

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

This Collaborative Agreement allows Marist University 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 or Doctorate degree programs, at the Russell Sage College School of Health Science for students who have a) completed a Sage application for OT and program-specific prerequisite courses, b) completed an acceptable series of courses at Marist University leading to a baccalaureate degree, and c) obtained a satisfactory recommendation from Marist University faculty;
- 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 the implementation of the agreement.

For further information, contact:

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Articulation Agreement between Marist University and Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences Occupational Therapy Program

Marist University and Russell Sage College School of Health Science have developed a collaborative agreement to provide qualified students from Marist 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 early acceptance into the Russell Sage College School of Health Science for students who have completed occupational therapy program course prerequisites and with completed application;
- 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

Marist 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 3.00 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 Marist 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 Marist University faculty and an additional recommendation letter.

Within **30 Days** of acceptance:

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

Upon **graduation** from Marist University:

1. Submit official transcripts documenting completion of undergraduate degree and OT Program prerequisite courses.
2. 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 Marist University courses meet Russel Sage College (RSC) OT Program prerequisites:

Course Number and Title	RSC OT Program Course Prerequisites
BIOL 201L – <i>Human Anatomy & Physiology I</i> (4 credits, includes lab)	BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab
BIOL 202L – <i>Human Anatomy & Physiology II</i> (4 credits, includes lab)	BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab
medical terminology course taken prior to RSC matriculation, not necessarily at Marist (can be from 1-3 credits)	SCI 110 Medical Terminology
MATH 130L – <i>Introductory Statistics I</i>	PSY 207/MAT 220 Statistics
PSYC 101L – <i>Introduction to Psychology</i>	PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 323L – <i>Lifespan Development</i>	PSY 202 Human Development
PSYC 202L – <i>Abnormal Psychology</i>	PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 213L – <i>Health Psychology</i> or SOC 101L – <i>Introduction to Sociology</i> or SOC 219L – <i>Introduction to Disability Studies</i>	HSC 206 Cult.Perspectives of Health, Disability & Wellness OR SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

