

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ANN ARBOR  
SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
Memorandum of Understanding**

Northern Michigan University

And

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY INC.

Priority Admission to the Concordia University Ann Arbor Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

*The terms Concordia Inc., CU Inc., CUAA, and Concordia University will be used to refer to Concordia University Ann Arbor.*

This agreement applies to students who have entered a bachelor's degree program at Northern Michigan University (NMU) that includes the prescribed prerequisite coursework defined in this agreement and are applying to the Doctorate in Physical Therapy program at CUAA.

**PURPOSE**

Students who successfully complete a degree with the cadre of specific coursework as prescribed in the agreement (with a final grade of C or better) at NMU will be given priority admission status in the Physical Therapy Program at Concordia University Ann Arbor.

**This agreement specifies:**

Applicants (2) holding a recent NMU bachelor's undergraduate degree with prescribed prerequisite coursework will be given priority admission if:

1. They have earned at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA, and a 3.2 science GPA for all prerequisite courses.
2. All prerequisite courses were completed at or accepted by NMU. Only first-time course grades (not grades from a repeated course) will be counted in the priority admission GPA. An applicant can retake a course to earn a higher grade, but they will not be eligible for priority admission if they decide to apply the second course grade to their GPA.
3. All priority admission applicants are required to submit for early decision via PTCAS by October 31 of their senior year. Five of the seven Prerequisite courses must be completed by the time of application, and all Prerequisite coursework and university graduation requirements other than electives must be completed by the time of enrollment.
4. Other requirements:
  - 8 credits of Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs
  - 8 credits of General Chemistry I and II with labs
  - 8 credits of College Physics I and II with labs
  - 3 credits of Statistics

## PROVISIONS

1. An active agreement begins at the commencement of classes. The agreement must be actively reviewed by the program faculty of both colleges and renewed at least every three years to continue the agreement. Reasonable accommodation will be made for students if either program must be changed, but additional courses may be required of students if the program changes. Students must be informed of this possibility "upfront."
2. Curriculum changes which impact the articulation agreement may not be enacted during the academic year in which the agreement is active unless both the respective program directors of the denoted graduate health professions programs at CU and the designated individual(s) at NMU give their explicit consent, or unless curriculum changes are dictated by accreditation or institutional mandates. Minor revisions (such as course renumbering) are permitted but must be communicated to the other institution promptly via a memorandum of understanding. Curriculum changes that do not satisfy the articulation agreement provisions will nullify this articulation agreement.
3. Both parties agree to provide at least one hundred eighty (180) days advance written notification of their intent to cancel this agreement. Students who apply to CU Inc. prior to the cancellation date will be permitted to transfer credits under the agreement terms.
4. Both parties further agree that failure to maintain regional accreditation required by the specific academic program(s) referenced in this agreement will be grounds for exclusion of that program from the agreement.
5. Each institution is responsible for notifying the other of any changes in the program or curriculum.
6. Both parties are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.
7. The Parties will abide by confidentiality requirements outlined in the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (20 USC § 1232g ("FERPA")) and other applicable laws.

### **Institution-specific information**

The purpose of this page is to provide information that is specific to each institution and is current as of the signing of this articulation agreement. Any changes to this information should be promptly communicated to the other institution.

#### **At NMU:**

Administrative person(s), title(s), phone number(s), and email address(es) directly responsible for the pre-physical therapy program:

- Dr. Julie Rochester, EdD, ATC,  
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- Dr. Lukus Klawitter, PhD  
Advisor for Pre-Physical Therapy  
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#### **At Concordia University:**

Administrative person(s), title(s), phone number(s), and email address (es) directly responsible for the DPT Doctorate of Physical Therapy program articulation agreement:

- Dr. Susannah Steele, Program Director, [susannah.steele@cuaa.edu](mailto:susannah.steele@cuaa.edu)
- Scott Rudie, AVP Marketing, [scott.rudie@cuw.edu](mailto:scott.rudie@cuw.edu)

Website address for the institution: [www.cuaa.edu](http://www.cuaa.edu)

Website address specific to the DPT program:

Doctorate in Physical Therapy

### **Guidelines for use of Concordia University's name and/ or logo**

As specified in the agreement, CU Inc.'s Director of Marketing Strategy or the director's designee shall approve any narrative and graphic representation containing CU Inc.'s name, logo, or reference to our programs before it is published or distributed in any way.

Contact the CU Inc. director of Marketing Strategy:

- To request the specific format and file size of any logo, CU Inc. materials
- To share communication in the form of brochures, catalogs, letters, emails, posters, etc. where the CU Inc. name and/or logo is mentioned before its intended publication
- For clarity as to the limitations of the agreement and to avoid potential misunderstandings

Please note: CU Inc.'s logo may not appear on the cover of any literature unless approved by CU Inc. Any promotional literature or other media will indicate that admission, upon which this agreement is based, is into the specified program at CU Inc.

This agreement has been thoroughly reviewed and approved by both institutions. The agreement is in effect for the academic year unless terminated pursuant to the terms herein.

This agreement is effective for three years from the date of the final signature.

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY INC.**

Leah Dvorak 10/15/25

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**NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

Gavin Leach

10/9/2025

Gavin Leach Date  
Interim President

Dr. Dale Kapla

10/8/2025

Dr. Dale Kapla Date  
Associate Provost for Academic Affairs