

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

This Collaborative Agreement allows **Manhattan University** graduates to transition into health professions programs at the Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences.

This Collaborative Agreement provides for:

- Preferred acceptance early (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 **Manhattan University** leading to a baccalaureate degree, and c) obtained a satisfactory recommendation from **Manhattan University** 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 Manhattan University  
and Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences  
Occupational Therapy Program**

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

**Manhattan 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 **Manhattan 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](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 **Manhattan 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 **Manhattan 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 **Manhattan University** courses meet RSC OT Program prerequisites:

<b>Manhattan University Course Number and Title</b>	<b>RSC OT Program Course Prerequisites</b>
BIO 207 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 201 Anatomy & Physiology I w/ Lab
BIO 209 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	BIO 202 Anatomy & Physiology II w/ Lab
Any in-person or online course will suffice	SCI 110 Medical Terminology
MATH 330 Elementary Statistics OR PSYC 214 Statistics and Research Methods OR KIN 414 Statistics for Exercise Science OR MATH 336 Applied Statistics	PSY 207/MAT 220 Statistics
PSYC 203 Intro to Psychology OR PSYC 150 Roots: Psychology	PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 334 Human Growth and Development	PSY 202 Human Development
PSYC 421 Abnormal Psychology	PSY 308 Abnormal Psychology
SOC 202: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology OR SOC 150 Roots: Sociology	HSC 206 Cult.Perspectives of Health, Disability & Wellness OR SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

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

**Manhattan University** and Russell Sage College School of Health Sciences have developed a collaborative agreement to provide qualified students from **Manhattan University** 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 occupational 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**

**Manhattan University** 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 **Manhattan University**, 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.docx>

[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 **Manhattan University** 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 **Manhattan University**:

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

The following **Manhattan University** courses meet RSC PT Program prerequisites:

<b>Manhattan University Course Number and Title</b>	<b>RSC DPT Program Course Prerequisites</b>
BIO 207 Human Anatomy & Physiology I BIO 209 Human 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>
BIOL 225: Microbiology//BIOL 226 Microbiology Lab  BIOL 217: Genetics// BIOL 218 Genetics - Lab	<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>
CHEM 101: General Chemistry I//CHEM 103 General Chemistry Laboratory I  CHEM 102: General Chemistry II//CHEM 104: General Chemistry Laboratory II	<b>Two</b> Courses in General Chemistry with Lab
PHY 101: Physics I / PHYS 191: Physics I Lab  PHYS 102: Physics II / PHYS 192: Physics II Lab	<b>Two</b> Courses in General Physics with Lab
PSYC 203 Intro to Psychology OR PSYC 150 Roots: Psychology SOC 384 Sociology of Aging or EPSY 224 Lifespan Development	<b>One</b> Course in Psychology
MATH 330 Elementary Statistics OR PSYC 214 Statistics and Research Methods OR KIN 414 Statistics for Exercise Science OR MATH 336 Applied Statistics	<b>One</b> Course in Statistics