



AGREEMENT

Between

ADVENTHEALTH UNIVERSITY, INC.

And

Stetson University

STATEMENT OF AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of the promises and covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is between AdventHealth University, Inc. ("AHU") and Stetson University ("SU"), (each sometimes referred to herein as "party" or collectively as "the parties"). The purpose of this agreement is to set guidelines for establishing a cooperative relationship between the parties to facilitate mobility of students who have completed their bachelor's degree and desire to pursue a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS).

All agreements between the parties must be reviewed and approved by the respective parties' counsel prior to implementation.

Parties:

The parties to this Agreement are AHU and SU.

Program:

Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.

Whereas, SU does not offer a Master's degree Physician Assistant program; and

Whereas, AHU offers a MSPAS degree program in Orlando, FL, with competitive admissions, the MSPAS program being accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant ("ARC-PA"); and

Whereas, SU and AHU are both accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS); and

Whereas, AHU and SU wish to provide SU students with access under a “4 year +2.25 year” dual admission arrangement (the “Dual Admission Program”) to AHU’s MSPAS program at its Orlando Campus, all as more specifically stated herein.

Terms:

This Agreement defines the terms agreed to by the parties regarding graduates earning a bachelor’s degree from SU and their eligibility to advance to AHU for possible enrollment in the MSPAS program. It is agreed that two seats in the MSPAS program at AHU will be reserved for the top two candidates from SU who receive a bachelor’s degree and meet all the MSPAS program admissions criteria listed below and in the appendices, including a successful admissions interview with a recommendation of “accept”. If there are no SU candidates identified, for one or both seats, who meet the criteria during an admissions cycle, these seats will be added back into the AHU general competitive applicant pool. Other SU students who meet admissions criteria and wish to apply to the AHU MSPAS program will be considered as part of the overall competitive applicant pool.

Description of Dual Admission Program. During years One through Four, SU students will take and complete all SU core requirements for a bachelor’s degree program and all prerequisite courses for entry into AHU’s MSPAS program and earn a baccalaureate degree. In the Spring semester of year Four, SU students will apply to AHU through the Centralized Application Service for Physician Assistants (“CASPA”), for admission into AHU’s MSPAS program.

In year Five, students accepted into the AHU MSPAS program will begin their physician assistant studies at AHU.

In year Six and Seven, students will continue their coursework in the AHU MSPAS program, including clinical rotations. Students will be eligible to receive a MSPAS degree from AHU upon successful completion of all AHU requirements.

I. CRITERIA

The criteria that shall be met by students seeking to participate in the Program are as follows:

- a. The student must complete the bachelor’s degree from SU on or after the effective date of this Agreement.
- b. The student will meet current required coursework pre-requisites at the time of MSPAS Program admission, as listed on the AHU website under the admissions tab, found at <https://www.ahu.edu/academics/ms-physician-assistant> website.
- c. The student’s cumulative CASPA grade point average and the pre-requisite CASPA grade point average each must be 3.50 or higher.
- d. The student must have CASPer® test scores. Candidates for the Physician Assistant 4+ 2.25 Dual Admission Program must score at or above the national average on the CASPer® examination during the respective admissions cycle.

Scores for the CASPer® test are placed in quartiles. Applicants who place in higher quartiles may have done so for a number of reasons based on the competencies CASPer® is designed to measure. The CASPer® score should not dissuade a candidate from applying to the program. The current CASPer® scoring system is subject to change as determined by Altus Assessments.

- e. The student must have a successful MSPAS program admissions interview with a recommendation of “accept” during the usual admissions process at AHU.
- f. Students applying to AHU for admission through the Dual Admission Program are responsible for ensuring that their applications are complete and submitted as delineated in the published AHU standards.
- g. The AHU MSPAS program agrees to reserve up to two (2) eligible seats for students from SU for possible admission each admissions cycle under this Dual Admission Program who (i) meet all Dual Admission Program criteria, (ii) qualify for admission into the AHU MSPAS program under applicable AHU admission standards, policies, and procedures, and (iii) agree in writing to abide by the terms set forth in this Agreement. All other applicants from SU will be considered as part of the competitive applicant pool for the MSPAS Program.

II. PROCESSES

Students who desire to participate in the Dual Admission Program must adhere to the following processes:

- a. Each student at SU who intends to participate in this Dual Admission Program must indicate their intent to participate in writing five months prior to the annual MSPAS program application deadline in the year he or she wishes to apply. This intention must be conveyed to AHU's MSPAS Program Director of Program Admissions or the MSPAS Program Chair using the “Intent to Participate” form signed by the student and Stetson’s pre-health advisor ensuring the student is on target to meet the requirements of this agreement.
- b. Student opting to participate in this program will be required to meet all AHU admissions requirements in effect at the time of the admission cycle. Admissions to AHU is subject to a review of the student’s intent to participate and all application materials to ensure all qualifications have been met. If the student has not met all of the Dual Admission Program requirements, then student will not be eligible for this program and may apply as part of the overall competitive applicant pool to the MSPAS Program.

- c. Students participating in the Dual Admission Program must follow the procedures for AHU's MSPAS centralized application processes (CASPA) in addition to formally indicating their intent to participate.
- d. All student must complete their application to AHU's MSPAS program prior to the verified application deadline in effect at the time of application (Please see the admissions tab on the website at www.ahu.edu/pa).
- e. AHU's MSPAS Program Admissions Committee will review the candidate's application package and determine eligibility. The top 2 candidates, who meet all eligibility criteria, including a successful admissions interview with a recommendation of "accept", will be guaranteed admission during each application cycle.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

Both AHU and SU agree to the following responsibilities:

- a. AHU will provide information about the MSPAS Program for use by SU.
- b. An individualized advising plan will be developed by SU, in collaboration with AHU, for each student interested in the MSPAS Program. It is strongly recommended that students also independently access website information about MSPAS Program admissions and graduate program and contact the Admissions Manager or Program Director at AHU for full details.
- c. Each party shall designate a representative to serve as its liaison in all matters arising under this Agreement and shall furnish in writing the name of each representative to the other party, updating this liaison representative information annually.
- d. Each party shall be liable for its own acts or omissions in connection with this Agreement.
- e. Both parties agree that AHU reserves the right to withdraw admission privileges for any student who demonstrates any significant changes from a "good and reasonable standing" in academics or citizenship. SU agrees to disclose, upon request, any record of academic or citizenship concerns to the Admissions Committee at AHU's MSPAS Program to facilitate review of student eligibility.

IV. TERMS

- a. This Agreement goes into effect on March 17, 2025. The term of this agreement shall be five (5) years from the effective date. The parties can renew this agreement by mutual written agreement for an additional 5-year term. Any "Intent to Participate" form that is signed prior to modification, termination, or ending of the term of the Agreement will be honored by the parties.
- b. The Agreement will continue in effect until it is modified by mutual written agreement, terminated by either party, or ends pursuant to its own terms. Each party reserves the right to terminate this agreement

- (i) without cause upon one year's notice to the other party; or (ii) with cause effective immediately upon written notice to the other party if the terminating party determines that (a) the other party is incapable of fully performing the services described herein, (b) the health, safety or welfare of students are endangered for any reason, (c) continued association with the other party would adversely impact the reputation, mission, or integrity of the terminating party, or (e) the Program no longer supports the academic mission of either party, or if the other party has acted in violation of applicable law.
- c. This Agreement, and its performance and construction, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and venue for any legal proceedings or dispute whatsoever involving the interpretation, agreement, or its performance, or actions taken under this Agreement shall be limited to those Courts of appropriate jurisdiction in Volusia County, Florida.
- d. The parties will comply all applicable federal and state laws, including any laws that apply specifically to the practice of physician assistant, and will meet all required criteria established by the parties' respective accrediting bodies.
- e. Each party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party and its affiliates, together with their respective directors, officers, agents, and employees (each an "Indemnified Party" and, collectively, the "Indemnified Parties"), from against any and all claims, litigation, liability, loss, damage and expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs) brought by a third party and arising out of, or alleged to have arisen out of, the negligent or willfully wrongful acts omissions of the Indemnifying Party or its agents, employees, and subcontractors, provided the same is reduced to a final judgment.
- f. Each party represents that it has sufficient insurance coverage to insure or defend against any third party litigation or claims that may arise as the result of that party's negligence or wrongful acts during the term of this Agreement. Each party shall provide the other party documentation of such coverage or practices upon request.
- g. In carrying out the responsibilities and obligations of this Agreement, neither party shall be acting as the agent or principal of the other with regard to dealings with third parties, including students. Neither party hereto shall have the authority to make any statements, representations, nor commitments of any kind or take any action binding the other except as provided for herein or authorized in writing by the party to be bound.
- h. The parties hereto agree to comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations regarding the protection of data security, including without limitation the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") and to work together to facilitate the parties' obligations under all applicable laws and regulations.

- i. This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties. No waiver, consent, modification, or changes of terms of this Agreement shall bind either party hereto unless in writing and signed by both parties.
- j. This Agreement and any rights hereunder may not be assigned by either party hereto without the prior written consent of the other, and any purported assignment without consent shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Signatures: The signatures of the authorized representatives identified before indicate agreement to the terms set forth herein.

ADVENTHEALTH UNIVERSITY, INC.

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Date: 3/17/2025

STETSON UNIVERSITY

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Name: Elizabeth Skomp

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APPENDIX

Prerequisite Courses:

- BIOL 141 and 142: Introductory Biology I and II
- BIOL 243, MATH 125, or PUBH 308: Biostatistics, Introduction to Mathematical and Statistical Modeling, or Health and Medical Sciences
- BIOL 301: Microbiology
- BIOL 302: Genetics
- CHEM 141 and 142: General Chemistry I and II
- CHEM 201: Organic Chemistry I
- CHEM 301 or 204: Organic Chemistry II or Biochemistry I
- HLSC 201 and 202: Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II
- PSYC 101: Introduction to Psychology
- PSYC 312V: Abnormal Psychology or PSYC 315: Developmental Psychology

Required Exams:

- CASPer: Information about CASPer can be found at www.takeCASPer.com. Applicants need to take the USA Professional Health Sciences test (CSP10101) and reserve a test date using the applicant's CASPA ID and a government-issued photo ID. Applicants will be provided with a limited number of testing dates and times. Please note that these are the only testing dates available for the applicant's CASPer test. There will be no additional tests scheduled. Applicants are responsible for scheduling their CASPer tests minimally two weeks prior to the CASPA application deadline to ensure their scores are received. Please use an email address that is checked regularly; there may be updates to the test schedule.

Letters of Reference:

Three letters of recommendation are required and must be submitted through CASPA. We highly recommend that two letters of recommendation come from practicing Advance Practice Providers or practicing Physicians. These individuals should be able to attest to your potential as a physician assistant. Letters of recommendation from physician assistants are given preference.