

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
(Doctor of Physical Therapy Collaborative Early Assurance Program)

THIS GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”), is made and entered into February 27, 2026 (“Effective Date”), by and between **WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS** on behalf of **WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY and its SCHOOL OF MEDICINE** (“WVU”) and **GLENVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY** (“Affiliate”), (collectively the “Parties” and sometimes individually as a “Party”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the West Virginia University Board of Governors is the statutorily created governing board which operates West Virginia University; and

WHEREAS, WVU School of Medicine offers a Doctor of Physical Therapy program.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and conditions herein contained, WVU and Affiliate hereby agree as follows:

1. Purpose. These guidelines are designed to facilitate and coordinate the articulation enrollment processes and procedures, enhance advising, and promote the acceptance of equivalent courses/credits between WVU and Affiliate allowing for an efficient and effective transition from a Baccalaureate program at Affiliate to the Doctor of Physical Therapy (“DPT”) program at WVU (“DPT CEAP”).

2. Admissions Practices and Requirements.

2.1. WVU encourages applications from articulating Affiliate students who wish to matriculate into the DPT program at WVU. Undergraduate study will be completed at Affiliate and post-baccalaureate/professional study at WVU. Upon successful completion of the professional program, the DPT will be awarded by WVU.

2.2. In order to be eligible for the DPT CEAP, first-year students matriculating at Affiliate must meet the following minimum requirements:

- a. Be admitted to Affiliate in the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences with Pre-Physical Therapy concentration or any major that will allow them to complete the required prerequisite and general education courses as outlined in 2.3(d) and 2.3(e) and in good standing at Affiliate.
- b. Meet the general admission requirements for WVU in effect at the time of admission to Affiliate, in addition to meeting the following criteria:
 1. Have a high school GPA of 3.50 or higher.
 2. Have an ACT Math score of 24 or higher or an SAT Math score of 570 or higher.

2.3. Up to two (2) students annually who matriculate at Affiliate as part of the DPT CEAP (pursuant to the requirements stated in 2.2 above), who comply with all admissions requirements in effect for the program at the time of application, and who meet all of the following criteria will receive guaranteed admission into the WVU DPT program:

- a. Submit a letter of intent to enter the WVU DPT program once the student has completed a minimum of 60 credit hours but no more than 90, typically by the end of the spring semester of the student's junior year at Affiliate. The letter should be addressed to the Assistant Director of Admissions in the WVU School of Medicine, Professional and Undergraduate Programs (contact information to be maintained by the student's program of study at Affiliate) and should contain an official transcript and initial letter of endorsement from the director or chair of the student's major at Affiliate.

- b. Register on the PTCAS application system and submit an application, which must be received and verified no later than July 31 of the student's senior year at Affiliate.
- c. Complete the baccalaureate degree at Affiliate (or be on track to do so by the anticipated DPT start date). Note that applicants may be enrolled in prerequisite courses at the time of application. However, all prerequisite courses and the undergraduate major must be successfully completed by the end of the spring semester (typically mid-May) of the year of entering the program.
- d. Maintain a minimum overall GPA at Affiliate (and any other institutions of higher education attended) of 3.5.
- e. Maintain a minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.5 (with a minimum grade of C) in Affiliate courses with equivalency to the following required prerequisite courses:
 - BIOL 101/101L and BIOL 102/102L: General Biology 1 & 2 (8 hrs.) or higher
 - CHEM 115/115L and CHEM 116/116L: Fundamentals of Chemistry 1 & 2 (8 hrs.) or higher
 - PHYS 101/101L and PHYS 102/102L: Introductory Physics 1 & 2 (8 hrs.) or higher
 - STAT 211: Elementary Statistical Inference (3 hrs.) or ECON 225: Elementary Business and Economics Statistics (3 hrs.)
 - PSYC 101: Introduction to Psychology (3 hrs.)
 - PSYC 241: Introduction to Human Development (3 hrs.)
 - A course in developmental psychology is strongly recommended, although other psychology courses (abnormal, social) are accepted. Students should seek developmental psychology courses that cover the entire human lifespan, from birth through older adulthood, when possible. Courses in sports psychology may not be used for this prerequisite.

- Human Anatomy (3 hrs.) – course should be equivalent to one of the following:
 - EXPH 440: Anatomy for Exercise Physiology (3 hrs.)
 - PALM 205: Introduction to Human Anatomy (3 hrs.)
 - BIOL 345/345L: Human Anatomy (4 hrs.)
 - The anatomy courses included in the DPT curriculum are extremely rigorous. Students should seek out the highest level anatomy course(s) available. The minimum prerequisite is a 3 credit hour course in human anatomy, ideally with a laboratory.
- Human Physiology (3 hrs.). An equivalent to PSIO 441: Mechanisms of Body Function (4 hrs.) is strongly recommended, but the program will also accept one of the following:
 - PSIO 241: Elementary Physiology (4 hrs.)
 - BIOL 235: Human Physiology (3 hrs.)

We will accept a 2-semester, 8-credit sequence of combined human anatomy & physiology, although separate anatomy and physiology courses are preferred. Courses in comparative, mammalian, or animal anatomy and physiology will not be accepted. It is recommended that prerequisite courses in human anatomy and human physiology be completed within two years prior to admission.

A course in medical terminology, and courses related to pathophysiology and mechanism of body function (i.e. WVU courses EXPH 460, PSIO 441) are recommended, but not required.

- f. Submit three letters of recommendation. One must be from the director of the student's major at Affiliate; if the director has not taught the student in at least one course, they must include input from such an individual. The other two references must be from US-licensed physical therapists with whom the student has worked in a clinical setting, either on a volunteer or work basis.
- g. Complete a minimum of forty (40) hours of volunteer or work experience under the direction of a licensed physical therapist, with experience from two

(2) different practice settings recommended. These must be documented via a verification form that will be provided to Affiliate by WVU.

2.4. Students who are non-native speakers of English with international transcripts, regardless of U.S. citizenship, must validate proficiency in the English language and must meet or exceed the minimum score requirements as published on WVU's graduate Admissions webpage.

2.5. Any exceptions to these Admission practices and requirements must have the advanced written approval of both Parties. Reasonable advance notice and acceptable exceptions will be determined at the sole discretion of WVU.

2.6. Students who matriculate at Affiliate as part of the DPT CEAP but who do not meet the criteria stated in 2.3 may still apply to the WVU DPT program and will be considered in relation to other qualified candidates in the general applicant pool.

3. Advising and Enrollment.

3.1. Each student who matriculates at Affiliate as part of the DPT CEAP will be co-advised by assigned members of the faculty from Affiliate and from WVU during their time at Affiliate.

3.2. On an annual basis, Affiliate will provide information on incoming students who have matriculated into the DPT CEAP as well as on the academic progress of current students enrolled in the DPT CEAP. This information will be provided to the Assistant Director of Admissions, School of Medicine, Professional and Undergraduate Programs.

3.3. Affiliate and WVU both agree to freely and widely encourage qualified students to participate in this cooperative undertaking by providing advisement, information, and other such assistance which will ease the transition of students to Physical Therapy studies 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 Affiliate to maintain an accurate listing of students who matriculate into the DPT CEAP in preparation for enrollment in the DPT program at WVU.

3.4. All advertising materials promoting the DPT CEAP will be mutually agreed upon by designated representatives from WVU and Affiliate prior to publication.

4. Review of Agreement and Relationship.

4.1. WVU and Affiliate agree to review the Agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies annually in May or at any time that relevant program changes are to be made by either institution. Affiliate will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purposes of monitoring this Agreement. The Affiliate's Dean of Health Sciences and WVU's Associate Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Success will serve as the liaisons.

4.2. WVU and Affiliate agree to notify the other in writing in the event of substantive changes in any institutional courses and programs that may have an impact upon this Agreement.

5. Term and Termination.

5.1. This Agreement shall remain in effect for five (5) years from the Effective Date or until such time as either Party elects to terminate it. This Agreement can be renewed upon the mutual written agreement of the Parties. Either Party may terminate this agreement by providing thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the other Party.

5.2. This Agreement is contingent upon WVU retaining accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission ("HLC") and retaining accreditation for its Physical Therapy program through the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education ("CAPTE"). This Agreement is also contingent upon Affiliate retaining accreditation by the applicable regional

accrediting body. Failure by either institution to retain relevant accreditation(s) is grounds for termination of the Agreement.

5.3. Termination of this Agreement by either WVU or Affiliate will not unfavorably affect the ability of any student who has already matriculated into the DPT CEAP at Affiliate to be admitted to the WVU DPT program if that student has already submitted a letter of intent pursuant to the terms of Section 2.3. A maximum of two (2) students who have submitted a letter of intent prior to the termination of this Agreement and who subsequently comply with all conditions for admission (as outlined in Section 2.3 above) will be admitted to the WVU DPT program in the appropriate year notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement.

5.4. In the event of termination of this Agreement by either WVU or Affiliate, no new students will be admitted to Affiliate expecting to benefit from the terms of this Agreement.

6. Transfer Equivalency Agreements and Amendments

6.1. The WVU School of Medicine, Division of Physical Therapy will review any courses that are not previously articulated in WVU's transfer equivalency database and may make exceptions for non-articulated courses that otherwise meet prerequisite requirements.

6.2. The transfer equivalency agreements in effect for the prerequisite courses offered at Affiliate at the time a student first enrolls at Affiliate will be honored by WVU if the student completes all other program requirements and successfully matriculates in the WVU DPT program following completion of the baccalaureate degree at Affiliate.

6.3. All transfer equivalency agreements may be amended as needed.

7. **Notices.** Any written notice required by this Agreement shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address given below or to such later address as may be specified in

writing. Any prior written notice periods required by this Agreement shall be deemed to be effective upon receipt if sent in accordance with this notice provision.

If to WVU: Chancellor & Executive Dean for Health Sciences
 West Virginia University
 64 Medical Center Drive
 P.O. Box 9000
 Morgantown, WV 26506

If to Affiliate: Dean of Health Sciences
 Glennville State University
 200 High Street
 Glennville, WV 26351

8. Non-Discrimination. The Parties shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability, marital or family status, pregnancy, veteran status, service in the uniformed services (as defined in state and federal law), religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity, or gender expression.

9. Independent Contractor. 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.

10. Liability. Each Party agrees that it shall be responsible for all demands, claims, damages to persons and/or property, losses or liabilities, including reasonable attorney fees arising out of or caused by the Party's negligence or intentional misconduct, if assessed by a court of competent jurisdiction to be the responsibility of that Party.

11. FERPA. Affiliate acknowledges that students' educational records are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA" 34 CFR § 99.33(a)(2)) and that, in most instances, student permission must be obtained before releasing specific student data to anyone other than WVU. To the extent that Affiliate receives from WVU personally identifiable

information from educational records as defined in FERPA, Affiliate agrees to abide by the limitation on re-disclosure set forth in FERPA, which states that the officers, employees, and agents of a Party that receives education record information from WVU may use the information, but only for the purposes for which the disclosure was made. WVU agrees to provide guidance to Affiliate with respect to complying with FERPA.

12. Severability. If any portion of this Agreement shall for any reason be invalid, illegal, unenforceable, or otherwise inoperative, the valid and enforceable provisions will continue to be given effect and to bind the Parties.

13. Use of Name. Neither Party shall use the name or logo of the other Party or their trade, assumed, or true names in any advertising, promotional, or other materials in any form of media without the prior written consent of that Party. Requests to use WVU's name or logo should be sent to the Director of Brand and Trademark Licensing at trademarklicensing@mail.wvu.edu.

14. Entire Agreement. All "pathway", "suggested plan of study", or other agreements pertaining to the courses to be taken in relation to the transfer process contemplated herein are incorporated herein by reference. Otherwise, this Agreement contains the entire agreement of the Parties as to this subject matter and supersedes any previous oral or written negotiations and/or agreement.

15. Counterparts and Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but which together shall constitute one (1) and the same instrument. Facsimile or scanned images of signatures upon this Agreement shall be binding on the Party so signing as if an original signature and shall have the full force and effect thereof.

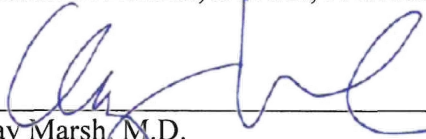
16. **Assignment.** This Agreement may not be assigned by either Party without prior written consent to the other Party hereto; provided, that WVU may assign this Agreement to a successor board, agency or commission of the State of West Virginia by giving written notice to Affiliate.

17. **Modifications and Amendments.** This Agreement may be modified at any time upon mutual consent in writing of the Parties signed by all the Parties hereto. Any proposed change must be made in writing to the other Party and must be accepted in writing before it will take effect.

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SIGNATURES TO FOLLOW ON NEXT PAGE.]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized Parties have hereunto set their hands and seals
on the date first written above.

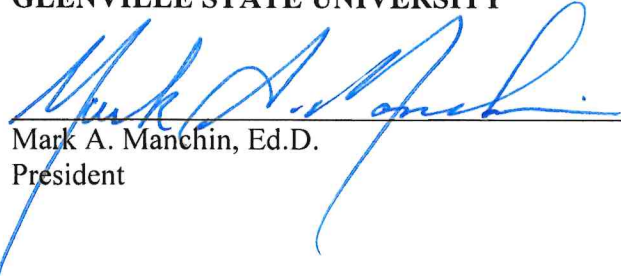
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on behalf of **WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY**,
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