

**Articulation Agreement
Grand Valley State University
College of Health Professions Physician Assistant Program
And
Northwestern Michigan College**

Grand Valley State University College of Health Professions (“GVSU”) and Northwestern Michigan College (“NMC”) agree to establish an Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) in which two qualified NMC students shall be granted an interview with the GVSU Physician Assistant Program (“Program”) Traverse City Campus annually. This agreement shall be effective upon final signatures by the administrators and institutional representatives at both GVSU and NMC.

Two qualified NMC students who meet all Program admission criteria listed below and on the Program website and those who have ties to northern Michigan through community college credits will be granted an interview for the Program.

Program Eligibility:

To be eligible for interview consideration to the Program, NMC students shall have the following:

1. Met all Program admission criteria.
2. Completed an application through the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (CASPA) prior to the application deadline, as noted on the Program [website](#). Applications must include a) the GVSU supplemental form, b) a minimum of two CASPA recommendation rubrics, c) the GVSU \$30 application fee, and d) all official college transcripts.
3. Have earned a minimum overall grade point average, Program pre-requisite grade point average, and last 60 credit hour grade point average of 3.5. See the Program [website](#) for further details regarding calculation of grade point averages. No grade below a “C” is acceptable for pre-requisite coursework.
4. Have earned a minimum of 30 undergraduate credits at NMC.
5. Completed a minimum of 1000 hours of significant volunteer and/or work and/or observational hours in a health care environment. Hands-on patient care activities are strongly encouraged. This information will be documented on the CASPA application. Refer to Program [website](#) for additional details.
6. International students must submit an official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS (International English Language Testing System), DuoLingo, or PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English Academic) score report if English is not the student’s first language. The minimum TOEFL score is 80 (Note: GVSU does not accept “My Best” score for admission), the minimum IELTS score is 6.5, the minimum DuoLingo score is 105, and the minimum PTE Academic score is 53. Original score reports must be submitted.

Institutional Requirements:

GVSU agrees to:

1. Provide NMC documentation of pre-requisite coursework via the Program [website](#).
2. Make reasonable efforts to assist NMC in attracting and retaining students in sufficient numbers to meet the terms of this Agreement; at the direction of NMC, this may include GVSU participation in NMC-sponsored events for new student recruitment and orientation programming.

3. Serve as a resource for NMC faculty, advisors and students to provide career counseling and advising regarding the Physician Assistant profession and GVSU's Physician Assistant Program.
4. Conduct periodic campus visits and/or co-host receptions at NMC as requested.
5. Review application materials for all NMC students who have met all the Program admission requirements.
6. Offer a Program interview to two (2) NMC students who meet eligibility criteria.
7. Provide opportunities through campus visits or other acceptable methods to interested students, faculty, and staff to learn more about the Program.
8. Market the Program to potential pre-Physician Assistant students with NMC.
9. Provide timely notice to NMC of any Program changes that may impact this Agreement, including, but not limited to, change in the Program's ARC-PA accreditation status, change in the affiliation and/or accreditation status of GVSU with the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

NMC agrees to:

1. Community colleges will make every effort to regularly offer all prerequisite courses for the program as identified by GVSU. However, if enrollment does not meet the necessary levels, they reserve the right to adjust offerings. Students enrolled in these courses will be accommodated and provided reasonable opportunities to register for all required courses to help them meet program requirements.
2. Provide advance notice to GVSU of changes to previously identified pre-requisite course(s) to allow review and confirmation that revised courses will continue to meet Program requirements.
3. Make reasonable efforts to recruit a sufficient number of students to meet the terms of this Agreement.
4. Provide career counseling and advising activities that include information about the Physician Assistant profession in a manner similar to other pre-health profession advising.
5. Market the Program to potential pre-Physician Assistant students at NMC.
6. Provide timely notice to GVSU of any Program changes that may impact this Agreement, including, but not limited to, decline in admission standards, changes in institutional grading practices and standards, changes in graduation requirements, or changes in the affiliation or accreditation status of NMC with the Higher Learning Commission.
7. If requested by GVSU, assist the Program by providing information regarding this articulation agreement to the Program's accrediting agency, Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA).

Admission to the GVSU PAS Program

1. Being granted an interview does not guarantee an offer of admission to the Program.
2. NMC students who are offered admission to GVSU and choose to accept the admission offer to the Program must:
 - a. Maintain an overall grade point average of 3.00 or higher after the admissions decision and prior to matriculation.
 - b. Meet all pre-matriculation requirements for their year of matriculation.

Agreement Review:

Representatives of both institutions will review the Agreement as needed. The Agreement may be suspended or revoked upon written request by either institution with sixty (60) days advance notice to the Dean of the College of Health Professions (GVSU) or Vice President for Educational Services (NMC).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have signed this Agreement as of this November 1, 2024.

Signatures

Grand Valley State University

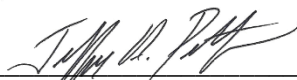
By:



Jennifer Drake, Ph.D.
Acting Provost and Executive Vice President
for Academic Affairs

November 11, 2024

Date: _____

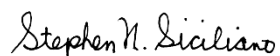


Jeffrey Potteiger, Ph.D.
Interim Dean
College of Health Professions

Date: November 5, 2024

Northwestern Michigan College

By:



Stephen N. Siciliano, Ph.D.
Vice President for Educational Services

Date: November 4, 2024