

**A Collaborative Agreement between Castleton University and
Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences
Physical Therapy Program**

This Collaborative Agreement allows **Castleton University** 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 Physical Therapy Doctoral degree program 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 PT and program-specific prerequisite courses, b) completed an acceptable series of courses at **Castleton University** leading to a baccalaureate degree, and c) obtained a satisfactory recommendation from **Castleton University** 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.

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Effective: September 1, 2022

**Articulation Agreement between Castleton University and
Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences
Physical Therapy Program**

Castleton University and Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences have developed a collaborative agreement to provide qualified students from **Castleton University** who wish to pursue an Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT) 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: Physical Therapy Admission

Castleton University students will receive preferred admission to the Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences for the Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT) degree, who demonstrate the following:

- a. Earned baccalaureate degree
- b. Minimum overall 3.25 GPA that includes the completion of Doctorate in Physical Therapy (DPT) program prerequisite courses with grades of C or better and a 3.0 prerequisite science GPA (see prerequisite courses listed below)

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

By **June 1** of the year preceding graduation from the **Castleton University**:

1. Complete application online via the Physical Therapist Centralized Application Service (PTCAS):
<https://www.apta.org/cas/ptcas>
 - The career goals essay & resume can be submitted with the online application.
 - Submission of a clear and concise personal essay supporting the applicant's rationale to pursue a DPT as a degree.
 - Submit Clinical Observation Document 40 hours of clinical observation with a Physical Therapist; preferably in at least two settings.
 - The supplemental forms can be emailed as attachments to graduate@sage.edu this includes: clinical observation form, program prerequisite record, DPT program academic standards statement.
Forms can be found at:
<https://www.sage.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Academic-Technical-Standards-Statement.pdf>
<https://www.sage.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/Clinical-Observation-Document.pdf>
<https://www.sage.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/DPT-Prerequisite-Form.pdf>

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2. Email the PT Department, sagept@sage.edu, and Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences Graduate Admissions, graduate@sage.edu, indicating application has been submitted via Articulation Agreement with indicated school.
3. Submit official transcripts from all college institutions attended to PTCAS.
4. Submit one letter of reference from the **Castleton University** faculty, or another academic mentor, and at least one 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 **Castleton University**:

6. Submit all final transcripts documenting completion of undergraduate degree and DPT Program prerequisite courses to PTCAS

The following **Castleton University** courses meet RSC OT Program prerequisites:

Castleton University Course Number and Title	RSC DPT Program Course Prerequisites
BIO 2011 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab
BIO 2012 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab
BIO 2125 Microbiology	BIO-220 Cell Biology / MicroBiology
CHE 1031 General Chemistry I	CHM-103 Chemistry 1 w/ Lab
CHE 1032 General Chemistry II	CHM-104 Chemistry 2 w/ Lab
PHY 2110 Physics I	PHY-101 General Physics 1 w/ Lab
PHY 2210 Physics II	PHY-102 General Physics 2 w/ Lab
PSY 1010 Introduction to Psychology	PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology
PSY 1050 Human Growth and Development	PSY 202 Human Development
MAT 2021 Statistics I	PSY 207/MAT 220 Statistics