

3+4 Doctor of Optometry Program

An Articulation Agreement Between

Salus University
Pennsylvania College of Optometry
Elkins Park, PA

and

University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Bradford, PA

Articulation Agreement

Background

Salus University, Pennsylvania College of Optometry (Salus) and the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford (Pitt-Bradford) hereby acknowledge their commitment to the training of future practitioners of primary health care by joining in this Articulation Agreement.

Under this Articulation Agreement, students who successfully complete the 97 semester credit Pre-Optometry curriculum at Pitt-Bradford with a 3.25 GPA or above may apply for admission to the Salus University 3+4 Doctor of Optometry Program.

This educational pathway is referred to as the *3+4 Doctor of Optometry Program* and is comprised of two phases, Phase I and Phase II:

Phase I is comprised of the Pre-Optometry curriculum at Pitt-Bradford (see Addendum), and

Phase II is comprised of the Doctor of Optometry Degree Program at Salus University.

Phase I of the Program

Pitt-Bradford will select/admit those students who meet the admission requirements for Phase I of the Program. Pitt-Bradford will submit to the Salus University Office of Admissions the name and contact information for each student who begins Phase I of the Program.

Salus will communicate with each student as he/she advances through Phase I of the Program. Relevant information about the Program will be provided, and a visit to the Salus University Office of Admissions for a pre-application appointment will be encouraged.

To successfully complete Phase I of the Program, a student must:

1. Complete the Pre-Optometry curriculum at Pitt-Bradford, which must consist of a minimum of 97 semester hours of undergraduate education including the required prerequisites (see Addendum)
2. Maintain a GPA of 3.25 or above on a 4.0 scale.
3. Professional Observation Experience: Shadow a practicing optometrist(s) in order to be familiar with the role of the optometrist as a member of the healthcare team.
4. Admissions Exam Requirements: Typically, the Admissions Committee requires a 300 or higher in each section of the OAT.
5. Letters of Recommendation: Salus will accept a variety of letters, please see their website for more detail: [http://www.salus.edu/Colleges/Optometry-\(1\)/Doctor-of-Optometry-%E2%80%93-Traditional-Program/Application-Process/Application-Criteria-Prerequisites.aspx](http://www.salus.edu/Colleges/Optometry-(1)/Doctor-of-Optometry-%E2%80%93-Traditional-Program/Application-Process/Application-Criteria-Prerequisites.aspx). A Committee letter satisfies the entire 3 letter requirement (i.e. one letter from the pre-health committee will substitute 3 separate letters). A letter from an OD is optional and accepted, but not required.

Admission to Phase II of the Program

For consideration for admission into the 3+4 Doctor of Optometry Program at Salus, a student must successfully complete Phase I as described above. Students must then apply to the 3+4 Doctor of Optometry Program by following the application procedures described on the Salus University website. These admissions procedures include completion of an on-campus interview.

Degrees Conferred

Pitt-Bradford will confer the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree to a student who successfully completes Phase I and year one of Phase II, provided that all requirements for graduation are met, as determined by Pitt-Bradford.

Salus University will confer the 3+4 Doctor of Optometry degree to a student who successfully completes Phase II at Salus University, provided that all requirements are met, as determined by Salus University.

Inter-Institutional Communication

Communication and correspondence regarding the implementation of this Articulation Agreement should be made between the Pre-Professional Advisor at Pitt-Bradford and the Director of Admissions at Salus University.

Marketing and Recruitment

Both Pitt-Bradford and Salus University will promote the Program through mutually-developed printed and electronic promotional materials.

Review and Assessment

To serve as a basis for evaluating the Program, Salus University will develop aggregate and individual statistical information regarding applicant credentials, admissions decisions, and Pitt-Bradford student performance outcomes. This information will be shared with Pitt-Bradford as permissible under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Students entering the Program will be expected to release certain information (e.g., transcripts, national examination results) that will facilitate both Pitt-Bradford's and Salus University's assessment of student learning and continuous program improvement.

Additional Considerations

No Third Party Beneficiaries. None of the benefits or obligations of either party under this Articulation Agreement will be applicable or enforceable by any Pitt-Bradford student or other party.

Modifications. This Articulation Agreement may only be modified or amended by a separate written addendum this is signed by both parties and attached to this Agreement.

Assignment: Neither party shall assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this Articulation Agreement with the prior written consent of the other. Any such purported assignment, sale, or transfer shall be void.

Duration of the Articulation Agreement

This Articulation Agreement shall be effective immediately upon the signing of this document and shall continue thereafter from year-to-year unless terminated by either institution upon one (1) year's prior written notice.

Should this Articulation Agreement be terminated, any Pitt-Bradford student enrolled in the Program at the date of termination shall be permitted to complete the Program provided that the Pitt-Bradford students successfully meets the Phase I and Phase II requirements.

The addresses to which written notice is to be sent are specified below:

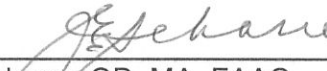
Salus University:
Monica J. Maisto, MS
Director of Admissions
Salus University
8360 Old York Road Elkins Park, PA 19027

Pitt-Bradford:

James L. Baldwin, Ph.D.
Vice President for Enrollment Management
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
300 Campus Drive, Bradford, PA 16701

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures:

For Salus University:

 3-9-18

Janice E. Scharre, OD, MA, FAAO Date
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

For Pitt-Bradford:

 3-2-18

Steven E. Hardin, Ph.D Date
Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs

Addendum

Pitt-Bradford Courses Meeting Admission

Requirements for Salus University's Doctor of Optometry Program

Preface

Within the context of a 3+4 doctoral program, Pitt-Bradford recognizes the importance of the three years of undergraduate study in properly preparing students for the rigors of Salus University's Doctor of Optometry Program. Required courses in Phase I of the Program at Pitt-Bradford provide students with a strong academic foundation along with professionally relevant interpersonal skills.

Required Pre-Optometry Courses	Pitt-Bradford Equivalent Courses
General Biology or Zoology (with labs) – 1 year	BIOL 0101 Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology and BIOL 0102 Introduction to Biodiversity
Microbiology or Bacteriology (with labs) - ½ year	BIOL 1302 Microbiology or BIOL 0202 Microbiology for Allied Health Professionals
General Physics (with labs) – 1 year	PHYS 0101 Introduction to Physics I and PHYS 0102 Introduction to Physics II OR PHYS 0201/0203, Foundation of Physics I with lab and PHYS 202/0204 Foundation of Physics II with lab
Psychology – ½ year	PSY 0101 Introduction to Psychology
Statistics (Math, Biology or Psychology) – ½ year	PSY 0201 Statistics OR MATH 0133 Statistics
General Chemistry (with labs) – 1 year	CHEM 0101 General Chemistry I and CHEM 0102 General Chemistry II
Organic Chemistry (with labs) – 1 year	CHEM 0206/0207 Organic Chemistry I with Lab and CHEM 0208/0209 Organic Chemistry II with Lab
Mathematics – 1 year (½ year Calculus fulfills math requirement; however, 1 year Calculus highly recommended)	MATH 0140 Calculus I MATH 0150 Calculus II (Strongly Recommended)
English Composition or English Literature – 1 year	ENG 0101 English Composition I ENG 0102 English Composition II

Encouraged, Additional Coursework	Pitt-Bradford Equivalent Courses
Biochemistry	CHEM 1306 Biochemistry
Anatomy	BIOL 0212/0222 Human Anatomy & Physiology I
Physiology	BIOL 0213/0223 Human Anatomy & Physiology II
Histology	
Cell Biology	BIOL 1320 Cell Biology or BIOL 1401 Developmental Biology
Genetics	BIOL 0203 Genetics
Experimental Psychology	PSY 1301 Experimental Psychology
Physiological Psychology	

University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Recommended Sequence

FIRST YEAR University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

<u>FIRST SEMESTER</u>	<u>17-18 cr.</u>	<u>SECOND SEMESTER</u>	<u>14-18cr.</u>
BIOL 0101 Intro to Cell and Molecular Biology		Math 0140 Calculus (if pre-Calculus is taken)	
CHEM 0101 General Chemistry I		BIOL 0102 Introduction to Biodiversity	
ENG 0101 English Composition I		CHEM 0102 General Chemistry II	
MATH 0132 or 0140 (Pre-Calculus or Calculus)		ENG 0102 English Composition II	
FS 0102 Freshman Seminar		PSY 0101 Intro to Psych	

SECOND YEAR at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

<u>FIRST SEMESTER</u>	<u>18 CR.</u>	<u>SECOND SEMESTER</u>	<u>15 cr.</u>
CHEM 0206, 0207 Organic I and Lab		CHEM 0208, 0209 Organic II and Lab	
BIOL 0217 Intro to Ecology and Evolution		BIOL 0203 Genetics	
PHYS 0101 Intro to Physics I or 0201 Foundations of Physics I		PHYS 0102 Intro to Physics II or 0202 Foundations of Physics II	
SOC 0101 Intro to Sociology (or GE elective)		GE elective	
GE elective			

THIRD YEAR at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

<u>FIRST SEMESTER</u>	<u>17 cr.</u>	<u>SECOND SEMESTER</u>	<u>15 cr.</u>
BIOL 1451 Capstone		BIOL 1451 Capstone	
PSY 0201 Statistics		GE elective	
GE elective		PEDC elective	
BIOL 1302 Microbiology		GE elective	
BIOL upper-level elective with lab		GE elective	
		GE elective	

Total Phase I credits = 97-101

Required: The Optometry Admission Test (OAT): the OAT is a standardized examination designed to measure general academic ability and comprehension of scientific information. Typically the Admissions Committee at Salus is looking for a score of 300 or higher in each section of the OAT.

Phase II

FOURTH YEAR OF THE PROGRAM FIRST YEAR AT SALUS

FIRST SEMESTER

PCO-OPT-7100-AA	Molecular and Cellular Processes with Laboratory	4.50
PCO-OPT-7400-AA	Head and Neck Anatomy with Laboratory	2.00
PCO-OPT-7530-AA	Optical Principles and Ophthalmic Applications 1 with Laboratory	4.00
PCO-OPT-8630-AA	Clinical Skills 1 with Laboratory	1.00
PCO-OPT-8640-AA	Professional Practice 1 (includes Community Clerkship hours)	.50
TEI Oak Lane-Suite 1, TEI Oak Lane-Suite 2, and TEI Oak Lane-Suite 3		
PCO-OPT-7730-AA	Clinical Problem Solving 1A	1.00
PCO-OPT-7700-AA	Doctor/Patient Relationship with Laboratory	0.50
PCO-OPT-7701-AA	Evidence-Based Practice	1.00
PCO-OPT-7030-AA	Personal and Career Planning 1	0.50
PCO-OPT-7000-AA	Introduction to Optometry and the Health Care System	1.00

SECOND SEMESTER

PCO-OPT-7200-AA	Integrated Organ Systems with Laboratory	5.50
*Transcript Note--Universal Precautions (2 lecture hours)		
PCO-OPT-7401-AA	Neurosciences with Laboratory	3.50
PCO-OPT-7531-AB	OPOA 2 and Management of Vision Problems with Laboratory	4.50
PCO-OPT-8631-AA	Clinical Skills 2 with Laboratory	2.50
PCO-OPT-8641-AA	Professional Practice 2	1.00
TEI Oak Lane-Suite 1, TEI Oak Lane-Suite 2, TEI Oak Lane-Suite 3		
PCO-OPT-7731-AA	Clinical Problem Solving 1B	1.00
First Year Total	34.00	

CONFERRAL OF THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (B.S.) DEGREE

The B.S. degree is conferred by the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford at the end of successful completion of the first year at Salus.