Master of Physician Assistant Studies Program ARTICULATION AGREEMENT St. Ambrose University AND Loras College

This articulation agreement outlines the understanding established between St. Ambrose University and Loras College for a Loras College undergraduate student to transition to St. Ambrose University to pursue the Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) program. The agreement details the requirements for students to be considered for admission to the MPAS program and the understanding between St. Ambrose University and Loras College.

A. Intent

1. St. Ambrose University has developed an articulation agreement with Loras College to establish the responsibilities of each institution and admission criteria, to allow students to transition from baccalaureate degree at Loras College to the MPAS Program at St. Ambrose University.

B. Articulation Agreement

- Loras College students who have met all MPAS Program admission requirements and anticipate completion of their baccalaureate degree by May prior to the MPAS start date will apply for admission to the MPAS program by the prior November 1 deadline through Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA).
- 2. Two Loras College students who meet a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale will be guaranteed an interview during the MPAS admissions process.

C. Responsibilities of Loras College

- Loras College will be responsible for identifying and communicating the necessary majors that allow students to complete this admissions pathway to the MPAS degree.
- 2. Loras College will advise the student regarding the completion of the undergraduate degree, including necessary courses for general education, the major of choice, and the necessary prerequisites for the MPAS program including the CASPA application.
- 3. Loras College will make eligible students aware of the admissions process and articulation agreement.

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D. Responsibilities of St. Ambrose University

- 1. St. Ambrose University will interview the top two qualified Loras College students meeting the minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale threshold who apply through CASPA.
- 2. St. Ambrose University will consider all other Loras College students who apply through CASPA within the general application process.
- 3. St. Ambrose University will share marketing materials and promotional information with Loras College to promote the MPAS program to prospective students.

E. Responsibilities of the Student

- 1. The student will complete all MPAS established admissions requirements and pre-requisites ahead of the November 1 application deadline.
- 2. The student will apply to the St. Ambrose University MPAS program through CASPA by November 1.

F. Admission Criteria

a. To be eligible for admission to the St. Ambrose MPAS program, students must meet the admissions criteria posted on the St. Ambrose University Physician Assistant Studies Department website and the CASPA website.

G. Terms and Terminations

a. This agreement will take effect upon review and approval with signatures from both institutions. The agreement will remain in effect for three years, after which the agreement will be reviewed for accuracy and may be renewed. Should either party decide to terminate the agreement, 12 months prior notice is required to the other institution, provided in writing.

H. Mutual Indemnification

a. Each party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its officers, employees, directors, and/or agents from and against all suits, actions, claims, or liability of any character, type, or description brought by third party including, but not limited to, all expenses of litigation, court costs, penalties, and whatsoever and of any kind or nature directly resulting or arising from any breach of party and/or its agents of any provisions of this Agreement, or and negligent or willful act or omission of a party and/or its agents.

I. Relationships

a. The parties are acting herein as independent contractors. Nothing herein contained shall create or be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture or agency relationship

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between either of the parties and no party shall have the authority to bind to the other in any respect.

J. Entire Agreement

a. The Agreement shall constitute the complete and exclusive written expression of the intentions of the parties hereto and shall supersede all previous communications, representations, Agreements, promises or statements, either oral or written, by and between either parties.

| Dr. Donna Heald, Provost and Academic Dean Loras College 2-23-2024 | Dr. Joe Roidt, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs St. Ambrose University 03-04-2024 |
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| Date | Date |
| Dr Jim Collins, President Loras College | Dr. Amy Novak, President St. Ambrose University |
| 2-23-2024 Date | 3-4-2024 Date |