

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

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 early acceptance (on a space available basis) into the Occupational Therapy Master's (on campus or online) 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 **Skidmore College** leading to a baccalaureate degree, and c) obtained a satisfactory recommendation from **Skidmore College** faculty;
- 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 Skidmore College and
Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences
Physical 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 a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree 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;
- 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

Skidmore College students will receive preferred admission to the Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences for the Doctor of 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 **July 1st** of the year preceding graduation from the **Skidmore College**, students can begin to submit their PTCAS applications:

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/2023/09/Academic-Technical-Standards-Statement1.docx>
<https://www.sage.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Clinical-Observation-Document1.docx>
<https://www.sage.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/DPT-Prerequisite-Form1.docx>
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 **Skidmore College** faculty, or another academic mentor, and at least one additional recommendation letter.

Starting **January 15th**, after receiving an acceptance notification:

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

Upon **graduation** from **Skidmore College**:

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

The following **Skidmore College** courses meet RSC PT Program prerequisites:

Skidmore College Course Number and Title	RSC DPT Program Course Prerequisites
HP 126 Anatomy & Physiology I AND HP 127 Anatomy & Physiology II	Two Courses in Anatomy and Physiology with Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One course in anatomy with lab and one course in physiology with lab OR • Two course sequence in anatomy and physiology, each with a lab.
Choose Two of the Following Courses: BI 242 Molecular Cell Biology BI 245 Principles of Genetics BI 246 General Microbiology BI 247 Cell Biology	Two Courses in Biology (not botany) with Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May include cell biology, microbiology, genetics, biochemistry.
CH 125 or CH 126 Principles of Chemistry Plus one of the following options: CH 115 Fundamentals of Chemistry OR CH 214 Inorganic Compounds and Materials OR CH 221 Organic Chemistry I OR CH 232 Analytical Methods in Chemistry OR CH 251 Principles of Chemical Systems	Two Courses in General Chemistry with Lab
PY 130 or 207 Introductory Physics I with Laboratory: Forces and Energy AND PY140 or 208 Introductory Physics II with Laboratory: Electrodynamics	Two Courses in General Physics with Lab
PS 101 Introduction to Psychological Science	One Course in Psychology
One course from the following options: BI 235 Biostatistics OR EC 237 Statistical Methods OR MS 104 Introduction to Statistics OR MS 204 Statistical Methods OR PS 202 Stats and Methods I OR SO 228 Statistics for the Social Sciences	One Course in Statistics