

An Educational Articulation Agreement
Between
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Rutgers School of Dental Medicine
And
Stockton University

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Rutgers School of Dental Medicine
University Heights, 110 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey 07103

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (Rutgers), on behalf of its Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (RSDM) and Stockton University (SU), hereby formally agree to the establishment of an Educational Articulation Agreement in an effort to encourage the entrance of students into the dental profession.

WHEREAS, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is a statewide educational institution with multiple regional campuses, serving the State as the primary provider of health sciences education;

WHEREAS, SU is dedicated to the provision of undergraduate educational programs consistent with the overall mission of RSDM;

WHEREAS, the undergraduate schools of SU offer the baccalaureate degree;

WHEREAS, Rutgers School of Dental Medicine hereinafter referred to as RSDM, is an instructional unit of Rutgers dedicated to the provision of professional dental school education;

WHEREAS, RSDM offers the Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) Degree;

NOW, THEREFORE, SU and Rutgers wish to confirm in writing the terms of mutual and individual responsibilities related to offering an Articulated Baccalaureate – Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) Degree Program (Articulated Degree Program).

A. GENERAL GUIDELINES OF THE ARTICULATED DEGREE PROGRAM

A.1 SU and RSDM agree to offer the Baccalaureate and D.M.D. programs respectively in accordance with the general guidelines described below.

A.2 SU will award the baccalaureate degree upon the recommendation of the faculties and deans of the undergraduate schools of SU.

A.3 RSDM will award the D.M.D. degree upon the recommendation of the faculty and Dean of RSDM.

- A.4 An Executive Committee shall be formed at **each** institution comprised of faculty/staff from respectively SU or RSDM, to select qualified applicants.
- A.5 The Executive Committees shall be responsible for establishing criteria for admission into the program, advertising and publicity, recruitment brochures, evaluation, interviewing, selection based on established criteria, and notification of applicants. The Executive Committees shall also ensure that, upon admission, all applicants are informed of the specific requirements for continued good standing and the requirements for acceptance into RSDM at the completion of the undergraduate phase. Ultimate admission to RSDM will remain the prerogative of RSDM, and the Executive Committees of the Articulated Degree Program will ensure the prospective students are aware of this condition.
- A.6 The SU Executive Committee shall be responsible for advising, counseling, and reviewing the progress of each student in the undergraduate phase of the program. It is recognized that students in the Articulated Degree Program must fulfill all the necessary curricular requirements of SU and RSDM to qualify as candidates for the baccalaureate and D.M.D. degrees.
- A.7 The SU Executive Committee shall be responsible for coordinating the baccalaureate requirements at the SU undergraduate schools with the pre-requisites for admission to RSDM, and shall recommend students from the program for admission to RSDM based upon their performance in the program. RSDM shall retain final authority to admit students to RSDM.
- A.8 While matriculated at SU, each student will be entitled to the same services and privileges accorded to all regularly enrolled SU students, and while enrolled at RSDM each student will be entitled to the same services and privileges accorded to all regularly enrolled RSDM students.

B. ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION CRITERIA

B.1 Qualified students who are in their fourth term (semester) at one of the undergraduate schools of SU may apply for admission into the undergraduate phase of the program.

B.2 For admission into RSDM for the dental phase of the program, applicants must have completed coursework and all necessary prerequisites comparable to those offered at Rutgers: two terms of College English (at least 6 credits), General Biology I and II with laboratory (8 credits), Physics I and II with laboratory (8 credits), General Chemistry I and II with laboratory (8 credits), and Organic Chemistry I and II with laboratory (8 credits) with a cumulative **science** grade point average of 3.50 or better. In the event of advanced placement credit in the prerequisite sciences, applicants will still be required to take substituted upper level sciences with the same amount of credit weight in the required sciences at SU. Performance in these sciences will be a component for the basis of evaluation for admission into the dental phase of the articulated program.

B.3 The Executive Committees shall periodically review the eligibility and admission criteria and modify them as deemed appropriate.

B.4 Applications for admission into the undergraduate phase of the Articulated Degree Program shall include the submission of a completed application to the appropriate program director at SU, a personal statement, official college transcripts, at least three letters of recommendation from science professors, and any other information required by the RSDM Executive Committee.

B.5 After preliminary evaluation of the applications by the Executive Committees, selected applicants will be invited for interviews. An interview of the applicant will be conducted by members of the RSDM Executive Committee. Following the interview, the RSDM Executive Committee will compile the evaluations of all interviews and make final selection of students to be admitted to the undergraduate phase of the Articulated Degree

Program. Applicants will be notified of admission decisions electronically as early as possible after the interview.

- B.6 For admission into the dental phase of the program, candidates must have completed their college general education requirements, the requirements provided in B.2 herein, and those major electives required by SU.
- B.7 Acceptance into RSDM will be contingent upon recommendation by the RSDM Executive Committee, satisfactory completion of the Dental Admissions Test (DAT), **and** a favorable admission decision by RSDM. RSDM reserves the right to make independent acceptance decisions and to require additional evaluations and interviews at any time.
- B.8 All applicants accepted and enrolled students in the Articulated Degree Program must satisfy all SU and RSDM requirements, including, but not limited to student immunization and health requirements, disciplinary disclosure forms, and criminal background checks.

C. ARTICULATED DEGREE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- C.1 Prior to RSDM matriculation, applicant must have successfully completed three years of undergraduate matriculation.
- C.2 All RSDM applications must be submitted to the American Dental Education Association Associated American Dental Schools Application Service (ADEA AADSAS) by December 1st of the year preceding enrollment.
- C.3 All RSDM requirements provided in B.2 herein must be fulfilled and completed at SU.
- C.4 Minimum DAT scores must be achieved, but are not necessarily sufficient to guarantee admission: Academic Average, 20 and individual science scores as follows, Organic Chemistry 20, Biology 20, and General Chemistry 20.
- C.5 DATs must be taken and submitted to the RSDM Office of Admissions by January 1st of the entering year.

- C.6 No withdrawals or incomplete grades are permitted in any RSDM requirements provided in B.2 herein.
- C.7 Those applicants who meet the academic criteria noted above may be invited for an interview with the RSDM Executive Committee; however, those applicants who are invited are advised that the invitation does not guarantee acceptance into the dental phase of the Articulated Degree Program.
- C.8 Applicants not invited for an interview, or not selected for admission to RSDM, shall be notified of the decision as early as possible, and can reapply for regular admission the following year through ADEA AADSAS.
- C.9 During the fourth year of the Articulated Degree Program, students who have been admitted to RSDM will enroll in the first year of dental school courses, which may be applied towards elective credits for the undergraduate degree at SU.
- C.10 A student may choose any academic major offered by the undergraduate schools as long as the requirements for entry into the Articulated Degree Program and RSDM are satisfied. Selected RSDM basic science courses may be used to satisfy the biological sciences major and/or undergraduate elective credits as determined by the appropriate academic department(s). No more than four transfer credits from RSDM to SU will be awarded for any single RSDM course. The baccalaureate degree will be conferred at the end of four years or when a student has completed requirements for the degree. It is the responsibility of the student to satisfy all requirements for their degree(s), including cross registration and submission of RSDM transcripts to SU, enabling the transfer of grades.
- C.11 The SU director of the Articulated Degree Program will meet regularly with students in the Program and inform the SU Executive Committee of any matters or recommendations concerning the Program or individual students.

D. FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS AND INSURANCE

- D.1 Financial aid, scholarships and fellowships shall be awarded to students in the Program by SU and RSDM on the same basis as awarded to other students at these universities.
- D.2 SU will bill for and collect full-time student fees and tuition for students enrolled in the undergraduate phase of the Program (prior to matriculation at RSDM).
- D.3 RSDM will bill for and collect all student fees and tuition for students enrolled in the dental phase of the Program (subsequent to matriculation at RSDM).
- D.4 The cost for administering the Articulated Degree Program will be shared equally by SU and RSDM.
- D.5 SU is an agency of the State of New Jersey. Any agreement or arrangement signed or entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by a State official or employee shall be subject to all of the provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act N.J.S.A. 59:1-1 et seq., the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act N.J.S.A. 59:13-1 et seq., and the availability of appropriations. The State of New Jersey does not carry public liability insurance, but the liability of the State and the obligations of the State to be responsible for tort claims against its agencies and employees are covered under the terms and provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act. The Act also creates a special self-funded reserve and provides for payment of claims against the State of New Jersey or against its employees for which the State of New Jersey is obligated to indemnify against tort claims which arise out of the performance of their duties. Claims against the State of New Jersey or its employees arising out of the use of a facility should be referred for handling to the State of New Jersey, Division of Risk Management, 20 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.
- D.6 Rutgers shall provide for professional and general liability coverage insuring Rutgers and its faculty, students, and employees performing activities under this Agreement through a program of self-insurance providing limits of coverage of \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000 on an

occurrence type basis pursuant to N.J.S.A. 59:1 – 1et seq., the State of New Jersey Tort Claims Act.

E. REPORTS

E.1 The directors of the Articulated Degree Program shall submit a written report annually to the appropriate academic officers holding jurisdiction, summarizing the activities of the Articulated Degree Program along with academic transcripts for each student in the Program.

F. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

F.1 The parties agree that all Federal and State laws against discrimination, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, shall be applicable to all activities under this Agreement.

F.2 This Agreement shall be for a term of five (5) years, commencing July 1, 2020, and terminating on June 30, 2025. There shall be no automatic renewals. However, at least six months prior to the expiration of this Agreement, or no later than December 30, 2024, the parties agree they will enter into negotiations regarding extending the term of this Agreement for one (1) year. Otherwise, this Agreement shall terminate on June 30, 2025. If the parties agree to extend the term of the Agreement for one (1) year, its present conditions may be modified or changed only with the written consent of the both parties. Thereafter, or no later than December 30th of the year preceding the expiration of the current Agreement, the parties will enter into negotiations regarding terminating this Agreement or extending its term for one (1) year. It is further agreed that in the event either party terminates this Agreement, or notwithstanding any other provision of this

Agreement, both parties will assume a responsibility to all students enrolled in the program as of the date of the termination notice, to permit said students to complete the program.

- F.3 Copies of this Agreement shall be filed in the offices of the University Provost at SU and in the Office of the Dean of RSDM, and the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs of Rutgers.
- F.4 This Agreement shall not be assigned, sublet, or transferred without consent of Rutgers and SU.
- F.5 This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their successors.
- F.6 In this Agreement, Rutgers and SU shall continue to be autonomous and shall be governed independently by their respective governing bodies and administration, except insofar as this Agreement states to the contrary.
- F.7 Any notice by either institution to the other regarding this Agreement should be in writing and should be sent by registered or certified mail and addressed to the head of the appropriate cooperating institution, either:
- 1) The Dean, RSDM, 110 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey 07103; or
 - 2) The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Stockton University, K-201, 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205-9441
- F.8 The terms and conditions of this Agreement, and any disagreements that arise pursuant thereto, shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Rutgers and SU have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers and their seals hereunder to be affixed as of the day and year as instructed above.

Cecile Feldman
Dean, Rutgers School of Dental Medicine
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Cecile Feldman . Date

Brian L. Strom
Chancellor, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Brian L. Strom Date


Richard L. Edwards
Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

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Peter F. Straub
Dean, Natural Sciences and Mathematics
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Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Stockton University



Michelle McDonald 8/6/2020
Date