

Academic Articulation Agreement

This Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between West Coast University (“WCU”) School of Pharmacy (“WCU SOP”) and Santa Monica College. The participating partner programs namely, WCU School of Pharmacy and Santa Monica College, may hereafter be individually referred to as “Party” and collectively as “Parties” to this agreement.

Purpose

This document defines the agreement between WCU School of Pharmacy and Santa Monica College regarding the admissions process for potential students interested in applying for admission to the WCU Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program and have met the PharmD Admission requirements as stated in the WCU University Catalog. It is agreed that those students of Santa Monica College who meet all the criteria listed below will be granted an interview and considered for acceptance by the Admissions Committee of the WCU School of Pharmacy.

This Agreement recognizes that the Parties are active educational partners committed to providing a program-to-program pathway for Candidates from Santa Monica College who successfully complete the published PharmD Admission requirements and prerequisites, attached as Exhibit A PharmD Admission Prerequisites incorporated herewith.

The Parties agree as follows:

1. Candidate Eligibility

Potential students who are eligible for admission to WCU Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program are those who successfully fulfilled all of the WCU School of Pharmacy’s published PharmD Admissions requirements. Further, the criteria for admission are as follows:

- a. Potential students will have completed all pre-pharmacy required courses (listed in Appendix A of the Agreement) for West Coast University School of Pharmacy at Santa Monica College.
- b. Prerequisite coursework completed with cumulative and math/science grade point averages (GPA) of 2.50 or higher are preferred.
- c. Applicants must complete and submit their application through PharmCAS central application service for Doctor of Pharmacy Programs.
- d. Applicants must submit three (3) letters of recommendation (two from a math/science professor and a third letter from a pharmacist (supervisor), math/science professor, employer (supervisor), healthcare professional (supervisor), or liberal arts professor).
- e. Applicants must participate in and complete the WCU admissions interview process.

2. Obligations.

- a. Santa Monica College agrees to:
 - i. Offer SMC students the WCU PharmD prerequisite information contained in Exhibit A (attached).
 - ii. Encourage SMC students to plan their SMC courses and schedules to complete the PharmD prerequisites prior to submitting a PharmCAS Application for admission to WCU School of Pharmacy.
 - iii. Refer SMC students for PharmD admissions counseling to the Center for Graduate Studies Office of Admissions at West Coast University (PharmDAdmissions@westcoastuniversity.edu).
 - iv. Encourage SMC students, once a PharmCAS Application is submitted, to follow through with completing remaining PharmD admissions requirements such as, providing proof of graduation to WCU SOP, and/or requesting SMC send official transcripts to WCU SOP, as needed for matriculation into WCU SOP.
- b. WCU School of Pharmacy’s obligations are to:
 - i. Provide admissions counseling to potential students from Santa Monica College about the PharmD program requirements and all policies as outlined in the WCU University catalog.
 - ii. Ensure that, as appropriate, potential students from Santa Monica College, who have completed the requirements listed in Exhibit A and meet all additional requirements for admission to WCU, are granted an interview and considered for acceptance by the Admissions Committee of the WCU School of Pharmacy.

3. **Term.** This Agreement will be in effect upon date of last signature (“Effective Date”) and shall remain in effect for a period of one (1) year from the Effective Date and subsequently will automatically renew on a year-to-year basis until terminated by either Party (“Term”).

4. **Program or Curricular Changes.** Program or curriculum changes by either Party must be communicated to the other in writing no later than ninety (90) days after the curriculum changes have been implemented.
5. **Termination.** Either Party may terminate the Agreement with thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the other Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing: either Party may terminate the Agreement immediately if performance of the Agreement may give rise to a violation of any requirement of federal or state law or regulation or the requirements of any accrediting agency having jurisdiction. Any students enrolled at WCU at the time of elimination of the Agreement will be able to complete their enrollment at WCU if they remain in good standing.
6. **Compliance with Applicable Laws and Regulations.** Each Party shall keep itself fully informed of and comply with all applicable state, federal, and local laws, ordinances, statutes, and regulations throughout the Term of this Agreement. The Parties shall maintain data sharing practices and storage consistent with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) as well as each Party's policies and procedures for managing student records and other confidential information.
7. **Modification of Agreement.** This Agreement shall not be modified, altered, or amended except by written agreement of both Parties.
8. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes any and all prior oral or written agreement(s) or understanding(s) between the Parties concerning the subject matter of this Agreement.
9. **Non-Waiver.** The omission by either Party at any time to enforce any default or right reserved to it, or to require performance of the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Agreement shall not be a waiver of any such default or right to which the Party is entitled, nor shall it in any way affect the right of the Party to enforce such term(s), condition(s), or provision(s) thereafter.
10. **Non-Disclosure of Private, Confidential, and Proprietary Information.** In performance of this Agreement, each Party may have access to private, conditional, proprietary, and trade secret information of the other, including but not limited to student data and identifying information ("Confidential Information"), the disclosure of which may cause damage to the other Party. In performance of this Agreement, each Party agrees to access and use such Confidential Information only in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and as necessary to perform under this Agreement. The Parties further agree to exercise a heightened standard of care, as reasonably practicable, to protect and not disclose the Confidential Information.
11. **Voluntary Execution.** Each Party acknowledges they had sufficient time to review and consider this Agreement with legal counsel and was not subject to any type of coercion, duress, or undue influence when executing and entering into this Agreement. Each Party acknowledges they understand all the terms, conditions, and provisions of this Agreement and execute and enter into this Agreement voluntarily and on their own free will.
12. **Notice.** Any notification pursuant to this Agreement shall be made in writing, sent via email. Notification and communication shall be sent to the following, as applicable:

West Coast University Attention: Legal Department 151 Innovation Drive Irvine, CA 92617 Email: slamb@westcoastuniversity.edu	Estela G. Narrie, MS, Articulation Officer/Counseling Faculty Santa Monica College Address 1 Address 2 Email: NARRIE_ESTELA@smc.edu
Kirstie De Biasie, Provost 151 Innovation Drive Irvine, CA 92617 Email: kDeBiase@westcoastuniversity.edu	Attention: Address 1 Address 2 Email:

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Signature _____

Date _____

Name Kirstie De Biasie

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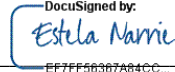
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Date 7/17/2023

Santa Monica College

Name Estela G. Narrie MS

Title Articulation Officer/Counseling Faculty

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Date 7/3/2023

Exhibit A PharmD Admission Prerequisites
Course requirements for entry into the Doctor of Pharmacy Program at West Coast University

WCU Doctor of Pharmacy Prerequisite Course Requirements	Santa Monica College Course Equivalents
Two (2) courses in General Chemistry (four semester credit hours each, including a lab)	CHEM 11/12
Two (2) courses in Organic Chemistry (four semester credit hours each including a lab)	CHEM 21/22/24
Two (2) courses in General Biology (with Cell Biology) (four semester credit hours each including a lab)	BIOL 21/22/23
One (1) course in Human/Mammalian Physiology (three semester credit hours each including lab)	PHYS 3
One (1) course in Human Anatomy (three semester credit hours each including a lab)	ANATMY 1
One (1) course in Biochemistry (three semester credit hours each)	CHEM 31
One (1) course in Microbiology (three semester credit hours each including a lab)	MCRBIO 1
One (1) course in Economics (Micro, Macro, or General) (three semester credit hours)	ECON 1 or ECON 2
One (1) course in Calculus (with Analytical Geometry) (three semester credit hours)	MATH 7
One (1) course in Statistics (three semester credit hours)	MATH 54
One (1) course in Speech Communication/Public Speaking/Interpersonal Communication or Debate (three semester credit hours)	COM ST 11 or COM ST 12 or COM ST 16 or COM ST 21 or COM ST 35 (or CSU GE A1/IGETC area 1C)
Two (2) courses in English Composition (three semester credit hours each)	CSU GE A2/IGETC area 1A
One (1) course in Psychology or Sociology (three semester credit hours)	PSYCH 1 or PSYCH 14 or SOCIOL 1
Two (2) courses in Humanities and Social/Behavioral Sciences (three semester credit hours each)	CSU GE Areas C2 or D / IGETC Area 3B or 4