

**A Collaborative Agreement between Vermont State Colleges
d/b/a Vermont State University and Russell Sage College
School of Health Sciences
Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Programs**

This Collaborative Agreement allows **Vermont State College d/b/a Vermont State 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 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 **Vermont State University** leading to a baccalaureate degree, and c) obtained a satisfactory recommendation from **Vermont State University** 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 Vermont State Colleges
d/b/a Vermont State University and Russell Sage College
School of Health Sciences Occupational Therapy
Program**

Vermont State Colleges d/b/a Vermont State University and Russell Sage College School of Health Science have developed a collaborative agreement to provide qualified students from **Vermont State University** who wish to pursue an MS in Occupational Therapy (OT), or a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy (OTD) 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 Sage advisors to coordinate undergraduate electives and coursework to reduce or eliminate prerequisites in the graduate program;
- Opportunity to apply early for Graduate Assistantships in the Russell Sage College School of Health Science

Terms of the Agreement: Occupational Therapy Admission

Vermont State University students will be awarded preferred admission to the Russell Sage College School of Health Science for the MS in OT degree, or a Doctorate in OT (OTD), 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 **Vermont State University**:

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>

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 **Vermont State University** 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 **Vermont State University**:

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 **Vermont State University** courses meet RSC OT Program prerequisites:

Vermont State University Course Number and Title	RSC OT 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
Any in person or online class will suffice	SCI 110 Medical Terminology
MAT 2021 Statistics I	PSY 207/MAT 220 Statistics
PSY 1010 Introduction to Psychology	PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology
PSY 1050 Human Growth and Development	PSY 202 Human Development
PSY 3070 Abnormal Psychology	PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology
ANT 1010 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology OR SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology	HSC 206 Cult..Perspectives of Health, Disability & Wellness OR SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

**Articulation Agreement between Vermont State College d/b/a Vermont State University and
Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences
Physical Therapy Program**

Vermont State Colleges d/b/a Vermont State University and Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences have developed a collaborative agreement to provide qualified students from **Vermont State University** 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

Vermont State 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 3.0 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 **September 1** of the year preceding graduation from the **Vermont State 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>
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 **Vermont State 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 **Vermont State University**:

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

The following **Vermont State University** courses meet RSC PT Program prerequisites:

Vermont State University Course Number and Title	RSC DPT Program Course Prerequisites
BIO 2011 Human Anatomy & Physiology I BIO 2012 Human 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.
BIO 2125 Microbiology BIO 2010 Cell and Molecular Biology BIO 3070 Genetics CHE 3011 Biochemistry I CHE 3012 Biochemistry II	Two Courses in Biology (not botany) with Lab: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May include cell biology, microbiology, genetics, biochemistry.
CHE 1031 General Chemistry I CHE 1032 General Chemistry II	Two Courses in General Chemistry with Lab
PHY 2110 Physics I PHY 2210 Physics II	Two Courses in General Physics with Lab
PSY 1010 Introduction to Psychology PSY 1050 Human Growth and Development	One Course in Psychology
MAT 2021 Statistics I	One Course in Statistics