

**A Collaborative Agreement between University at Albany  
and Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences  
Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Programs**

This Collaborative Agreement allows **University at Albany** (“State University of New York at Albany” or “SUNY Albany”) 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, or the Physical Therapy Doctoral degree program, at the Russell Sage College School of Health Science for students who have a) completed a Sage application for OT or PT and program-specific prerequisite courses, b) completed an acceptable series of courses at **University at Albany** leading to a baccalaureate degree, and c) obtained a satisfactory recommendation from **University at Albany** faculty;
- 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 Russell Sage College School of Health Science. The Chairs of the respective departments will be responsible for implementation of the agreement.

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

**University at Albany** and Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences have developed a collaborative agreement to provide qualified students from **University at Albany** who wish to pursue a 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 physical 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**

**University at Albany** 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 3.0 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 **University at Albany**:

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](mailto: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>
2. Email the PT Department, [sagept@sage.edu](mailto:sagept@sage.edu), and Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences Graduate Admissions, [graduate@sage.edu](mailto: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 **University at Albany** 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 **University at Albany**:

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

The following **University at Albany** courses meet RSC DPT Program prerequisites:

<b>University at Albany Course Number and Title</b>	<b>RSC DPT Program Course Prerequisites</b>
ANT 316 Anatomy & Physiology I ANT 318 Anatomy & Physiology II	<b>Two</b> Courses in Anatomy and Physiology with Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One course in anatomy with lab and one course in physiology with lab OR</li> <li>• Two course sequence in anatomy and physiology, each with a lab.</li> </ul>
A BIO 314 Microbiology & A BIO 315 Microbiology Laboratory A BIO 301 Molecular Cell Biology A BIO 212 Introductory Genetics w/ discussion	<b>Two</b> Courses in Biology (not botany) with Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May include cell biology, microbiology, genetics, biochemistry.</li> </ul>
A CHM 115 General Chemistry I and Lab A CHM 116 General Chemistry II and Lab	<b>Two</b> Courses in General Chemistry with Lab
A PHY 105 General Physics I & A PHY 106 General Physics Lab I A PHY 108 General Physics II & A PHY 109 General Physics Lab II	<b>Two</b> Courses in General Physics with Lab
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology PSY 203 Psychology of Child Development and SOC 384 Sociology of Aging or EPSY 224 Lifespan Development	<b>One</b> Course in Psychology
PSY 210/MAT 108 Statistics	<b>One</b> Course in Statistics