

**Master of Public Health Program
ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
Loras College
AND
St. Ambrose University**

This articulation agreement outlines the understanding established between Loras College (LC) and St. Ambrose University (SAU) enabling a Loras College undergraduate student to transition to SAU to pursue a Master's degree in Public Health (MPH). The agreement details the requirements for students to be considered for admission to the MPH program (at SAU), and the understanding between LC and SAU that will enable a student to be dually enrolled for credits that will count toward both the student's bachelor's degree (at LC) and the student's Master's degree (at SAU).

A. Intent

1. LC has developed an articulation agreement with SAU to establish the responsibilities of each institution and corollary admission criteria. This agreement allows students to earn both a bachelor's degree (from LC) and a Master's degree (from SAU) within five years by allowing students to begin taking some graduate courses while an undergraduate. LC students may enroll in up to thirteen credits of graduate coursework through SAU (i.e., while still an undergraduate student at LC). Students pursuing this plan of study will subsequently transition to SAU to complete the remaining coursework for the MPH degree. Students who successfully complete all requirements will be awarded a bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.) from LC and a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from SAU.

B. Articulation Agreement

1. LC students who have completed a minimum of 60 credits toward their bachelor's degree, have met the admission requirements for the MPH program, and have applied and been granted admission to the MPH program will be eligible for an accelerated plan that awards the bachelor's degree from LC after the successful completion of the bachelor degree requirements and the MPH degree from SAU after the successful completion of the MPH requirements.
2. LC students may apply for admission to the MPH program as early as their second year (anticipating completion of 60 college credits), allowing them to enroll in MPH courses during their third year. They may also apply in their third or fourth year. Students may enter the program in either the Fall or Spring semester. All applicants must apply through the SOPHAS Express application.
3. Students admitted to the MPH program will be eligible to complete up to 13 credits of MPH coursework while completing their bachelor's degree through an articulation agreement between LC and SAU. Loras students participating in this program may enroll in no more than 4 graduate credits while a full-time student at LC.

4. LC will award the bachelor's degree to the student upon completion of all requirements for the baccalaureate degree, typically at the conclusion of the student's 4th year.
5. After LC has conferred the bachelor's degree, students will request that an official transcript from LC be sent to SAU so the student can officially be designated a graduate student.
6. Students who successfully complete all requirements for the MPH program by the conclusion of the 5th year will be awarded the MPH degree by SAU. Students may take longer to complete the requirements of their MPH if needed (i.e., they are not obligated to complete the degree within five years).
7. Appropriately qualified Loras undergraduate students who are accepted for admission into the SAU graduate MPH program will be granted permission to enroll in up to thirteen credits of graduate coursework through SAU while still enrolled as an undergraduate student at Loras. In such instances of dual enrollment, LC students will be charged a reduced tuition rate (i.e., 50% of the current per credit hour cost of the SAU program) for up to six credit hours of graduate credit. Appropriately qualified students who wish to enroll in more than six credit hours of graduate credit (while still enrolled as an undergraduate student at LC) will pay the standard per credit hour rate for courses in excess of six credit hours. Students who earn their bachelor's degree from LC will pay the standard rate for graduate tuition and fees once they have received their bachelor's degree from LC.
8. Students participating in this agreement will pay tuition and fees to LC for undergraduate courses taken at LC and will pay tuition and fees to SAU for graduate courses taken at SAU. Institutional aid from LC does not carry forward to SAU.

C. Responsibilities of Loras College

1. LC will be responsible for identifying and communicating to students in academic majors that align with students completing this accelerated pathway to the MPH degree.
2. LC will provide an academic advisor to assist students throughout the completion of their undergraduate degree and the concurrent enrollment in MPH coursework at SAU.
3. LC will make eligible students aware of the accelerated 5 year plan.
4. The Registrar's Office at LC will work with the Registrar's Office at SAU to enroll LC undergraduate students in graduate courses at SAU.
5. LC will accept up to 13 credits, via reverse transfer, from the MPH program to count toward the completion of the undergraduate degree in accordance with the LC institutional transfer policies.
6. LC will confer the bachelor's degree upon completion of all required baccalaureate degree requirements.
7. Once the undergraduate degree is conferred, LC will send the student's official transcript to SAU, upon request from the student, to verify the student is eligible for full-time graduate coursework.

D. Responsibilities of St. Ambrose University

1. SAU will reserve a minimum of five seats in the MPH program each year for qualified LC students.
2. The Registrar's Office at SAU will work with the Registrar's Office at LC to enroll LC undergraduate students in graduate courses at SAU.
3. SAU will bill LC students for tuition and fees owed for coursework taken at SAU.
4. SAU will provide academic advising to the student as it relates to the student's successful completion of the MPH program while the student is enrolled in MPH coursework.
5. SAU will share marketing materials and promotional information with LC to promote the MPH program to prospective students.
6. SAU will send the student's official transcript, upon request from the student to LC, so they may be considered for reverse transfer toward the completion of the undergraduate degree.
7. SAU will confer the MPH degree upon completion of all MPH degree requirements, completing the 5-year (or longer) plan.

E. Responsibilities of the Student

1. The student will declare and work toward completion of an undergraduate major at LC to be eligible for the 5-year plan.
2. The student will complete at least 60 credits toward general education and major required courses prior to enrolling in any MPH coursework.
3. The student is responsible for submitting all required application materials for admission into the MPH program by the deadlines established by SAU.
4. LC students will work with the Registrar's Office at LC to enroll in coursework at SAU. Once the student is an SAU graduate student, the student will work with the Registrar's Office at SAU to enroll in SAU courses.
5. The student will pay tuition and fees to LC for courses taken at LC and will pay SAU for tuition and fees for courses taken at SAU.
6. The student will submit the FAFSA to LC while enrolled as an undergraduate student at LC. Students who have been accepted to the 5-year plan for the MPH degree at SAU will submit the FAFSA to SAU in their last semester at Loras, typically prior to March 1 for a fall matriculation or prior to August 1 for a spring matriculation.
7. After the bachelor's degree is conferred, the student will request that the official transcript from LC be sent to SAU to verify the student is eligible for full-time graduate coursework.
8. The student will request an official transcript be sent from SAU to LC.

F. Admission Criteria

1. To be eligible for admission to the St. Ambrose MPH program, students must meet the admissions criteria posted on the SAU Master of Public Health website and the SOPHAS Express application.

G. Terms and Terminations

1. 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 and may be renewed as is or renewed in a modified form. Should either party decide to terminate the agreement, they must notify the other party in writing 12 months prior to the desired date of termination and develop a plan to ensure any students enrolled under the agreement can complete their degree plans.

H. Mutual Indemnification

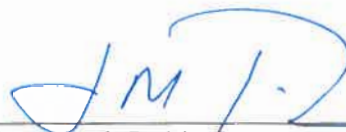
1. Each party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its officers, employees, directors, and/or agents from and against all suits, actions, claims, or liability of any character, type, or description brought by third part including, but not limited to, all expenses of litigation, court 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.

J. Entire Agreement

1. 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 the two parties.



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