

**AGREEMENT
FOR
AN ARTICULATED PROGRAM
BETWEEN
MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY
AND
NEW YORK CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE**

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

Based upon a mutual respect for the integrity of parallel academic programs and in an effort to better serve students intending to pursue the profession of chiropractic at Mansfield University and New York Chiropractic College hereby enter into an agreement of an articulated program. This agreement will outline appropriate course work to be completed at Mansfield University for a student intending to matriculate at New York Chiropractic College. Successful completion of the designated course work in this "3 + 3" program will concurrently meet degree requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Biology degree at Mansfield University, and will satisfy all prerequisite course work to gain entrance to and obtain first standing within the professional Doctor of Chiropractic program at New York Chiropractic College.

Objectives of the Agreement:

1. To attract qualified students to Mansfield University and to New York Chiropractic College.
2. To facilitate an efficient transition of qualified students from Mansfield University to New York Chiropractic College.
3. To provide specific advisement for students who intend to undertake their studies at New York Chiropractic College from both Mansfield University faculty and staff and from faculty and staff members at New York Chiropractic College.
4. To encourage academic coordination and other faculty/administration interactions, including curricular reviews.
5. To provide for the exchange of information on the specific successes and failures of this articulated program with the goal of continual improvement.
6. To provide qualified students the opportunity to complete their baccalaureate degree and doctor of chiropractic degree in a time frame that is one year less than normal while providing an education that is directly comparable in content. With similar course content to the Bachelor of Science in Biology degree presently offered at Mansfield University students will not be disadvantaged under this "3 + 3" agreements but will, however, achieve significant savings in both time and financial resources while completing their education.

SECTION II: TRANSFER AGREEMENT

1. Under the provisions of this program, students will matriculate to Mansfield University for a minimum of three academic years in a program of Health Sciences leading to the Bachelor of Science degree. That program includes the following courses:

		Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
		First Semester		Second Semester	
			Cr.		Cr.
	FYS 1100	First Year Seminar	1	BI 1130	Botany
	BI 1110	Zoology	4	CHM 1112	General Chemistry II
	CHM 1111	General Chemistry I	4	COM 1101, 1102, 1103	
	ENG 1112	Composition I	3	General Education Electives	
	MA 2231	Calculus I	4		
		<i>Note: math sequence will be delayed if courses prerequisite to Calculus must be taken</i>			
		Total:	16	Total:	17
		Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
			Cr.		Cr.
	BI 3290	Research Methods	2	BI 3370	Cell Biology
	CHM 3301	Organic Chemistry I	4	CHM 3302	Organic Chemistry II
	General Education Electives		9	Biology Block Course	
				General Education Elective	
				<i>Note: Talk with at least one faculty member this semester to plan your independent research and prepare/submit your proposal.</i>	
		Total:	15	Total:	18
		Fifth Semester		Sixth Semester	
			Cr.		Cr.
	BI 3350	Ecology	4	PHY 1192	Physics II
	ENG 3313	Composition II	3	BSC 1122	Human Anatomy and Physiology II
	PHY 1191	Physics I	4	General Education Electives	
	BSC 1121	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	BI 4493	Research in Biological Systems II
	BI 4492	Research in Biological Systems I	2	<i>Note: You must complete your application for graduation at least one year prior to your anticipated graduation date. This would be Spring of Junior year for most students.</i>	
		Total:	17	Total:	16

Recommended Courses:

PSY 1101 Introduction to General Psychology
SOC 1101 Introduction to Sociology

MA 1125 Introduction to Statistics OR
BI 3390 Biostatistics & Experimental Design

*Please refer to undergraduate catalog for course options.

**Choice of Biology Electives restricted; please consult with advisor

Total Credits: 99-101

2. With appropriate permission from Mansfield University, students may acquire a portion of the required course work either through credit by transfer or through testing, provided students are in compliance with the residency requirements established by Mansfield University.
3. While at Mansfield University, students will complete all required college core courses in the Mansfield University curriculum as stated in the catalog of Mansfield University.
4. Students will complete the course of study with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.10, and earn a minimum of "C" (2.0) in all specified science courses (chemistry, organic chemistry, biology and physics) to guarantee admission into the entrance date of their choice.
5. Students will furnish New York Chiropractic College with a letter of intent identifying themselves as pre-chiropractic students and identifying the desired date of admission to New York Chiropractic College. Students must furnish New York Chiropractic College with such a letter of intent *no later than* the end of their first year of studies at Mansfield University.
6. Students will make application to New York Chiropractic College *one year prior to their desired term of entry* and will complete all procedures required of candidates for admission, including submission of official college transcripts, furnishing of three character references (at least one from a Doctor of Chiropractic and two from faculty members at Mansfield University), and satisfactory participation in an admissions interview.
7. Student enrolled in the joint "3 + 3" program who successfully complete all courses offered during the first three semesters at New York Chiropractic College with a grade point average of 2.00, will receive the B.S. degree from Mansfield University upon submission of an official transcript from New York Chiropractic College to Mansfield University and completion of the Mansfield University application for graduation and payment of appropriate fees on a timely basis.
8. Under this joint program, each institution shall directly charge the student for courses enrolled in at that institution. Students in the joint program may continue to utilize the Mansfield University library without charge and may take advantage of other benefits offered to students at Mansfield University as long as they obtain a Mansfield University ID while enrolled in the New York Chiropractic College portion of the program.

In recognition of students' successful completion of the program and procedures outlined above, New York Chiropractic College shall accept all students who earn a GPA of 3.10 or above for the entrance date of their choice. Students, who maintain a grade point average less than a 3.10 but earn at least a 2.5 GPA, may be given priority consideration for admission into the entrance date of their choice.

SECTION III: TERM, REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE AGREEMENT

Both institutions hereby agree to notify the other in the event of substantive changes in the courses and programs at each institution which would have an impact upon this Agreement, the courses and provisions contained herein.

At the request of either party, a review of the contents and/or implementation of this Agreement will be conducted by the two institutions.

The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years from the date of execution. This Agreement may not exceed a period of five years at which time it will be reviewed. This Agreement shall be effective upon signature of all required parties, including approval as to form and legality by counsel for Mansfield University.

SECTION IV: ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

Mansfield University and New York Chiropractic College both agree to freely and widely encourage qualified students to participate in this cooperative undertaking by providing advisement, information, and other such assistance which eases the transition of students to chiropractic study while providing the appropriate and rigorous academic background to prepare students for such study. Every effort will be made by admissions personnel, transfer counselors, faculty and staff at Mansfield University to maintain an accurate listing of students expressing intent and pursuing course work in preparation for transfer to New York Chiropractic College.

In turn, the admissions personnel, faculty and staff at New York Chiropractic College agree to promote the pre-chiropractic program of Mansfield University and refer interested students to the Mansfield University admissions office where appropriate.

Both schools may promote and list this "3 + 3" arrangement in their school catalogs and other publications, provided that each institution approves the wording of all copy referring to the arrangement.

SECTION V: REPORTING & REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Both institutions will submit a joint proposal consisting of this agreement and any supporting documentation to the appropriate state agencies requesting registration of a joint program based upon education at Mansfield University and New York Chiropractic College.

SECTION VI: COURSE EQUIVALENCIES AGREEMENT

The Director of Pre-Professional Programs at Mansfield University agrees to notify the Director of Admissions at New York Chiropractic College at any time syllabi are significantly altered in the specified sciences courses.

Likewise, the Director of Admissions at New York Chiropractic College agrees to notify the Director of Pre-Professional Studies at Mansfield University should the content of any basic science courses offered within the first three trimesters at New York Chiropractic College be significantly altered.

SECTION VII: TERMINATION AGREEMENT

This agreement shall remain in force from the date on which it is signed until such time as either institution elects to terminate it. If either institution desires to terminate the agreement, it will be terminated on the first day of July following written notice of the intention to terminate provided such notice is given at least 90 day prior to the first day of July. Termination by either institution will be announced with sufficient anticipation to assure any students enrolled in the program the opportunity to be admitted to New York Chiropractic College under its terms.

In the event of such termination, no new students will be admitted to Mansfield University under the joint "3 + 3" program, but the joint program will be maintained for an appropriate period of time to enable students admitted to Mansfield University under the "3 + 3" program to complete their degrees at both institutions.

SECTION VIII: NON-DISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination and related procedures to insure such based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

SECTION IX: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND POLICIES.

The Parties shall at all times under this Agreement comply with all Federal, State, and local laws and respective institutional policies. [Any reference to applicable academic residency policy requirements per the BOG – see IUP Agreement].

Interpretation of the Agreement. The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern this Agreement. (Other party may understandably want to leave this out)

Modification of Agreement. This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.

Relationship of Parties. The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.

Liability. Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other or 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 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's rights, claims 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 the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education or Mansfield University.

Entire Agreement. This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regards to this relationship.

SECTION IX- CONTINUED

Confidentiality. The parties shall protect the confidentiality of student records as dictated by the Family Educational Records and Privacy Act (FERPA) and shall release no information absent written consent of the student unless required to do so by law or dictated by the terms of this Agreement.

Neither party shall assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of this agreement, or the right, title or interest therein, or the power to execute such agreement to any other person, company or corporation, without previous consent in writing of the other party.

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties hereto.

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

_____ day of _____, 20____.

For Mansfield University

For New York Chiropractic College

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