

**Articulation Agreement between**  
**Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania-Bloomsburg**  
**and**  
**William Paterson University of New Jersey**  
**for Matriculation of Students into**  
**Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania's**  
**Doctorate in Audiology (Au.D.) program**

**Background**

Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania-Bloomsburg (hereinafter "Commonwealth University") and William Paterson University, on behalf of its College of Science and Health, hereby acknowledge their commitment to the training of future audiologists by joining in this Articulation Agreement.

**Purpose**

Under this Articulation Agreement, up to three students per academic year who are in their last year of their program and are on track to earn their undergraduate degree at the end of the Spring semester within the Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology, including general education requirements at William Paterson University, and who meet all the prerequisites listed in this agreement, are guaranteed admission to the Commonwealth University Doctorate of Audiology (Au.D.) program.

**Agreement**

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to the following terms and conditions for the purpose of permitting qualified students in the Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology degree program at William Paterson University the opportunity for conditional admission to Commonwealth University's Doctorate of Audiology (Au.D.) Program.

1. By January 15<sup>th</sup> of the final undergraduate year when the student is applying to the Au.D. program, the Speech Language Pathology Department at William Paterson University must submit to the Graduate Coordinator of the Au.D. program the names of up to three students who meet the criteria and are applying for admission into the the Doctorate of Audiology (Au.D.) program at Commonwealth University.
2. By February 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the student is applying to the Au.D. program, they must be on track to complete the minimum credits to earn the Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology degree and maintain, at minimum, a 3.5 cumulative GPA at William Paterson University by the end of the Spring semester of the year the student is applying to the Program.
3. Satisfactory completion of the following criteria, along with an earned BS in Speech-Language Pathology, shall be met prior to enrollment at Commonwealth University.

- a. A minimum of three semester hours in each of the below:
    - i. Life sciences (Any course in biology)
    - ii. Physical sciences (Any course in physics)
    - iii. Behavioral sciences (Any course in psychology)
    - iv. Mathematics (Any course in math)
    - v. Written and oral communications (Any course in English or Communications)
  - b. Earning a grade of “C” or higher in Speech Language Pathology major coursework (subject code SLP) and in all other prerequisite courses, with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above.
  - c. Three (3) recommendation letters supporting admission into the program.
  - d. By February 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the student is applying to the Au.D. program, the student must complete an online application through Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS) for the Doctorate of Audiology (Au.D.) program at Commonwealth University.
4. Commonwealth University will guarantee admission for up to three applicants per academic year from William Paterson University’s Bachelor of Science Speech-Language Pathology Program who meet the aforementioned criteria.
  5. A William Paterson University Bachelor of Science Speech-Language Pathology student who does not meet all of the aforementioned criteria of guaranteed admission may still apply for acceptance into the Au.D. program at Commonwealth University via the open/general application process.
  6. By February 15<sup>th</sup> of the year the student is applying to the Au.D. program, the Graduate Coordinator of the Au.D. program will have completed the review of submitted materials to verify compliance, and the formal acceptance letter will be sent to the applicant.
  7. All advertising materials promoting this articulated program will be mutually agreed upon in writing by representatives from both institutions prior to publication.
  8. Neither party shall assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this Articulation Agreement without the prior written consent of the other. Any such purported assignment, sale, or transfer shall be void.
  9. This Agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis (in March) or any time program changes are to be made by either institution. Any program changes will be identified, incorporated into, and mutually agreed upon, in writing, in subsequent agreements.
  10. The term of this agreement shall be three (3) years from the date of the final signature below. Either institution may withdraw from the Agreement upon written notification to the other university, with the exception of honoring commitments made to students already accepted into the Au.D. program.
  11. The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
  12. The relationship between the parties under this Agreement is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties under this contract shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
  13. Neither of the parties shall assume any liability to each other. As to liability to each other, death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit either parties’ rights, claim, or defenses which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of William Paterson University or Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education or the University.
  14. This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.

The authorized representatives of the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date indicated below.

**SIGNATURES:**

For Commonwealth-Bloomsburg University:

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Bashar W Hanna  
Bashar W Hanna, Ph.D. Date  
President

DocuSigned by:  
Diana Rogers-Adkinson  
Diana Rogers-Adkinson, Ph.D. Date  
Provost and Senior Vice President  
Academic Affairs

DocuSigned by:  
Dr. Leo-Felix Jurado  
Leo-Felix Jurado, Ph.D. Date  
Dean, College of Health Professions

For William Paterson University:

**Kirsten  
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Kirsten Loewrigkeit  
VP for Finance and Administration/CFO

Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education  
Approved as to Form & Legality:

DocuSigned by:  
Mike Ferguson  
Mike Ferguson, Esq. Date  
University Legal Counsel