

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
between
BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
and
UNIVERSITY OF THE SCIENCES IN PHILADELPHIA
for
Professional Bridge - Pre-Pharmacy Early Assurance Program

Preface

Brookdale Community College (Brookdale) and University of the Sciences in Philadelphia (USciences) enter into this Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) in order to facilitate the transfer of Brookdale students who have completed the following Brookdale A.S. degree program into the corresponding professional bridge program at USciences:

A.S. Science Option, Math/Science → Professional Bridge – Pre-Pharmacy Early Assurance

Subject to the terms of this Agreement, a student who completes the A.S. Science Option at Brookdale will be assured junior status in the Professional Bridge – Pre-Pharmacy Early Assurance program at USciences. This will generally allow a full-time student to complete the requirements for entering the Professional Years of the PharmD program within two regular semesters, providing the student appropriately schedules and successfully completes (without repeating courses) his or her remaining courses at USciences.

Students transferring under this Agreement who will earn USciences overall GPA of 3.0, Math/Science GPA of 3.0, pass the PERC interview and complete PCP admission requirements (Signed Technical Standards form, Statement of Personal and Professional Goals, PCP Academic Integrity Affidavit, Valid Social Security Number) will be admitted to the P1 year of the PharmD program.

Three students per academic year will be admitted to the USciences Professional Bridge – Pre-Pharmacy Early Assurance program under this Agreement. USciences may, at its sole discretion, extend the number of admitted students above three based on anticipated additional seats availability in the PharmD program and transfer student credentials.

I. Terms and Conditions for Admission to University of the Sciences in Philadelphia

1. Students who complete the A.S. Science Option at Brookdale as specified in the attached transfer advising guide (2+1) and are admitted to USciences will enter with junior status and are assured transfer credit as indicated. Courses not included in this document will be evaluated by USciences on a course-by-course basis.
2. A minimum grade of “C” is required to transfer a course to USciences.
3. A minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and a minimum grade of “B” in courses with prefixes: BIOL, MATH, CHEM and PHYS are required for admission to the Professional Bridge – Pre-Pharmacy Early Assurance program.

4. The courses encompassed in the A.S. Science Option degree at Brookdale must be completed within the 3 consecutive years immediately preceding matriculation at USciences.
5. USciences will accept a maximum of 90 credits in transfer from Brookdale.
6. International students are required to achieve a score of 90 or above (with no sections below 20) in the TOEFL or score of 6.5 or above in the IELTS, unless they have been studying at an English-speaking institution for at least four years.
7. The student must meet all applicable USciences requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission and payment of tuition and fees.
8. Students are required to complete the “USciences Letter of Intent” form at least one year prior to transferring to USciences.
9. Only students who have graduated from Brookdale with the A.S. Science Option degree by the time of their matriculation to USciences will be covered by the terms of this Agreement.
10. Students transferring under this Agreement will be eligible for financial aid and housing on the same basis as other USciences students. Transfer scholarships and Phi Theta Kappa scholarships are available to assist qualified transfer students. Exact scholarship amounts will be communicated to Brookdale on or before November 1 of each year this Agreement is in effect.
11. Once at USciences, students who transfer under the terms of this Agreement are responsible for meeting all degree requirements in effect for their professional bridge program based on the Catalog Year backdated to the academic year when they would have started studies at USciences if they had entered as a full-time, first-year student. These students will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof, which apply to all USciences students.
12. USciences will waive the application fee for students who apply to USciences pursuant to this Agreement.
13. At least 24 credits must be completed in-residence at a USciences campus as part of the professional bridge program prior to entering the first professional year (P1) of the PharmD program. The attached Transfer Advising Guide (“Exhibit 1”) provides the specific list of courses that Brookdale students must completed at USciences as part of the Professional Bridge - Pre-Pharmacy Early Assurance program in order to enter the PharmD program.

II. Joint Responsibilities for Maintenance of this Agreement

1. Brookdale and USciences agree to maintain and distribute information about this Agreement, and any changes relevant to it, to students, faculty, counselors, and advisors.
2. Brookdale and USciences will assure that the appropriate personnel at their respective institutions are made aware of the Agreement, and any revisions thereto, and are encouraged to support it.

3. Brookdale and USciences agree to independently develop and implement their own advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of this Agreement. Each institution will share marketing materials and seek input prior to launching.
4. Both institutions will encourage Brookdale students to meet with representatives of USciences to discuss issues related to admission, financial aid, and transfer of courses well in advance of their expected date of entry.
5. Faculty from each institution teaching in the curriculum for which this Agreement has been developed will be encouraged to meet annually to discuss issues of curriculum and student development.
6. Brookdale and USciences agree to designate a representative or representatives at each institution who will coordinate this Agreement between the two institutions.
7. Brookdale and USciences agree to exchange relevant aggregate data and documents annually that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this Agreement, enhance the transfer process, and promote effective cooperation between institutions.

III. Obligations of University of the Sciences:

1. To attend Transfer Fairs and/or major transfer events at any and/or all Brookdale Community College campuses.
2. To invite Brookdale students who have completed a “USciences Letter of Intent” form to Preview Days/Campus Visit events for information/advising with USciences faculty and staff in order to facilitate smooth curricular and co-curricular integration to USciences.
3. To have USciences recruiters and advisors will visit Brookdale and meet with prospective and current students in the Agreement as determined.
4. To send to students who complete the “USciences Letter of Intent” form, an electronic information packet that includes a letter explaining the USciences application process.

IV. Obligations of Brookdale Community College:

1. To identify the students who will be participating in this Agreement and assist them in completing all required paperwork while enrolled at Brookdale, and provide the students with information (“USciences Letter of Intent” form and Transfer Advising Guide) on the USciences admissions requirements for this specific professional bridge program.
2. To email the intent forms to the Associate Director of Transfer/Professional Admission at USciences.
3. To be available to meet with the students to track their progress towards completing the associate’s degree and to review and revise their original Intent form in the event they change their major or anticipated entry term at USciences.

4. To explain all requirements to students, including the need to send an official transcript verifying receipt of the associate degree upon completion of their last semester.
5. To publicize and promote this Agreement to prospective and current Brookdale students in its promotional literature, and make arrangements for USciences recruiters and advisors to visit Brookdale and meet with prospective and current students in this Agreement.

V. Revision, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement

1. The USciences Associate Director for Transfer Admission and the Brookdale Director of Transfer Resources/Articulation, are responsible for identifying and communicating to each other changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.
2. This Agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing. It will be reviewed by the parties annually and in response to curricular changes, and will be renewed automatically until superseded by a new Agreement or formally terminated in writing. The party making any curricular changes and any other relevant institutional changes that may materially affect the nature of the Agreement will communicate in a timely manner with the other party.
3. Either party may initiate amendments to this Agreement, including the exhibits, by submitting them in writing to the USciences Associate Director for Transfer Admission or the Brookdale Director of Transfer Resources/Articulation. No amendments will be effective unless signed by the authorized agents of each party. Until any proposed amendment or modification is formalized by mutual written Agreement between the parties, the then-current terms of the Agreement shall remain in effect. Whenever possible, USciences will grandfather students who have followed the previous articulation document.
4. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice of at least one (1) year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to USciences under the terms of this Agreement, but not yet enrolled in classes. The addresses to which all written notices are to be sent are specified below: