

**COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY AND WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY  
FOR: MARSHALL UNIVERSITY DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

This Agreement is entered into this 15 day of October 2021, between **Marshall University**, a State of West Virginia institution of higher education and **West Liberty University**, a State of West Virginia institution of higher education, collectively (the Parties).

**Whereas**, Marshall University, through its College of Health Professions, School of Physical Therapy (MUSOPT), offers the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree; and

**Whereas**, It is the desire of the Parties for highly qualified students attending West Liberty University to enter the Marshall University DPT program.

**Wherefore**, the Parties agree as follows:

1. West Liberty University will provide an undergraduate education that meets the stated requirements for MUSOPT. Students at West Liberty University may pursue any undergraduate major; however, students must successfully complete the required prerequisite courses.
2. MUSOPT will accept up to two (2) students each year in its Doctor of Physical Therapy program provided the students have met the following criteria:
  - a. Complete an undergraduate degree, including the required prerequisite courses, from West Liberty University prior to matriculation into the Marshall University School of Physical Therapy;
  - b. Attained an overall cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or higher;
  - c. Attained a grade point average of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale or higher in the required prerequisite courses, which include but are not limited to: BIO 124 & BIO 125, BIO 202 & BIO 203, CHEM 110 & CHEM 111, CHEM 112 & CHEM 113, PHYS 101 & PHYS 102, PHYS 110 & PHYS 111, BIO 302, BIO 328, MATH 160 or SS 250 or BIO 221 or GBUS 280, and PSYC 101 & PYSC 252 or PSYC 341. Higher level courses may be substituted for lower-level courses in the same area.
  - d. Attained a minimum grade of B in each required prerequisite course;
  - e. Complete a verified application with the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) by the published deadline of the year prior to matriculation with all required elements completed (e.g., essay, letters of recommendation, undergraduate transcript, GRE scores, and 30 clinical observation hours);
  - f. Receive a total GRE® score (Verbal + Quantitative) of 298 or higher with a 3.5 on a 5.0 scale for the Analytic Writing score. GRE® scores are to be submitted using the following school code [MUSOPT Code = 0323];
  - g. Complete the Altus Suite (CASPer Test & Snapshot) by the published deadline of the year prior to matriculation;
  - h. Successfully complete the MUSOPT interview process;
  - i. Complete the Marshall University supplemental application; and
  - j. Pay the non-refundable seat deposit and Marshall University application fee.
3. All notices required under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given (i) if delivered by hand and receipted for by the party to whom said notice or other communication shall have been directed, or by (ii) mailed by certified or registered mail with postage prepaid, to the following addresses:

Marshall University  
2847 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Huntington, WV 25705

West Liberty University  
208 University Drive  
West Liberty, WV 26074

4. This Agreement may be terminated upon six (6) months written notice to the other party. Provided that, any Student who has entered the program will be permitted to finish the program.
5. This Agreement may be immediately terminated if either party loses their accreditation status or ceases doing business.
6. This Agreement may not be assigned without the written consent of the other party.
7. This Agreement may be modified or amended upon mutual agreement of the parties.
8. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of West Virginia.
9. The Parties to this Agreement are not partners or joint venturers with each other and nothing herein shall be construed to make them partners or joint venturers or impose any liability as such on either of them.
10. The provisions of this Agreement are intended to bind the Parties as to each other and are not intended to and do not create rights in any other person or confer upon any other person any benefits, rights or remedies, and no person is or is intended to be a third-party beneficiary of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

**MARSHALL UNIVERSITY**

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