

**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 early acceptance (on a space available basis) into the Occupational Therapy Master’s (on campus or online) or Doctorate degree programs, Masters Online Occupational Therapy Program, 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;
- 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  
Occupational Therapy Program**

**University at Albany** and Russell Sage College School of Health Science have developed a collaborative agreement to provide qualified students from **University at Albany** 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**

University at Albany students will 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 **University at Albany**:

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](mailto: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](mailto:sageot@sage.edu), and Russell Sage College School of Health Science Graduate Admissions, [graduate@sage.edu](mailto: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 **University at Albany** 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 **University at Albany**:

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 University at Albany courses meet RSC OT Program prerequisites:

| University at Albany Course Number and Title  | RSC OT Program Course Prerequisites   |
|---|---|
| ANT 316 Anatomy & Physiology I  | BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab   |
| ANT 318 Anatomy & Physiology II   | BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab  |
| Any Medical Term class will suffice (online or in-person)   | SCI 110 Medical Terminology   |
| PSY 210/MAT 108 Statistics  | PSY 207/MAT 220 Statistics  |
| PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology  | PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology  |
| PSY 203 Psychology of Child Development AND SOC 384 Sociology of Aging OR EPSY 224 Lifespan Development | PSY 202 Human Development   |
| PSY 338 Abnormal Psychology   | PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology   |
| ANT 108 Cultural Anthropology OR SOC 115 Introduction to Sociology                                      | HSC 206 Cult.Perspectives of Health, Disability & Wellness OR SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology |

**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 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**

**University at Albany** 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 **University at Albany**, 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](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/2023/09/Academic-Technical-Standards-Statement1.d>  
ocx  
<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](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.

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 **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 PT Program prerequisites:

| <b>University at Albany Course Number and Title</b>   | <b>RSC DPT Program Course Prerequisites</b>   |
|---|---|
| ANT 316 Anatomy & Physiology I<br>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<br>A BIO 301 Molecular Cell Biology<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>PSY 203 Psychology of Child Development and<br>SOC 384 Sociology of Aging or<br>EPSY 224 Lifespan Development | <b>One</b> Course in Psychology   |
| PSY 210/MAT 108 Statistics  | <b>One</b> Course in Statistics   |