

**A Collaborative Agreement between Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and
Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences
Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Programs**

This Collaborative Agreement allows **Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts** graduates to transition into health professions programs at the Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences.

This Collaborative Agreement provides for:

- Preferred acceptance (on a space available basis) into the Occupational Therapy Master's or Doctorate degree programs at the Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences for students who have a) completed a Russell Sage College School of Health Science application for OT and program-specific prerequisite courses, b) completed an acceptable series of courses at **Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts** leading to a baccalaureate degree, and c) obtained a satisfactory recommendation from **Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts** faculty and an additional recommendation letter;
- Waiver of the Russell Sage College School of Health Science application fee;
- Early acceptance;
- Access to Russell Sage College School of Health Science advisors to coordinate undergraduate electives and coursework to satisfy prerequisites for the graduate program (contact appropriate individuals as indicated below);
- Opportunity to apply early for Graduate Assistantships at Russell Sage College School of Health Science

This agreement will be reviewed at least once every two years. It can be renegotiated at the request of either institution, especially if there is substantial change in relevant curricula at either institution. Either college may terminate the agreement, giving the other one year written notice. Offers by Russell Sage College School of Health Science for admission tendered to students prior to termination shall remain valid and will be honored by the Russell Sage College School of Health Science for the year they were offered. The Chairs/Program Directors of the respective departments will be responsible for implementation of the agreement.

For further information, contact:

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Russell Sage College School of Health Science

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**Articulation Agreement between Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and
Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences
Occupational Therapy Program**

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and The Sage Colleges School of Health Sciences have developed a collaborative agreement to provide qualified students from **Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts** who wish to pursue an MS or Doctorate (OTD) in Occupational Therapy (OT) from the Russell Sage College School of Health Science preferred admission as indicated below. This collaborative agreement provides for:

- Preferred acceptance into the Russell Sage College School of Health Science for students who have completed occupational therapy program course prerequisites and with completed application;
- Waiver of the Russell Sage College School of Health Science application fee;
- Early acceptance;
- Access to Russell Sage College School of Health Science advisors to coordinate undergraduate electives and coursework to reduce or eliminate prerequisites in the graduate program;
- Opportunity to apply early for Graduate Assistantships at Russell Sage College School of Health Science

Terms of the Agreement: Occupational Therapy Admission

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts students will receive preferred admission to the Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences for the MS or Doctorate in OT degree, who demonstrate the following:

- a. Earned baccalaureate degree
- b. Minimum overall 3.25 GPA that includes the completion of occupational therapy program prerequisite courses with grades of C or better (see prerequisite courses listed below) and a 3.0 prerequisite science GPA (Anatomy and Physiology I and II)

To be given priority in placement in the OT Program students agree to submit the following information:

By **June 1** of the year preceding graduation from the **Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts**:

1. Complete application online at: <https://www.sage.edu/admission/graduate/>
 - The career goals essay & resume can be submitted with the online application.
 - **For OTD Candidates:** Submission of a clear and concise personal essay supporting the applicant's rationale to pursue the OTD as a degree with careful attention to your ideas toward a desired **doctoral capstone experience**. The doctoral capstone is a 14-week practicum experience in an advanced area of learning that occurs separate from your level II fieldwork experiences. Consider a topic area you may be interested in in any of the following areas of occupational therapy: clinical practice skills, research skills, administration, leadership, program and policy development, advocacy, education or theory development.
 - The supplemental forms can be emailed as attachments to graduate@sage.edu this includes: clinical observation form, program prerequisite record, OT program academic standards statement.

Forms can be found at:

<https://www.sage.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/OT-Supplemental-Forms-2021-22.pdf>

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2. Email the OT Department, sageot@sage.edu, and Russell Sage College School of Health Science Graduate Admissions, graduate@sage.edu, indicating that the application has been submitted via the Articulation Agreement with the indicated school.
3. Submit official transcripts from all college institutions attended.
4. Submit one letter of reference from the **Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts** faculty and an additional recommendation letter.

Within **30 Days** of acceptance:

5. Make enrollment deposit of \$500 (non-refundable, though to be applied toward graduate tuition)

Upon **graduation** from **Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts**:

6. Submit official transcripts documenting completion of undergraduate degree and OT Program prerequisite courses
7. Submit Clinical Observation Document: 20 hours of clinical observation with an occupational therapist for the MSOT, or 40 hours of clinical observation if applying for the OTD

The following Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts courses meet RSC OT Program Course Prerequisites:

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Course Number and Title	RSC OT Program Course Prerequisites
BIOL 342 Anatomy and Physiology I/Lab	BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab
BIOL 343 Anatomy and Physiology II/Lab	BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab
HLTH 105 Medical Terminology	SCI 110 Medical Terminology
PSYC 290 Statistical Methods in Psychology	PSY 207/MAT 220 Statistics
PSYC 100 Introduction to Psychology	PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology
HLTH 210 Human Growth and Development	PSY 202 Human Development
PSYC 270 Abnormal Psychology	PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology
ANTH 130 Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology OR SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology	HSC 206 Cult.Perspectives of Health, Disability & Wellness OR SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

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