

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT FOR PROGRAMS OF STUDY LEADING TO A
PROFESSIONAL MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING
BETWEEN MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
AND
CONCORD UNIVERSITY

This Agreement is entered into this 9th day of Sept., 2024, between Marshall University (*Marshall*, a State institution of higher education in West Virginia located at 1 John Marshall Drive, Huntington, WV 25755) and Concord University (*Concord*, a State institution of higher education in West Virginia located at Vermillion Street, PO Box 1000, Athens, WV 24712), collectively (the *Parties*).

Whereas, Marshall offers a Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training (PMSAT) degree program (the *PMSAT Program*),

Whereas, it is the desire of the Parties to facilitate efficient transfer and matriculation of Concord students into the PMSAT degree,

Now, therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Advising and Admission

- 1.1. Concord will make its current students and recent graduates aware of the Marshall PMSAT degree option as appropriate.
- 1.2. Concord will provide academic advising that will counsel interested students to enroll in the prerequisite coursework to prepare them to apply to the PMSAT degree at Marshall.
 - 1.2.1. The prerequisite courses from the 2023 Marshall Graduate Catalog are listed in Appendix A. The list of prerequisite courses may change from time to time. Any changes will be communicated by the Marshall PMSAT Program to Concord in writing within 30 days.
 - 1.2.2. Course substitutions for prerequisites courses may be granted by Marshall upon the approval of the appropriate Marshall department chair and academic dean.
- 1.3. Each year, Marshall will reserve three seats for prospective PMSAT students attending Concord.
 - 1.3.1. In the event that there are fewer than three qualified applicants from Concord, Marshall may award the remaining seats to other applicants.
 - 1.3.2. Additional applicants from Concord may be admitted depending upon overall demand for the application year.
- 1.4. Students may seek admission to the Program through one of two options. Each option has its own admissions and matriculation procedure.
 - 1.4.1. **Option I:** Students who have earned a bachelor's degree from Concord, or will earn a bachelor's degree from Concord by the end of an academic year, may apply to be admitted at the graduate level for the following academic year
 - 1.4.2. **Option II:** Concord students who have completed 90 or more undergraduate credit hours, or will have earned 90 undergraduate credit hours by the end of an academic year, may apply to begin a combined program that leads to a Bachelor's degree from Concord and a Master's degree from Marshall.

- 1.4.3. The reserved seats for Concord students include students applying in Option I and students applying in Option II. Applicants from both options will be considered as one group for the purpose of allocating these seats.
 - 1.5. Entry into the PMSAT Program involves formal application by candidates and competitive selection by an admissions committee. Thus, admission of applicants who meet the minimum requirements is not guaranteed and is competitive. Applicants must receive a minimum acceptance score on the Marshall University PMSAT Applicant Admission Assessment form to be considered for acceptance. The minimum score will be determined by Marshall each year.
 - 1.6. Applicants satisfying the minimum score on the Applicant Admission Assessment will receive official notice from the Athletic Training Program Director and an invitation for an interview. The formal interview process will allow candidates the opportunity to clarify any requirements, ask questions, and demonstrate knowledge of and dedication to the academic program and the athletic training profession.
 - 1.7. If there are more applicants from Concord than the number of seats allocated to Concord students in the PMSAT, applicants will be rank ordered based upon their score on the Applicant Admission Assessment Form. Available slots within the PMSAT will be filled according to this prioritized listing of candidates starting from the top score downward.
 - 1.7.1. If multiple applicants have the same score on the Applicant Admission Assessment Form, a tie breaker will be used to further determine this rank order. The tie breaker is based upon documented evidence provided in their application file regarding the quantity and quality of their directed observation clinical experience.
 - 1.8. PMSAT applicants who are not accepted may re-apply for admission during the next available application period. Because of the competitive nature of this admission process, it is recommended that students seeking admission to the Professional Master of Science in Athletic Training Program develop an alternative academic plan in the event they are not admitted.
- 2. Admissions and graduation procedure for Option I**
- 2.1. Applicants in Option I will apply to the PMSAT Program using the application process designated by Marshall University at the time of application.
 - 2.1.1. As of April 2024, applicants to the PMSAT Program use the Athletic Training Common application system (ATCAS).
 - 2.1.2. Marshall may change the application process from time to time. Marshall will notify Concord in writing within 30 days of any change in the admissions process.
 - 2.2. Option I applicants will pay the applicable graduate application fee or fees.
 - 2.3. To be admitted, Option I applicants must meet the general Marshall requirements for graduate admission as well as the PMSAT Program-specific requirements.
 - 2.4. An applicant who has not been awarded a bachelor's degree at the time of application may be admitted conditionally at the graduate level for one term pending receipt of official transcripts showing a bachelor's degree has been awarded. The applicant's bachelor's degree must be awarded prior to the beginning of enrollment at the graduate level.
 - 2.5. Marshall will be the home institution for students who are enrolled at the graduate level, and Marshall will process financial aid for these students.
 - 2.6. Once admitted at the graduate level, students pay tuition and fees at the graduate student rate as established by the Marshall University Board of Governors. These students are subject to all graduate policies of Marshall as well as PMSAT Program policies.
- 3. Admissions and graduation procedures for Option II**

- 3.1. Applicants in Option II will follow the Marshall undergraduate application process as an undergraduate transient student as well as the program-specific application process for the PMSAT Program.
 - 3.1.1. As of April 2024, applicants to the PMSAT Program use the ATCAS common application system.
 - 3.1.2. Marshall may change the application process from time to time. Marshall will notify Concord in writing within 30 days of any change in the admissions process.
 - 3.1.3. These applicants will pay any applicable undergraduate application fee or fees.
- 3.2. While a student is enrolled as a transient student at Marshall, Concord will be the home institution and will process financial aid for the student.
- 3.3. Until a student in Option II is awarded a bachelor's degree and re-accepted to Marshall at the graduate level, the student will enroll in PMSAT courses as an undergraduate transient student at Marshall.
 - 3.3.1. These students will pay tuition and fees for Marshall courses at the undergraduate rate as established by the Marshall University Board of Governors.
 - 3.3.2. These students will be subject to all Marshall undergraduate policies as well as the policies of the PMSAT Program for courses taken from Marshall university.
- 3.4. Once admitted in Option II, a student will be permitted by Marshall to take graduate coursework in the PMSAT Program while enrolled as an undergraduate student.
- 3.5. Option II students will be eligible to apply to receive a bachelor's degree from Concord that includes graduate credits from the PMSAT Program.
 - 3.5.1. During the term when a student in Option II will complete 30 credit hours at Marshall, and prior to a deadline to be established by Concord, each Option II student will initiate a graduation request to Concord.
 - 3.5.2. During the term when a student in Option II will complete 30 credit hours at Marshall, Concord will enroll the student in HS 460: Health Science Practicum or an equivalent course at Concord. This course will have no tuition or fees.
 - 3.5.3. Once a student has completed 30 PMSAT credit hours at Marshall, the student will order a Marshall transcript to be sent to Concord following the process established by the Marshall University Registrar's office. The student will pay any applicable fees, including but not limited to a transcript fee.
 - 3.5.4. Concord will award a bachelor's degree to students who satisfy all Concord requirements for degree completion.
 - 3.5.5. For the purposes of bachelor's degree completion, Concord will accept up to 30 hours of PMSAT credit earned at Marshall at the graduate level. Concord may also accept, at its discretion, additional PMSAT credit or other transfer credit from Marshall.
 - 3.5.6. Concord will report the bachelor's degree award externally for the purposes of institutional reporting, the West Virginia state funding formula, and similar purposes.
- 3.6. During the term when an Option II student will complete a Bachelor's degree, the student will apply for admission to Marshall as a graduate student.
 - 3.6.1. The student will pay any applicable graduate application fee and follow all other Marshall graduate admissions requirements and processes.

- 3.6.2. The student will request Concord to send official transcripts to Marshall showing the awarding of a bachelor's degree. The student will be responsible for payment of the applicable transcript fee to Concord.
 - 3.6.3. The student does not need to re-complete the application process specifically for the PMSAT Program.
 - 3.7. To be admitted at the graduate level, applicants must meet the general Marshall requirements for graduate admission as well as the specific requirements for the PMSAT Program.
 - 3.7.1. An applicant who has not been awarded a bachelor's degree at the time of application may be admitted conditionally at the graduate level for one term pending receipt of official transcripts showing a bachelor's degree has been awarded. The applicant's bachelor's degree must be awarded prior to the beginning of enrollment at the graduate level.
 - 3.8. Marshall will be the home institution for students who are enrolled at the graduate level, and Marshall will process financial aid for these students.
 - 3.9. Once admitted at the graduate level, students pay tuition and fees at the graduate student rate as established by the Marshall University Board of Governors. These students are subject to all graduate policies of Marshall as well as PMSAT Program policies.
- 4. Enrollment, Advising, and Degree Requirements**
 - 4.1. Marshall will provide PMSAT students admitted under the terms of this agreement with the same advising, support, and other resources as all other students admitted to the PMSAT Program.
 - 4.2. Students admitted under the terms of this Agreement will have the same responsibilities and PMSAT degree requirements as all other students in the PMSAT Program.
 - 4.3. A student admitted to Marshall under this agreement may withdraw from the PMSAT Program by providing Marshall and Concord with written notice before the last day of classes of any term. The withdrawal from the PMSAT Program will be effective at the beginning of the following term. Withdrawals from any courses for which a student is currently registered will follow the Marshall course withdrawal policy.
 - 4.4. Students pursuing the PMSAT degree pursuant to Agreement will be bound by the curriculum requirements in effect at the time the student is officially accepted into the PMSAT Program at the graduate level. These requirements are listed in the Graduate Catalog published by Marshall each academic year. The curricular requirements in the 2023-2024 Graduate Catalog are listed in Appendix B.
 - 4.5. Students who wish to complete the PMSAT Program will apply for graduation at Marshall during the appropriate term.
 - 4.6. Marshall will award a Master of Science in Athletic Training degree when all degree requirements are satisfied.
 - 4.6.1. Marshall will report the master's degree award externally for the purposes of institutional reporting, the West Virginia funding formula, and similar purposes.
 - 4.6.2. In no case will Marshall award a master's degree to a student who has not provided official documentation of the receipt of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution accepted by Marshall.
- 5. PMSAT Program publicity**
 1. Advertisement and publicity for the PMSAT Program will be the sole responsibility of Concord.
 2. Any promotional materials in any medium that refer to Marshall will be subject to Marshall approval in advance, which will not be unreasonably withheld. Approval must be obtained

through Marshall's Office of Marketing & Communications, whose email address is ucomm@marshall.edu.

6. **Monitoring.** Marshall and Concord agree to monitor and support the provisions of this Agreement to ensure program consistency, quality, and transferability of the benefit of the students of both institutions. Marshall and Concord agree to coordinate changes in the course content or requirements for any courses listed in the Agreement to ensure continued comparability between the courses offered by each institution.
7. **Non-discrimination.** Concord and Marshall will not discriminate regarding race, color, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, veteran status, national origin, religion, or political affiliation in the administration of their educational programs.
8. **Accreditation.** Concord and Marshall will each maintain accreditations necessary to award the degrees within the scope of this agreement.
9. **Insurance.** Concord and Marshall will provide proof of appropriate liability insurance for activities contemplated under the Agreement following execution.
10. **Term and Termination**
 - 10.1. The Initial Term of this Agreement will be for a period of five (5) years, commencing on May 1, 2024. The Parties hereby agree to review the terms of this Agreement every three (3) years.
 - 10.2. Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason by providing thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the other party.
 - 10.3. If this Agreement is terminated, all students currently enrolled will be allowed to complete the PMSAT Program.
11. **Amendments.** No supplement, modification or amendment of any term, provision, or condition of this Agreement will be binding or enforceable unless executed in writing by the Parties.
12. **Other Affiliations.** Concord and Marshall may have in place, or may enter into, other educational programs, including affiliation agreements with other institutions. This Agreement in no way voids or modifies these arrangements. This Agreement is not exclusive and each party may freely enter into any such or similar arrangement with any other party.
13. **Governing Law.** This Agreement will be governed by and interpreted according to the laws of the State of West Virginia.

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In witness whereof, the Parties have executed this agreement on the date first written above.

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Appendix A: Required Prerequisite Courses

The courses required for admission are listed in the Marshall Graduate Catalog. The following table shows the requirements in the 2023 catalog. The final column shows particular Concord courses that satisfy each requirement. Course substitutions for prerequisites courses may be granted by Marshall upon the approval of the appropriate Marshall department chair and academic dean.

Course	Credit Hours	Example course at Concord
Anatomy and physiology	6-8	BIOL 335 & BIOL 336
Biology	2-4	BIOL 101 or BIOL 121
Chemistry	2-4	CHEM 101 & CHEM 111
Physics	2-4	PHYS 101 or PHYS 201
Introduction to Athletic Training / Prevention and Care of Athletic Injuries	3	HS 221/HS 111
Exercise Physiology	3-4	EXSS 314 & EXSS 314L
First Aid and CPR; applicants must also hold current First Aid and CPR healthcare provider or professional rescuer certifications	1-3	HS 201
General Psychology	3	PSY 101
Kinesiology or Biomechanics	3	EXSS 315
Nutrition	3	H ED 304
Personal Health / Wellness	2-3	P ED 101M
Statistical Methods	3	MATH 105
Medical Terminology	2-3	BIOL 249
Sociology or comparable course	3	SOC 101

Appendix B: Marshall PMSAT Degree Requirements

The official PMSAT degree requirements for each student are determined by the Marshall Graduate Catalog for the year the student is accepted to the PMSAT Program. The following table shows the requirements in effect in the 2023 catalog.

Course	Course Title	Credit Hours
ESS 636	Structural Kinesiology	3
ESS 670	Research in Kinesiology	3
HS 512	Foundational Clinical Skills in Athletic Training	3
HS 515	Athletic Training Clinical Experience I	3
HS 523	Orthopedic Assessment of the Upper Extremity/Lab	4
HS 524	Orthopedic Assessment of the Lower Extremity/Lab	4
HS 525	Athletic Training Clinical Experience II	3
HS 548	Therapeutic Interventions I in Athletic Training/Lab	4
HS 549	Therapeutic Interventions in Athletic Training/Lab	4
HS 609	Organization and Administration in Athletic Training	3
HS 630	Seminar in Athletic Training	3
HS 634	Athletic Training Externship/Clinical Rotations in Athletic Training	3
HS 639	Examination of General Medical Conditions/Lab	3
HS 645	Athletic Training Clinical Experience III	3
HS 655	Athletic Training Clinical Experience IV	3
HS 657	Advanced Training/Certification	3
HS 679	Trends in Athletic Training	3
HS 680	Graduate Project in Athletic Training (Capstone)	3
	Total Credit Hours	58