



**Memorandum of Understanding
between
University of Wisconsin-Platteville (UWPLT)
and
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWMKE), Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), is by and between the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, here in after referred to as UWPLT, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Rehabilitation Sciences and Technology Doctor of Physical Therapy program, hereinafter referred to as UWMKE DPT.

Introduction:

There exists a significant shortage of healthcare professionals, especially in rural areas, to include regions in Wisconsin and the Tri-State area (WI, IA, IL). This collaboration is designed to help address geographic disparities in access for students in the Tri-State region by offering a unique collaboration that increases access for UWPLT Biology Students into the UWMKE DPT program.

Objectives of the Agreement:

1. Increase the number of DPT healthcare professionals in the state of Wisconsin in the urban and rural underserved areas of Southwest Wisconsin through this collaboration.
2. Develop a 3+3 program where UWPLT students will be able to complete a BS in Biology from UWPLT while completing the first year of the UWMKE DPT program. This will provide students the opportunity to achieve a BS in Biology from UW-Platteville and a DPT from UW-Milwaukee in just six years saving time and money. Students will have access to additional savings in that they will be able to complete their education at public access institutions.
3. Attract qualified students to UWPLT and UWMKE DPT.
4. Facilitate the transition of students from UWPLT into the UWMKE DPT program.
5. Expand DPT educational opportunities in Wisconsin and the Tri-State area.
6. Increase effective and efficient use of state resources through collaboration by leveraging program opportunities among the Universities of Wisconsin.
7. Retain Universities of Wisconsin graduates in Wisconsin.

Core Aspects of Partnership:

1. 3+3 Program
 - a. Students will successfully complete three years (at least 90 credits including 12 upper division) of baccalaureate studies including physical therapy prerequisite courses, general education requirements, and major requirements for a baccalaureate degree from UWPLT in Biology (described in the Appendix).
 - b. Students satisfying the prerequisite requirements described in the Appendix will begin the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program at UWMKE in the summer of their fourth year of college.

- c. By the end of the fourth year (first year in DPT), students will successfully complete undergraduate coursework. Academic credits from UWMKE DPT will transfer back to UWPLT and count toward the student's undergraduate degree in Biology granted by UWPLT.
 - d. DPT Application Requirements for 3+3 candidates are listed in the Appendix.
2. Tuition
 - a. UWPLT tuition and fees for program and courses at UWPLT will be paid to UWPLT.
 - b. UWMKE tuition and fees for the Doctor of Physical Therapy program and courses will be paid to UWMKE.
 3. Financial aid will be directed toward the campus that the student is currently attending.
 4. UWMKE will not confer the DPT without receiving the student's official degree-bearing transcript from Platteville, even if they have completed all DPT program requirements.

Marketing of and Promotion of Program

1. UWMKE and UWPLT agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this program through advertisement and dissemination of information.
2. Both institutions agree to market and promote the program in their respective marketing and recruitment activities.

Confidential Student Information

1. UWMKE and UWPLT acknowledge that certain information and records concerning the participating students, whether pre-existing or created by UWMKE or UWPLT, the participating students, or others, is confidential by reason of the Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S. C. 1232g), hereinafter, FERPA, otherwise known as the Buckley Amendment. Both parties shall protect the confidentiality of these records and all information contained therein in accordance with FERPA. To the extent permitted by law, nothing contained herein shall be construed as precluding either party from releasing such information to the other so that each can perform its respective responsibilities. The provisions of this Paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this MOU.

Term and Termination

The term of this MOU shall be from June 2025 through June 2030 (renewable). This will include annual reviews. This MOU may be further reviewed and/or modified by the mutual written agreement of both parties. Either party has the option to withdraw or terminate this MOU for cause with one calendar year's written notice to the other institution's provost. Current students enrolled in UWPLT at the time of notice of termination or non-renewal shall be allowed to remain enrolled in the program through completion. The parties agree that if any issues, concerns, or disputes arise between the parties that are not specifically addressed under this MOU, the relevant staff of each party will promptly meet to discuss and address these matters in a voluntary and mutually beneficial way with the focus on student success. Any issues that cannot be addressed in a mutual manner will be sent to each party's appropriate provost or vice chancellor for final resolution.

Approval and Effective Date

The undersigned agree to the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding:

Rich Dhyanchand, MD Chair, Biology Department University of Wisconsin-Platteville	Date
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Wayne Weber, PhD Dean, College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture University of Wisconsin-Platteville	Date
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Laura Reynolds, PhD Provost and Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs University of Wisconsin-Platteville	Date
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Chris Patton, JD Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services and Finance University of Wisconsin-Platteville	Date
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Wendy Huddleston, PT, PhD Doctor of Physical Therapy Program Director University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Date
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Kim Litwack, PhD, RN, APNP, FAAN Dean, College of Health Professions & Sciences University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Date
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Andrew Daire, PhD Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Date
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Kris O'Connor, PhD	Date
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Interim Vice Provost for Research & Dean of the Graduate School
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

**Appendix for the Memorandum of Understanding
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APPENDIX:

1. DPT Application Requirements for 3+3 candidates:

- a. Must come in with a solid math placement score to avoid delays in Chemistry and increase the likelihood of overall success.
- b. Declare BS Biology with Health Science Emphasis.
- c. Be accepted into the 3+3 track after Sophomore year. (Students should share intent with academic advisor prior to this).
 - i. Must provide evidence that undergraduate coursework in the major (except biology elective credits), general education requirements and DPT prerequisites will be completed prior to beginning DPT Program.
- d. Must complete at least 90 credits and 12 upper division credits prior to starting the DPT Program.
 - i. Candidates must earn a 3.3 cumulative grade point average (GPA) or higher.
 - ii. Candidates must earn a 3.3 GPA with no grade lower than a B in DPT program prerequisites that include the following.

PREREQUISITE COURSE FOR DPT PROGRAM

UWPLT Courses

Biology 1650 Unity of Life
 Biology 2140 Anatomy & Physiology I
 Biology 2240 Anatomy & Physiology II
 Chemistry 1140 General Chemistry I
 Chemistry 1240 General Chemistry II
 Physics 1350 Introductory Physics I
 (with lab)
 Physics 1450 Introductory Physics II
 (with lab)
 Any Psychology course
 Math 1830 Elementary Statistics

UWMKE Courses

Bio Sci 150 Found of Biol Sciences I
 Bio Sci 202 Anatomy & Physiology I
 Bio Sci 203 Anatomy & Physiology II
 Chemistry 102 General Chemistry
 Chemistry 104 General Chemistry &
 Qualitative Analysis
 Physics 120 General Physics I
 Physics 121 General Physics Lab I
 Physics 122 General Physics II
 Physics 123 General Physics Lab II
 Any Psychology course
 Kinesiology 270 Statistics in the Health
 Professions

- e. Participate in healthcare enrichment activities:
 - i. Preparing Undergraduate Medical Professionals (PUMP) Seminar.
 - ii. It is also recommended that students participate in AHEC-Wisconsin Express.
- f. Meet with academic advisor a minimum of once per semester.

2. Application and Admission to UWMKE:

Admission to the Graduate School and the professional phase of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program is selective and occurs during the summer between sophomore and junior year with a start date in the program of May following their junior year. The application is due on June 15. Based on the DPT Program’s accreditation, each cohort cannot exceed 36 students, thus no more than 36 students can be accepted via this accelerated mechanism per year. Meeting the requirements outlined below does not guarantee admission into the DPT Program. The DPT Program Admissions and Academic Standards Committee will use the same holistic rubric for these candidates as is applied to other candidates in the typical admissions cycle taking into consideration the quality of essays and lived experiences, authentic commitment to research/leadership/community service, academic performance, and the strength of the letters of reference. To be considered for admission to the professional phase of the accelerated program students must also meet the following requirements in addition to the GPA requirement:

- a. Essays as indicated in the application package.
- b. An academic and professional letter of reference.
- c. 15 hours / year of service, leadership, research and/or clinical experience (30 hours total).

Special considerations for these applicants include:

- a. AP classes need to meet UWPLT and UWMKE requirements to be accepted for prerequisites.
- b. No GRE will be required.
- c. Students will apply directly to the Program and will not apply through PTCAS (a centralized admissions website used for the typical admissions window).
- d. Application to the Graduate School will be completed following an affirmative decision by the DPT Program Admissions and Academic Standards Committee in the spring of their junior year.

3. Sample 3-year Program of Study - BS in Biology w/ Health Sciences Emphasis (after the transfer back of 30 credits).

Freshman—1st Semester (15 credits) Biology 1020 BioQuest ⁺ (1) Biology 1650 Unity of Life ^{^+*} (5) Math 1530 College Algebra (3) English 1130 College Writing I [^] (3) Psychology 1130 General Psychology (SS) ^{^*} (3)	Freshman—2nd Semester (15 credits) Biology 1750 Diversity of Life ^{^+} (5) English 1230 College Writing II [^] (3) HHP 1000 Fitness Assessment & Management [^] (1) Math 1830 Elementary Statistics ^{^+*} (3) Social Science Elective (3) [^]
Sophomore—1st Semester (15 credits) Biology 2140 Anatomy & Physiology I ^{^+*} (5) Biology 2420 Fund of Biol Investigations ⁺ (3) Chemistry 1140 General Chemistry I ^{^+*} (4) Fine Arts Elective [^] (3)	Sophomore—2nd Semester (15 credits) Biology 2240 Anatomy & Physiology II ^{^+*} (5) Biology 3330 Genetics ⁺ (3) Chemistry 1240 General Chemistry II ^{^+*} (4) Ethnic Studies Elective [^] (3)
Application to DPT program due June 15-Conditional admission Student must complete all required courses in Junior year while maintaining GPA. If not successful, student will still be able to complete a BS in Biology and apply through the traditional cycle.	

Junior—1st Semester (15 credits) Biology 3450 Ecology & Evolution ⁺ (3) Physics 1350 Introductory Physics I ⁺ * (5) Speech 1060 Speech Comm for Professionals [^] (3) Humanities Elective [^] (3) HHP Physical Activity Elective [^] (1)	Junior—2nd Semester (15 credits) Biology 4990 Capstone ⁺ (1) Physics 1450 Introductory Physics II ⁺ * (5) Gender Studies Elective [^] (3) Global Studies Elective [^] (3) History Elective [^] (3)
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[^]General education requirement ⁺Biology major requirement *Physical Therapy Program requirement

4. UWPLT Baccalaureate Degree Requirements:

For students admitted to UWMKE, the college credits earned in the DPT program, upon completion of the first year of studies at UWMKE DPT, will be transferred back to UWPLT to be applied toward the undergraduate degree in Biology granted from UWPLT. An official transcript must be sent from UWMKE to a designated official within the UWPLT Registrar's Office, and the student must request application materials for graduation from the UWPLT Registrar's Office. Up to 30 credits from the UWMKE DPT Program will transfer as Biology 3000T Biology elective to complete the 120 credits required. Because 42 upper-division credits (above 3000) are required for graduation, it is noted that students will need to complete 12 upper-division credits at UWPLT. If a student needs fewer than 30 credits to reach 120, they may choose to transfer credits earlier and graduate with the BS in Biology earlier.

Summer I (12 weeks, 13 credits) PT 720 Human Anatomy (6) PT 700 Intro to PT Practice Examination Tech (3) PT 721 Medical Physiology I (3) PT 731 Professional Development I (1)	Fall I Semester (15 weeks, 14 credits) PT 740 Biomech/Kinesiology of Human Movement (4) PT 701 Clinical Foundations of PT Examination (5) PT 723 Physical Regulation of Exertion & Exercise (3) PT 732 Professional Development 2 (2)
Winterim (3 weeks, 2 credits) PT 704 Physical Agents (2)	Spring I Semester (15 weeks, 14 credits) PT 750 Neuroanatomy (3) PT 702 Scientific Principles of Interventions (5) PT 716 Clinical Radiology (1) PT 722 Medical Physiology II (3) PT 733 Professional Development 3 (2)

The acceptance of transfer credits or testing toward completion of baccalaureate degree requirements shall be covered by current policies at UWPLT.

Students enrolled in the 3+3 program who successfully complete all course work in the first year UWMKE DPT with C's or better will be granted an undergraduate degree from UWPLT, provided they have met all other UWPLT graduation requirements.

UWM will not award the DPT without receiving the student's official degree-bearing transcript from Platteville, even if they have completed all DPT program requirements.