



**Articulation Agreement
Guaranteed Admission (BS/MSAT 4+2)
Bachelor of Science in Health Science and Master of Science in Athletic Training
Between Stockton University and Jefferson's College of Rehabilitation Sciences of Thomas Jefferson
University**

I. Purpose of Agreement

This Articulation Agreement ("Agreement") is effective as of September 17, 2025 (the "Effective Date") by and between Stockton University ("Stockton") and Thomas Jefferson University ("Jefferson"), on behalf of its Jefferson College of Rehabilitation Sciences ("JCRS"), for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an accelerated educational pathway ("the Guaranteed Admission Program") between Stockton and JCRS and facilitating the advanced acceptance of students from Stockton to JCRS for the purpose of completing the Guaranteed Admission Program. This Agreement shall apply to students enrolled in Stockton as of the 2025-2026 academic year, such that students proceeding through the Guaranteed Admission Program would transfer to Jefferson beginning with the 2026- 2027 academic year, starting Fall 2026.

Students in the Guaranteed Admission Program can earn both a **BS in Health Science** from Stockton and a Master of Science in Athletic Training ("MSAT") degree from JCRS in 6 years. Students will spend all undergraduate years of the Guaranteed Admission Program at Stockton and then proceed to JCRS's MSAT program at the East Falls Campus for the final two years of the Guaranteed Admission Program.

All guaranteed admission students from Stockton to JCRS in connection with the Guaranteed Admission Program are accepted on a contingent basis, which may be rescinded in JCRS's sole discretion. Students must complete all of the requirements as listed in Section III of this agreement to successfully transfer to JCRS.

II. Articulated Curriculum

Students in the Guaranteed Admission Program will follow a specific curricular track or major at Stockton that will include the prerequisite coursework and additional required Stockton coursework needed to matriculate into the MSAT program at JCRS (recommended curriculum plan in Addendum A). All Jefferson prerequisite coursework must be completed Stockton unless otherwise approved by Stockton and is on the Stockton official transcript. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, students who have received college credits for non-science, non-math prerequisite courses required in the prerequisite courses in the required curriculum, as a result of College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations, International Baccalaureate (IB) Programs, or Dual Enrollment College Credit, may transfer these credits to JCRS, per JCRS transfer credit policy.

JCRS requires that these credits are listed on the Stockton transcript specifically as AP, IB, or Dual enrollment credit OR the student can send Jefferson official score reports for their AP or IB exams or official transcripts from the college they had dual enrollment credit.

III. Requirements/Minimum Eligibility for Admission to MSAT Program

The Admission Program provides students from Stockton with a clear path to earn admissions into the Jefferson program. The following criteria are required to be met to earn guaranteed admission:

- Be a rising senior/senior year student who will have earned a bachelor's degree from the partner school prior to enrollment in the program at Jefferson
- Be a first-time applicant to apply to the Guaranteed Admission Program
- Meet the following admissions criteria:
 - Degree Requirement: **BS in Health Science**
 - GPA Requirement: A minimum 3.0 overall GPA is required. The GPA is calculated based on the Undergraduate Institution GPA and not the Athletic Training Centralized Application System (ATCAS).
 - Prerequisite Coursework Requirement: A minimum grade of a "C" is required in the following pre-requisite courses:
 - Anatomy/Physiology I or Anatomy with lab, 4 semester credits
 - Anatomy/Physiology II or Physiology with lab, 4 semester credits
 - Biology with lab, 4 semester credits
 - Chemistry with lab, 4 semester credits
 - Physics with lab, 4 semester credits
 - Psychology, 3 semester credits
 - While not required, the following courses are recommended: Pre-calculus, Nutrition, Kinesiology, Exercise Physiology, Biostatistics, and Research Methods
 - Apply via the Athletic Training Centralized Application System (ATCAS) by the final application deadline of the year of intended entry.
 - Successfully complete an admission interview with the MSAT Faculty Admissions Committee.
 - Maintain good academic and social standing at Stockton. Any violation of the Stockton code of conduct or policies may result in loss of the student's seat in the MSAT program.

As long as the above eligibility criteria are satisfied, there is no limit to the number of students at Stockton who can participate in the Guaranteed Admissions Program.

IV. Prospect Student Information Sharing

On an annual basis Stockton will provide Jefferson with a list of students (names and email addresses) enrolled in their **BS in Health Science** who have demonstrated interest in Jefferson. Jefferson will provide information about the MSAT program to these students either via information sessions, email, or virtual meetings.

V. Program Admissions Decisions

Admissions decisions to Jefferson's MSAT program are made by the Admissions Committee of JCRS. The Admissions Committee is made up of admissions personnel and faculty or advisors from JCRS. There is no limit to the number of qualified students from Stockton that can be accepted into the MSAT program.

Candidates will be selected in the following manner:

1. Stockton will provide Jefferson with a list of candidates meeting established criteria, who may be applying via ATCAS. The list sent to Jefferson should include the following data points, as applicable:
 - First name
 - Middle name
 - Last name
 - Email address
 - Mailing address
 - Phone number
2. Once the candidates apply via ATCAS and submit all required application materials to ATCAS, if they meet the eligibility criteria, they may be accepted.
3. Accepted candidates will have the enrollment deposit fee waived.
4. Students may be eligible for merit-based scholarship. If eligible, the scholarship will be awarded at time of admission.

VI. Program Performance Requirements and Technical Standards

The student must confirm they understand the prerequisite requirements, performance requirements, and technical standards required for being an MSAT student at Jefferson. This information will be presented in their initial acceptance email and each student must acknowledge their understanding of the requirements at the time of acceptance and at the time of transfer.

VII. JCRS's MSAT Program New Student Clinical Clearance Requirements

- Students who are offered admission to JCRS are required to complete clinical clearance requirements as part of the new student requirements and annually while enrolled in coursework in JCRS;
- The clinical clearance requirements will be communicated to students in or around the spring semester prior to transferring;
- Please see Section VIII for more information on clinical clearance requirements.

VIII. Jefferson's New Student Requirements

Jefferson has mandatory requirements of all full-time, new students that students in the Guaranteed Admission Program will need to complete as part of the transfer process. These requirements will be communicated to students on or around the spring semester prior to transferring. These may include University Orientation, Health Insurance Verification, and provision of Medical Records.

IX. Final Decision

All decisions on admission to Jefferson's MSAT program, transfer to JCRS, or on any of the individual requirements of the application process, are within the exclusive discretion of JCRS.

X. Clinical Clearance Requirements

Students who are offered admission to JCRS are required to complete a criminal background check (including fingerprinting), and child abuse clearance, and any other screening requirement imposed by Jefferson as part of the new student onboarding and thereafter annually while enrolled in coursework at JCRS.

Clinical rotation and fieldwork sites that require a criminal background check, drug screening, and/or child abuse clearance may deny a student's participation in the clinical experience, rotation or fieldwork because of information revealed as a result of those screenings. As participation in clinical experiences, rotations, or fieldwork is a required part of the curriculum and a requirement for graduation, denial of participation by a clinical site may result in delay of graduation or the inability to graduate from the Guaranteed Admission Program. JCRS reserves the right to deny or rescind admission based on the results of background checks.

XI. Scholarships / Financial Aid

Scholarships and other forms of financial aid are not transferrable between JCRS and Stockton.

XII. Maintenance

Stockton shall designate a person(s) who will serve as coordinator (s) of the Guaranteed Admission Program and as advisor of students who plan to enroll in JCRS. The coordinator (s) will:

- Maintain files for those Stockton students who demonstrate interest in the Guaranteed Admission Program and intend to enroll in JCRS;
- Assist each applicant in assembling all necessary credentials to transfer into JCRS;
- Be the responsible party for promoting and marketing this opportunity to Stockton prospective students;
- Be responsible for inviting JCRS admissions personnel and faculty to the Stockton campus for the purpose of recruiting and advising students and to educating faculty, advisors and administrators about the Guaranteed Admission Program;
- Ensure that entering JCRS students have fulfilled all degree requirements prior to enrollment at JCRS;
- Be responsible for communicating to JCRS any changes to the titles or identification numbers of any Stockton courses included in the Guaranteed Admission Program's prerequisite courses in the required curriculum as listed on Stockton's Transfer Equivalency Guide, and for communicating to JCRS each June 1 either that no such changes have been made or the substance of any changes made.
- JCRS shall designate a person(s) who will serve as coordinator of the Guaranteed Admission Program and as advisor of students who plan to enroll in JCRS. The coordinator will:
 - Provide a copy of each student's acceptance letter to Stockton;
 - Provide annual updates to Stockton regarding accepted students status in the program;
 - Notify Stockton of JCRS curriculum changes;
 - Attend activities at Stockton related to providing information and guidance to students about the Program;

- Both Stockton and JCRS will assure that appropriate personnel in their respective colleges are made aware of the existence of this Agreement and are encouraged to support it. Such persons at Stockton and JCRS will include, at a minimum, the offices of the deans, admissions staff, career planning and placement officers, transfer coordinators, and faculty.
- Personnel from JCRS will visit Stockton on a regular basis to meet with the coordinator and other appropriate faculty and administrators. Meetings with students will also be arranged, including potential candidates who intend to enroll in JCRS as well as other students who may simply wish to seek general information.
- The faculty, staff, and administration of Stockton are encouraged to visit Jefferson's campus.
- JCRS will supply Stockton with promotional literature. Promotional literature created by JCRS or Stockton must be reviewed by both parties prior to Stockton's distribution of the promotional literature to appropriate student groups. Neither party may use the name, trademark, logo, symbol, or other image or trade name of the other party or its employees and agents in any advertisement, promotion, or other form of publicity or news release, or for any other reason without the prior written consent of an authorized representative of the party whose name is being used.

XIII. Term and Termination of Agreement

This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of one year, and will be automatically renewed for successive one year periods up to 5 years unless terminated or amended as provided herein.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the other party. Such notice shall be sent by overnight commercial carrier or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, and shall be effective upon delivery. The Agreement may also be terminated any time by mutual consent. Any student enrolled in JCRS's portion of the Guaranteed Admission Program plan of study at the time notice of termination is provided shall be permitted to complete such plan of study under the terms and conditions set forth herein. The addresses to which written notice is to be sent are specified below.

JCRS:

Steve Williams, MD
Dean
Jefferson College of Rehabilitation Sciences
Thomas Jefferson University
C/O Office of Admissions
130 S 9th Street, Suite 100
Philadelphia, PA 19107

With a Copy to:

Thomas Jefferson University
Office of Legal Affairs
1101 Market Street, Suite 2400
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Attn: EVP & Chief Legal Officer

UNDERGRADUATE
INSTITUTION:

Michael Palladino, PhD
Provost
Stockton University
101 Vera King Farris Dr.
Galloway, NJ 08205

With a Copy to:

Stockton University
101 Vera King Farris Dr.
Galloway, NJ 08205
Attn: Office of General Council

XIV. No Third Party Beneficiaries

None of the benefits or obligations of either party under this Agreement shall or are intended to run to, benefit or be enforceable by any student or other third party. No student is intended to or shall be permitted to claim to be a third party beneficiary of this Agreement, the Guaranteed Admission Program, or the parties' relationship with one another.

XV. General Provisions

1. Jefferson shall have the right, upon notice to the partner school, to alter or amend this Agreement as necessary.
2. Neither party shall assign, sell or otherwise transfer this Agreement without the express written consent of the other. Any such purported assignment, sale or transfer shall be void.
3. ~~This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, without regard to its principles of conflicts of law or choice of laws. The parties agree that disputes arising from or related to this Agreement or the Program will be litigated in the federal or state courts located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.~~
4. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same document, which shall be binding on the parties notwithstanding that each of the parties may have signed different counterparts. Facsimiles or scanned copies of signatures or electronic images of signatures shall be considered original signatures unless prohibited by applicable law.
5. It is mutually understood and agreed that the relationship between the parties is that of independent contractors. Neither party is the agent, employee, partner, joint venturer, or servant of the other. Except as specifically set forth herein, neither party shall have nor exercise any control or direction over the methods by which the other party performs obligations under this Agreement. Further, nothing in this Agreement is intended to create any partnership, joint ventures, lease, or equity relationship, expressly or by implication, between the parties.
6. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter, and supersedes all other or prior agreements or understandings, whether written or oral,

with respect to that subject matter. The invalidity or unenforceability of any term or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other term or provision hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the parties, ***intending to be legally bound***, have signed this Agreement as of the Effective Date

For Jefferson College of Rehabilitation Sciences:

For Stockton University:



Michael A. Palladino

Steve Williams, MD
Dean
Jefferson College of Rehabilitation Sciences
Thomas Jefferson University
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Michael Palladino, PhD
Provost
Stockton University
101 Vera King Farris Dr.
Galloway, NJ 08205

October 7, 2025
Date

10/28/2025
Date

ADDENDUM A: Recommended Curriculum Plan

Curriculum Plan: Bachelor of Science in Health Science at Stockton University / Master of Science in Athletic Training at Thomas Jefferson University (BSHS/MSAT 4+2)

School of Health Sciences | Stockton University

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- This is a suggested plan of study for completion of this degree program. The **goal** of a Curriculum Worksheet is to ensure that students meet the graduation requirements in a timely manner.
- All students should speak with their preceptor about their academic programs. Students are advised to reference their **Degree Works** for information about their program's At-Some-Distance and Cognate courses.
- Transfer students may not need to take all courses in the plan; they should consult with their preceptor/ academic advisor.

FIRST YEAR - FALL	Credit	FIRST YEAR - SPRING	Credit
Course load	17	Course load	17
Subject: FRST, GAH, GEN, GNM, or GSS Optional Attribute: First Year Seminar	4	Subject: FRST, GAH, GEN, GNM, GSS, or ASD Attribute: A, H, I, and/or R	4
Subject: FRST, GAH, GEN, GNM, or GSS Attribute: W2, A, H, I, and/or R	4	HLTH 1241: Medical Terminology for Health	4
HLTH 1101: Introduction to Health Sciences	4	Math 1100: Precalculus (Q1)	4
BIOL 1200/05: Cells and Molecules / Bio I Lab	5	BIOL 1400/05: Biodiversity & Evolution / Bio II Lab	5

SECOND YEAR - FALL	Credit	SECOND YEAR - SPRING	Credit
Course load	17	Course load	17
Subject: GAH, GEN, GNM, GSS, or ASD Attribute: W2, A, H, I, and/or R	4	Subject: GAH, GEN, GNM, GSS, or ASD Attribute: W2, A, H, I, and/or R	4
Subject: FRST, GAH, GEN, GNM, GSS, or ASD Attribute: W2, A, H, I, and/or R	4	HLTH 2501: Ethics & Teamwork in Healthcare (V)	4
HLTH 2305: Statistics for Health Professionals (Q1)	4	HLTH 2411: Informatics for the Health Sciences	4
CHEM 2110/15: Chemistry I / Chem I Lab (Q2)	5	CHEM 2100/25: Chemistry II / Chem II Lab (Q2)	5

THIRD YEAR - FALL	Credit	THIRD YEAR - SPRING	Credit
Course load	16	Course load	16
Subject: GAH, GEN, GNM, GSS, or ASD Attribute: W2, A, H, I, and/or R	4	Subject: GAH, GEN, GNM, GSS, or ASD Attribute: W2, A, H, I, and/or R	4
Subject: GAH, GEN, GNM, GSS, or ASD Attribute: W2, A, H, I, and/or R	4	HLTH 3411: Writing and Editing for the HS (W1)	4
HLTH 3413: Basic & Therapeutic Nutrition	4	PSYC 1100: Introduction to Psychology	4
BIOL 1260: A&P I for HLTH Science w/Lab	4	BIOL 2260: A&P II for HLTH Science w/Lab	4

FOURTH YEAR - FALL	Credit	FOURTH YEAR - SPRING	Credit
Course load	17	Course load	13
Subject: GAH, GEN, GNM, GSS, or ASD Attribute: W2, A, H, I, and/or R	4	Subject: GIS Attribute: W2, A, H, I, and/or R	4
Subject: GAH, GEN, GNM, GSS, or ASD Attribute: W2, A, H, I, and/or R	4	HLTH 4200: Research for the Health Sciences (W2/Q2)	4
PHYS 2110/15: Physics for Life Sci. I / Phys I Lab (Q2)	5	PHYS 2120/25: Physics for Life Sci. II/Phys II Lab (Q2)	5
Upper Level Cognate	4		

Jefferson University Curriculum			
FIFTH YEAR – Fall 1	Credits	FIFTH YEAR – Fall 2	Credits
Course load	15	Course load	3
FIFTH YEAR – Spring 1	Credits	FIFTH YEAR – Spring 2	Credits
Course load	13	Course load	3
FIFTH YEAR – Summer 1 & 2	Credits	SIXTH YEAR – Fall 1	Credits
Course load	3	Course load	3
SIXTH YEAR – Fall 2	Credits	SIXTH YEAR – Spring 1	Credits
Course load	12	Course load	3
SIXTH YEAR – Spring 2	Credits		
Course load	10		

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT TRACKER

Writing Requirement	✓
W1 (First year)	
W1/W2	
W1/W2	
W1/W2 (3000 level or higher)	

At-some-distance	✓
ASD	
ASD	
ASD	
ASD	

Attributes	✓
A	
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I	
R1	
R2	
V	

G-course	✓
GAH	
GAH	
GEN	
GIS	
GNM	
GNM	
GSS	
GSS	

Quantitative Reasoning	✓
Q1 (First year)	
Q1/Q2	
Q2	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- **FIRST (FRST).** All newly admitted freshmen or transfer students with 15 or fewer credits are required to fulfill the University's first-year competency requirement. The requirement may be met by demonstrating competency on the placement tests, or by passing, with a grade of C or better, all FRST courses: FRST 1101 – College Writing, 1002 – Critical Thinking and Reading, and 1103 – Quantitative Reasoning into which students have been placed. Students enrolled in FRST 1100 – Developmental Mathematics must receive a grade of C or better, and then enroll in and receive a grade of C or better in FRST 1103 to demonstrate competency. Full-time students must register for all required FRST courses in their first semester. Depending on time to completion of competency requirements, some students may need additional time for degree completion. *Note-* certain FRST courses also meet the requirements of the General Studies course distribution categories.
- **General Studies.** Students must complete 48 credits of General Studies with the distribution requirement of: 8 GAH, 4 GEN, 4 GIS, 8 GNM, 8 GSS and 16 ASD (At Some Distance). See 2021-2022 Bulletin for more information.
- **W1/W2- Writing requirement.** Students are required to complete (C or better) four Writing intensive (W1/W2) courses. One W1 is required in the first year and an additional three W1 or W2 with one in the upper-level division (3000-level or higher). W1/W2 courses can be found in General Studies or Program/cognate courses depending on major.
- **Q1/Q2- Quantitative Reasoning.** Students are required to complete (C or Better) three Q1/Q2 courses. One Q1 in the freshman year and at least one Q2. Q1/Q2 courses may be found in General Studies or Program/cognate course depending on major.

- **R1/R2- Race and Racism.** Students are required to pass one (1) R1 and one (1) R2 courses. R1/R2 courses may be found in General Studies or Program/cognate courses depending on major.
- **Minor program.** Students may select a Minor program of study, in consultation with their preceptor. Minor courses would replace some of the ASD or Program/cognate courses in the Degree Map.
- **The course, PUBH 5900 Applied Practice Experience (Internship),** may be completed in any semester in which the student is eligible (having successfully completed 18 graduate credits); the option of fourth-year summer is provided in this Curriculum Worksheet as a planning aid.
- **The course, PUBH 5104,** may be offered in Spring and Summer semesters in alternating academic years and students may choose the best option for their schedule.