

**A Collaborative Agreement between Skidmore College and  
Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences  
Occupational Therapy Program**

This Collaborative Agreement allows **Skidmore College** 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 degree or Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) programs at the Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences for students who have a) completed a Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences application for OT and program-specific prerequisite courses, b) completed an acceptable series of courses at **Skidmore College** leading to a baccalaureate degree, and c) obtained a satisfactory recommendation from **Skidmore** faculty and an additional recommendation letter;
- Waiver of the Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences application fee;
- Early acceptance;
- Access to Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences 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 Sciences

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 Sciences for admission tendered to students prior to termination shall remain valid and will be honored by the Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences 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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## **Articulation Agreement between Skidmore College and Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences Occupational Therapy Program**

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

- Preferred acceptance into the Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences for students who have completed occupational therapy program course prerequisites and with completed application;
- Waiver of the Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences application fee;
- Early acceptance;
- Access to Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences 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 Sciences

### **Terms of the Agreement: Occupational Therapy Admission**

**Skidmore College** students will receive preferred admission to the Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences for the MS or Doctorate (OTD) 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 **Skidmore College**

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](mailto: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](mailto:sageot@sage.edu), and Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences Graduate Admissions, [graduate@sage.edu](mailto: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 **Skidmore College** 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 **Skidmore College**:

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, or 40 hours of clinical observation for the OTD

The following Skidmore College courses meet RSC OT Program prerequisites:

<b>Skidmore College Course Number and Title</b>	<b>RSC OT Program Course Prerequisites</b>
HP 126 Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab
HP 127 Anatomy & Physiology II	BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab
Statistics: SO 226, EC 237, MS 104 or MS 204, PS 202 or PS 202/PS 303 sequence	PSY 207/MAT 220 Statistics
PY 207 General Physics I	
PS 101 Introduction to Psychological Science	PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology
PS 207 Introduction to Child Development and PS 209 Adult Development	PSY 202 Human Development
	SCI 110 Medical Terminology
PS 214 Psychological Disorders	PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology
AN 101 Cultural Anthropology OR AN 102 Anthropology of the Human Past or SO 101 Sociological Perspectives	HSC 206 Cult.Perspectives of Health, Disability & Wellness OR SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology