

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON  
SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

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**DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
([www.shp.utmb.edu/programs/pt/](http://www.shp.utmb.edu/programs/pt/))**

**AND**

**ALAMO COLLEGES-ST. PHILIP'S COLLEGE  
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

This agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston (UTMB), an institution of The University of Texas System and an agency of the State of Texas, for and on behalf of its School of Health Professions (SHP) and the Alamo Colleges – St. Philip's College, for and on behalf of the Physical Therapist Assistant Program. St. Philip's College and The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Whereas the UTMB's SHP is part of UTMB, consisting of several professional health programs, at both undergraduate and graduate levels, with its SHP offering a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Degree in its Department of Physical Therapy;

Whereas St. Philip's College awards (or offers) the Associate in Applied Sciences degree with a major in Physical Therapist Assistant which have the potential for preparing students for completing requirements for the UTMB-DPT program while at the same time preparing students for careers in athletic training, exercise science and other allied health professions, and

Whereas St. Philip's College desires to assist its students who seek to continue their education beyond the AAS degree to a BS degree and DPT degree, and

Whereas St. Philip's College and UTMB will mutually benefit from working together to facilitate matriculation of St. Philip's College students who meet all other UTMB SHP admission's requirements into its DPT program to provide an opportunity for qualified students who have identified physical therapy as a career choice to receive early acceptance into UTMB SHP DPT Bridge Program towards completion of their DPT degree,

Therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises herein and to achieve the objective described, the parties agree as follows:

## I. ADMISSIONS POLICIES

The present admissions policies are:

- A. Student completes the AAS degree from St. Philip's College with GPA of 3.5 or better and successfully passes the PTA licensure exam on the first try.
- B. Student satisfies the following requirements for acceptance into the UTMB DPT Program:
  1. Satisfactorily completes a consultation by one representative of the faculty of the St. Philip's College program and one faculty representative of the UTMB DPT Bridge program when the student is classified as Level 2A. The St. Philip's College interview will be conducted with the St. Philip's College advisor. The UTMB consultation will be conducted with a DPT faculty member during a visit to a SHP Open House or a phone consultation.
  2. Achieves a grade of "C" or better in all required prerequisite courses.
  3. Achieves a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above for all courses taken in the bachelor's degree curriculum (or 3.00 in the last 90 hours).
  4. Achieves a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above for all math and science courses taken in the bachelor's curriculum.

5. Completes a Bachelor's Degree and all pre-requisite courses by January prior to the desired Summer Semester start date.
6. Completes the required UTMB DPT pre-admission physical therapy experience requirements of at least 2 years in a physical therapy setting in which he/she has been supervised by a licensed PT. These hours must be completed by the time of application and interview.
7. Submits all UTMB DPT application forms by the deadline of the application submission period of the year prior to the desired Summer Semester start date.
8. Submits 3 letters of recommendation (one from the St. Philip's College representative; one from a licensed Physical Therapist.)
9. Completes and submits scores of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) at the time of application.
10. Satisfactorily completes a UTMB admissions interview during the fall prior to the ~~Summer Semester start date of the DPT program.~~
11. Applies for admission within five years of graduating from the St. Philip's College

C. Subject to the number of slots available, UTMB DPT will reserve at least 1 of the class places each year for applicants successfully completing the St. Philip's College curriculum and all other applicable UTMB DPT pre-requisites.

## II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- A. The student is accepted into and follows the curriculum designed by St. Philip's College in conjunction with UTMB DPT as outlined below; (see Section III).
- B. At entry to the St. Philip's College program, the student will be assigned a faculty contact at UTMB DPT to help counsel the student during the course of study at St. Philip's College. The UTMB DPT faculty contact will as needed be available to answer questions regarding the UTMB DPT admission process, including application deadlines and requirements..
- C. When the student is classified as Level 2A in the St. Philip's College Physical Therapist Assistant program, the student will undergo a consultation with one representative of the St. Philip's College Physical Therapist Assistant program and one representative of the UTMB DPT program. These consultations are to determine the student's motivation for the physical therapy health profession, to assess personal qualities deemed valuable to these health professions, to familiarize the student with the UTMB Program, and to allow the student to assess whether such a Program is suited to them. The St. Philip's College interview will be conducted with the St. Philip's College advisor. The UTMB consultation will be conducted during a visit to a SHP Open House with a DPT faculty member or during a phone consultation.
- D. The student successfully completes the required curriculum of the St. Philip's College Physical Therapist Assistant program, whereupon, two students entering the class will be accepted in the UTMB DPT Program on a non-competitive basis, contingent upon the following:
  1. A positive recommendation by the St. Philip's College representative.
  2. Successful completion of all UTMB DPT admissions requirements as outlined in Section IB.

- E. Repetition of courses may be considered acceptable if, in the opinion of the UTMB DPT Bridge Admissions Committee, the number of these courses is not excessive. All grades of a repeated course are calculated into the student's overall GPA, not replacing the previous grade.
- F. Students who do not fulfill the requirements of this early acceptance program are in no way precluded from applying to the UTMB DPT Program through the general competitive admission process.

### III. SPECIFIC PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES

#### A. St. Philip’s College

1. Promotion of and recruiting students into the St. Philip’s College Physical Therapist Assistant program.
2. Ensuring that students are taking the required courses and maintaining GPA standards.
3. Helping UTMB DPT Bridge program ensuring students are completing all the necessary requirements for admission to the UTMB DPT program.

#### B. UTMB DPT Program

1. Promotion of and recruiting students into the Bridge program.
2. Providing a representative to be a contact for each student in the program in order to answer any questions students might have regarding the UTMB DPT part of the St. Philip’s College Physical Therapist Assistant program, the UTMB DPT Bridge program and admission to the UTMB DPT Bridge program.

#### Exchange of Data

The Alamo Colleges and UTMB agree to exchange data and documents as agreed that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of these transfer arrangements, and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions.

Any exchange by the parties of student record information protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (20 USC § 1232g) and implementing regulations (34 CFR Part 99) shall commit the receiving party to limit the use of such information to the purposes for which the disclosure was made, and to impose such limits on any re-disclosure, and the parties agree to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory provisions, including, without limitation 34 CFR 99.31, 99.32, 99.33, 99.34 and 99.35.

UTMB will provide an annual update at the beginning of each fall semester to the Alamo Colleges on the success of Alamo Colleges’ students transferring to UTMB.

#### Limited Trademark License

The undersigned copyright owners Alamo Community College District, a political subdivision of the State of Texas (“Alamo Colleges”) and its articulation agreement (“Agreement”) counterparty signatory

below (collectively, “Parties”), do hereby enter into this Limited Trademark Cross-License (“License”) to one another under the following terms and conditions.

1. **Mark Ownership.** Each Party represents and warrants to the other Party that it has ownership rights in the trade and service marks represented by its logos set forth at its website (“Marks”).
  2. **Consideration.** This Cross-License is made in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the mutual benefit of the authorized use herein licensed, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.
  3. **Grant of Cross-License.** The undersigned Parties hereby grant to one another a non-exclusive, fully paid, revocable license to use its Marks for the limited purpose publicizing the existence of the Agreement for so long as the Agreement remains in effect.
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4. **No Additional Rights.** The Parties acknowledge that each Party shall have no further interest or rights in the intellectual property of the other Party other than the limited, revocable rights herein granted.
  5. **Choice of Law, Jurisdiction & Venue.** This Agreement is made and is to be performed in Bexar County, Texas, and will be interpreted and governed by the Constitution and the internal laws of the State of Texas. Non-exclusive jurisdiction and venue of any court action brought directly or indirectly by reason of this agreement shall be in the state and federal courts of competent jurisdiction of Bexar County, Texas.

## V. GENERAL TERMS

### A. Term of Agreement:

Regardless of the dates of execution, this Agreement shall be effective beginning December 1, 2015 and shall continue until December 31, 2020. Thereafter, the term of this Agreement may be extended for successive 5-year terms by the written agreement of the parties. Either party may terminate this Agreement, without cause, by providing not less than 30 days advance written notice to the other party. This Agreement in no way precludes either Institution from admitting students from other cooperating Institutions or from articulating with other Institutions. There is no financial obligation on the part of either Institution to the other.

### B. Notice:

Any notice to be given hereunder by either party to the other shall be in writing and may be effected by depositing same in the US mail, postpaid and registered or certified and addressed to the party to be notified, with return requested; or by personal delivery to the person to be notified and addressed as follows or to such individuals as each party may notify the other in writing from time to time:

INSTITUTION :

UTMB: The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston  
301 University Boulevard  
Galveston, Texas 77555-0153  
Attn: Vice President and Dean, School of Health Professions

With copy to: Carolyn Utsey, PhD, PT  
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston  
301 University Boulevard  
Galveston, Texas 77550-1132  
Phone: (409) 772-8205

Alamo Colleges District: Christa Emig, Ed.D.  
~~Director of Curriculum Coordination and Transfer Articulation~~  
Alamo Colleges District  
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San Antonio, TX 78204  
(210) 485-0160

St. Philip’s College Tunetha Parchem, PTA, MPT  
Program Director, Instructor  
1801 Martin Luther King Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78203  
(210) 486-2051

C. Independent Contractor:

In no event shall this Agreement be construed to create a partnership, agency, joint venture or similar relationship between the parties hereto.

D. Indemnification.

Both parties are Texas governmental units forbidden to indemnify others by applicable Texas law.

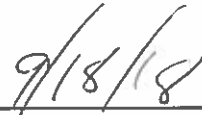
E. Governing Law and Venue:

This Agreement will be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without reference to its conflicts of law provisions.. Subject to the sovereign immunity of the State of Texas, any lawsuit brought against UTMB SHP under this Agreement may only be filed in the State District Court in Galveston County, Texas.

F. Entire Agreement and Amendments:

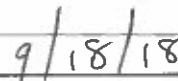
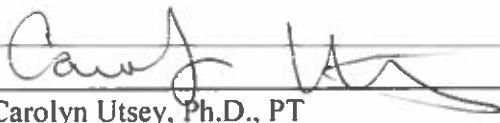
This Agreement constitutes the sole and only agreement of the parties hereto relating to the subject matter of articulation as stated herein and correctly sets forth the rights, duties and obligations of each to the other as of the effective date and throughout the term of this Agreement. This Agreement may not be modified in any respect by any verbal statement, representation, or agreement made by any employee, officer, or representative of either St. Philip’s College or UTMB and no amendment may be made to this Agreement except by written amendments signed by both parties.

EXECUTED as of the dates set forth below to be effective November 1, 2016.



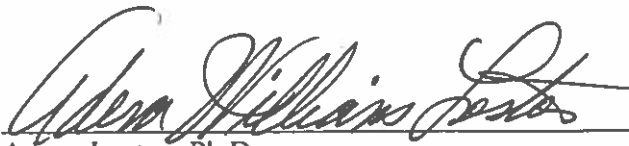
Date

Vicki S. Freeman, PhD  
Interim Dean, School of Health Professions  
University of Texas Medical Branch



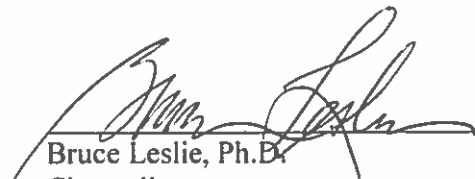
Date

Carolyn Utsey, Ph.D., PT  
Chair, SHP Department of Physical Therapy  
University of Texas Medical Branch



Date

Adena Loston, Ph.D.  
President  
St. Philip’s College



Date

Bruce Leslie, Ph.D.  
Chancellor  
Alamo Colleges



## APPENDIX

Additional information about UTMB Bridge DPT Pre-Admission Requirements can be reviewed at <http://shp.utmb.edu/programs/pt/>.

### Contact persons:

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