After the Bachelor of Arts degree has been conferred, students will request an official transcript from Augustana College be sent to St. Ambrose University so the student can officially be designated a graduate student.
8. Students who successfully complete all requirements for the DPT program by the conclusion of the December of the 6<sup>th</sup> year will be awarded the DPT degree by St. Ambrose University.
9. Students participating in this agreement will pay tuition and fees to Augustana College while enrolled at Augustana College for the first three years of this agreement and will pay tuition and fees to St. Ambrose University for the 2.5 years enrolled at St. Ambrose University. Institutional aid from Augustana College does not carry forward to St. Ambrose University and students will pay the one-price plan tuition starting their first year in the DPT program.

C. Enrollment & Communication

1. Once admitted to the program, Augustana students will begin full-time enrollment at St. Ambrose University after earning 91 credits, or 75 credits in residence for transfer students, which typically occurs at the conclusion of their 3rd year.
2. Students will be considered full-time students at St. Ambrose University and will be reported as such for SAU's Reporting requirements. Augustana will not report students once they are enrolled in DPT course at SAU.
3. Students must apply to graduate at Augustana in the summer immediately following their third year of enrollment, and prior to enrollment at St. Ambrose University. This will allow Augustana to keep their email and Arches access open until graduation.
4. Participating students must sign the Student Agreement Form prior to registration for the DPT courses (see appendix A).

D. Responsibilities of Augustana College

1. Augustana College will be responsible for identifying and communicating the necessary majors that allow students to complete this accelerated pathway to the DPT degree.
2. Augustana College will advise the student within the first three years to complete all necessary courses for general education, the major of choice, the necessary prerequisites, and a minimum of 91 credits.
3. Augustana College will make eligible students aware of the 3+2.5 program.
4. Augustana College will confer the bachelor's degree after the student's fourth year upon the receipt of the transfer of a minimum of 33 credits of coursework completed at St. Ambrose University.

E. Responsibilities of St. Ambrose University

1. St. Ambrose University will interview the top five qualified Augustana College students.
2. St. Ambrose University will advise the student in their fourth, fifth, and sixth years of the program, so they successfully complete all of the coursework necessary for the reverse transfer to Augustana College and

the DPT program.

3. St. Ambrose University will send each student's official transcript, upon request from the student, to Augustana College after completion of the student's first year of courses at St. Ambrose University.

4. St. Ambrose University will share marketing materials and promotional information with Augustana College to promote the DPT program to prospective students.

5. St. Ambrose University will confer the DPT degree upon completion of all DPT degree requirements, completing the 3+2.5 agreement.

F. Responsibilities of the Participating Student

1. The student will declare the necessary major at Augustana College to be eligible for the 3+2.5 program.

2. The student will complete 91 credits including all general education requirements, major courses, and necessary prerequisites.

3. The student will apply to the St. Ambrose University DPT program by December 1 in their third year or once they have completed at least 72 credits and are on track to complete all pre-requisite courses by the start of the DPT program.

4. Once the student has been accepted to the 3+2.5 program at St. Ambrose University, they should complete the FAFSA for their 4th year. FAFSA's should be submitted to St. Ambrose University prior to March 1 or as soon as possible after acceptance has been received.

5. The student will complete the fourth year of required coursework at St. Ambrose University and request an official transcript be sent to Augustana College upon completion of the fourth year.

6. Prior to beginning the fifth year at St. Ambrose University, the student will complete the FAFSA as a graduate student at St. Ambrose University.

7. After the Bachelor of Arts degree is conferred, the student will request the official transcript from Augustana College be sent to St. Ambrose University to verify the student is eligible for graduate coursework.

8. Augustana students who discontinue enrollment in the St. Ambrose DPT program will not earn their Bachelor degree from Augustana through SAU transfer work.

G. Admission Criteria

a. To be eligible for admission to the St. Ambrose DPT program, students must meet the admissions criteria posted on the St. Ambrose University Physical Therapy Department website and the PTCAS website.

H. Terms and Terminations

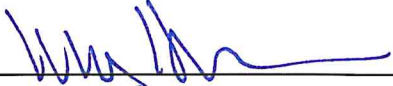
a. This agreement will take effect upon review and approval with signatures from both institutions. The agreement will remain in effect for three years, after which the agreement will be reviewed for accuracy and may be renewed. Should either party decide to terminate the agreement, 12 months prior notice is required to the other institution, provided in writing. Upon termination of this Agreement, both parties agree to honor the terms of this Agreement for any previously enrolled and participating in the DPT program.

I. Relationships

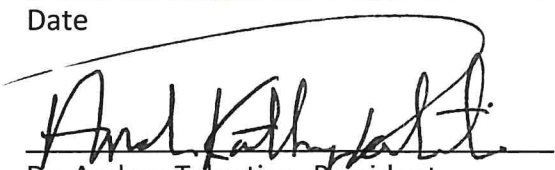
- a. The parties are acting herein as independent contractors. Nothing herein contained shall create or be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture or agency relationship between either of the parties and no party shall have the authority to bind to the other in any respect.

J. Entire Agreement

- a. The Agreement shall constitute the complete and exclusive written expression of the intentions of the parties hereto and shall supersede all previous communications, representations, Agreements, promises or statements, either oral or written, by and between both parties.

  
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Dr. Wendy Hilton-Morrow, Provost  
and Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Augustana College

4-14-23  
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Date

  
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Dr. Andrea Talentino, President  
Augustana College

14 April 2023  
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Date

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Dr. Paul Koch, Provost and Vice President for Academic and  
Student Affairs  
St. Ambrose University

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Date

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Dr. Amy Novak, President  
St. Ambrose University

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Date

## APPENDIX A

### *SAU/Augustana BA to DPT 3+2.5 Program Student Agreement*

All students participating in the *SAU/Augustana BA to DPT 3+2.5 Program* are required to sign the student agreement and privacy waiver as a part of the admission process and will supply a signed copy to each institution.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(print legal name as it appears in your academic records)

#### ***Student Agreement***

As a participant in the *SAU/Augustana BA to DPT 3+2.5 Program*, I understand and will adhere to the following parameters of the program.

- I will be enrolled at my Augustana for a minimum of three full years (91 credits or 75 credits if I am a transfer student) prior to enrollment in this program.
- Once enrolled at SAU, I will pay the tuition and fees associated with the program as outlined by Augustana College and St. Ambrose and in accordance with their billing and fees policies and timeline.
- I understand it is my responsibility, in consultation with my Augustana advisor, to be sure that the DPT coursework taken at the SAU institution is transferable back to Augustana College and meets all of the published guidelines for transfer work.
- I will adhere to and am subject to all policies contained in the college catalog, the Academic Calendar and the student handbook, at both institutions and the consequences of violating these policies.

I agree to the stipulations noted above and within the policies noted in the college catalog at both institutions. I understand that a breach of any of these requirements may be cause for my dismissal from the program by either institution, I will not be eligible to transfer the coursework to complete my Augustana degree and I will forfeit any fees I have paid.

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student signature

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date

#### ***Privacy Waiver***

As a part of the *SAU/Augustana BA to DPT 3+2.5 Program*, at the conclusion of my first year of enrollment at St. Ambrose University, I authorize St. Ambrose University to release my final course grades to Augustana College. In addition, to ensure the best support possible for my success, I authorize college officials at the both and institutions to communicate openly about the following matters of my education records and enrollment:

- attendance records, course assignments, tests, progress, final grades and other academic concerns
- dropping/adding coursework
- withdrawing from coursework
- requests for academic support (tutoring, accommodations, special services, etc.)
- disciplinary concerns if they pose a threat to myself, or either community

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student signature

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date

