

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
AND CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

STATEMENT OF COLLABORATION

Northern Michigan University (NMU) and Central Michigan University Board of Trustees (CMU) wish to outline the collaboration between these institutions with the overarching objective of providing for a seamless educational pathway from the NMU's bachelor's degree to the CMU Master of Science (M.S.) in Physician Assistant Program (PA Program), and to facilitate the acceptance of students who have successfully completed the required courses and bachelor's degree from NMU to the PA Program at CMU. This Agreement is intended to clarify the terms and conditions of this collaboration.

AGREEMENT

NMU and CMU hereby agree as follows:

CMU via its PA Program agrees to admit to its Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA), Physician Assistant program, up to four (4) suitably qualified full-time students who have completed the required courses and bachelor's degree from NMU and who satisfy all of the criteria listed below:

1. FULFILLMENT OF ALL PRE-ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students from NMU seeking admission to The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions' Physician Assistant (PA) Program under the terms of this Agreement must satisfy all pre-admission requirements listed below:

a. Submit a Completed Application

A completed online application must be submitted via CASPA (<https://caspa.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>) on or before September 1.

b. Meet Minimum Direct Patient Care Hours

Complete a minimum of 500 paid direct patient care hours at the time the application is submitted.

c. Undergraduate Degree Requirement

Complete or be in the final stages of completing a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college/university or appropriate international institution. Application may take place while completing a bachelor's degree; however, degree completion and final transcripts are required prior to enrollment into the PA Program.

d. Prerequisites Requirement

Complete all prerequisites within six (6) years prior to the time of the application. Any courses older than six (6) years, must be retaken. No more than two (2)

prerequisite courses outstanding at the time of application and all prerequisite coursework is to be completed by December 31 of the application year. Obtain a minimum of 3.0 GPA (a grade of B) in each prerequisite course. Credit/no credit will not be accepted for any prerequisite course requirement. Advanced Placement (AP) is subject to the PA Program Director's approval. Knowledge-based testing does not satisfy any of the prerequisites.

e. **Meet Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average Requirement**

Obtain an overall, undergraduate cumulative GPA of at least 3.25.

f. **Admissions Test**

An admissions test may be required as part of the admissions process.

g. **Interview**

The CMU PA Program agrees to interview up to four (4) suitably qualified and duly enrolled full-time students from NMU to the PA Program who satisfy all of the criteria.

h. **Technical Standards**

Candidate must be able to certify that they understand and meet the published "Technical Standards" stipulated for matriculation to the PA Program.

i. **Compliance with Matriculation Requirements**

Candidate must satisfy all matriculation requirements set forth in the then current CMU Graduate Bulletin and subsequent handbook for the PA Program.

2. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF NMU**

NMU shall assume responsibility for the following:

1. **PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK**

NMU agrees to offer on a regular basis all prerequisite courses. Students enrolled and declared in these courses will be accommodated and given reasonable opportunity to register for all required courses so that they are able to meet the conditions of this Agreement. Mutual agreement by both parties must be reached to change or substitute newly developed or other courses to replace courses originally listed as prerequisites.

2. **PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

a. **Candidate Nomination**

NMU in consultation with the CMU PA Program, shall be responsible for the nomination of four (4) Pre-Physician Assistant Scholars from among its students. This nomination process shall occur during the Fall Semester of the senior year using a process and selection criteria mutually agreed upon by both NMU and the CMU PA Program and disclosed to students.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CMU

CMU shall assume responsibility for the following:

a. Programming

The PA Program agrees to conduct periodic campus visits/receptions at NMU. At a minimum, the PA Program will be responsible for hosting (financial sponsorship) one (1) reception annually on the campus of NMU for pre-Physician Assistant majors and other interested students at a time and location to be arranged by a to-be-designated member of NMU (e.g., pre-health professions advisor or other suitably qualified staff member). In addition, the PA Program agrees to sponsor one (1) "open-house" each year on the campus of CMU in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, for interested NMU students.

b. Specialized Accreditation

The PA Program is responsible for maintaining its status as an accredited educational program from its specialized accrediting agency, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA) or its successor.

3. MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF NMU AND CMU

a. Marketing of this Articulation Agreement

NMU and CMU will be responsible for announcing this collaboration as part of their general and program promotional materials at their respective schools. Both institutions will mutually agree how they may assist each other in serving as an informational and career-counseling resource for students while they are enrolled in the educational pathway.

b. Recruiting Qualified Students

NMU and CMU will be responsible for making efforts to attract and retain students on an annual basis in sufficient numbers to meet the terms of this Agreement.

c. Career Counseling

Career Services at NMU and the CHP Student Service Center at CMU agree to serve as a resource for advisor and students in terms of providing career-counseling and advising about the Physician Assistant profession.

4. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

a. Notification of Changes

NMU and CMU agree to communicate any curriculum changes or policies, which affect the agreed-upon relationship as soon as it is reasonably possible. Both parties reserve the right to amend or revise this Agreement. These changes must be submitted in writing and signed by both parties.

NMU and CMU further agree to communicate concerning the development of plans that might lead to future opportunities for cooperation between the two institutions. Responsibility for communication related to the Agreement will be given to the Professor, Biology at NMU and Director of CHP Student Service Center & Graduate Admissions at CMU.

All notices and other communications under this Agreement must be in writing and will be deemed given (a) when delivered personally, (b) when sent via electronic mail; (c) on the fourth business day after being mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, or (d) the next business day after delivery to a recognized overnight courier at the following addresses (or to such other address as either party may have specified by notice given to the other party pursuant to his provision):

If to CMU: Central Michigan University
Clint Fitzpatrick
Director of CHP Student Service Center & Graduate Admissions
Health Professions 1250 F
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859

If to NMU: Northern Michigan University
Erich Ottem
Professor of Biology
2109 Weston Hall
Marquette, MI 49855

5. TERMS AND TERMINATION

This Agreement becomes effective as of the date it is fully signed by both parties. It will remain in force and effective until July 1, 2027, or five (5) years from the date fully executed, whichever is later; however, either party may terminate this agreement upon 90 days' written notice to the other party.

a. Termination for Cause

Either party may terminate this Agreement without providing the above-referenced written notice for any of the following reasons:

- Withdrawal of specialized accreditation of the PA Program by ARC-PA;
- Withdrawal of HLC accreditation to either institution; and/or
- Cancellation of the CMU PA Program.

6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

a. Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

To the extent permitted by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), NMU and CMU agree to share data on student achievement for purposes of assessing program effectiveness. Any exchange by the parties of student record information protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (20 USC §

1232g) and implementing regulations (34 CFR Part 99) (“FERPA”) shall occur only in full compliance with FERPA, including, without limitation, committing the receiving party to limit the use of such information to the purposes for which the disclosure was made, and to impose such limits on any re-disclosure, and the parties agree to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions, including, without limitation 34 CFR 99.31, 99.32, 99.33, 99.34 and 99.35.

b. Entire Agreements and Amendments

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and all prior discussions, negotiations, and understandings, either oral or in writing, are hereby merged. This Agreement supersedes any previous Articulation Agreement from Northern Michigan University to the CMU PA Program. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement, which shall be in full force and effect.

c. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Statement

CMU, an AA/EO institution, strongly and actively strives to increase diversity and provide equal opportunity within its community. CMU does not discriminate against persons based on age, color, disability, ethnicity, familial status, gender, gender expression, gender identity, genetic information, height, marital status, natural origin, political persuasion, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, race, religion, sex, sex-based stereotypes, sexual orientation, transgender status, veteran status, or weight.

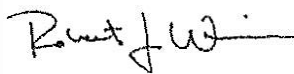
IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the date and year written below.

FOR


NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY



Dr. Dale Kapla, Interim Provost



Dr. Robert Winn
Dean of Arts and Sciences



Dr. Erich Ottem
Professor of Biology

8/10/2022


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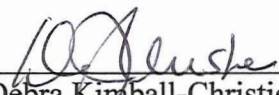
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