3+4 Doctor of Optometry Degree Program

An Articulation Agreement Between

Salus University
Pennsylvania College of Optometry
Elkins Park, PA

and

Lock Haven University
Lock Haven, PA
Articulation Agreement

Background

Salus University Pennsylvania College of Optometry (Salus) and Lock Haven University (Lock Haven) hereby acknowledge their commitment to the training of future practitioners of primary health care by joining in this Articulation Agreement.

Under this Articulation Agreement, students who successfully complete a minimum of 90 semester credits at Lock Haven with a 3.0 GPA or above may apply for admission to the Salus University Doctor of Optometry Program.

This educational pathway is referred to as the 3+4 Doctor of Optometry Degree Program (or Program) and is comprised of two phases, Phase I and Phase II:

- **Phase I** is comprised of the Pre-Optometry curriculum at Lock Haven (see Addendum), and
- **Phase II** is comprised of the Doctor of Optometry Degree Program at Salus University.

Phase I of the Program

Lock Haven will select/admit those students who meet the admission requirements for Phase I of the Program. Lock Haven will submit to the Salus University Office of Admissions the name and contact information for each student who begins Phase I of the Program.

Salus will communicate with each student as he/she advances through Phase I of the Program. Relevant information about the Program will be provided, and a visit to the Salus University Office of Admissions for a pre-application appointment will be encouraged.

To successfully complete Phase I of the Program, a student must:

1. Complete the Pre-Optometry curriculum at Lock Haven, which must consist of a minimum of 90 semester hours of undergraduate education including the required prerequisites (see Addendum). Prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better. Advanced Placement (AP) course are accepted only if college credit is awarded by Lock Haven and appears on the official undergraduate transcript.

2. Transfer students are eligible for this program. The majority of the required courses must be taken at Lock Haven.

3. International Students are eligible for this program, pending official documentation to study in the United States. Official foreign credential evaluation and English language proficiency exam may be required.

4. Maintain a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale.

5. Submit a completed application to the Optometry Centralized Application Service (OptomCAS), including scores results of the Optometry Admissions Test (OAT) (scores of 300 or higher in each section of the OAT is recommended) and required letters of evaluation, along with any additional admissions requirements as described on the Doctor of Optometry Traditional Program Application Process page on the Salus University website.*

6. Successful completion of an interview by the Salus Pennsylvania College of Optometry and Office of Admissions.

*Admissions requirements are subject to change. Any changes will be updated on the Salus University website prior to the start of each application cycle.
Admission to Phase II of the Program

For consideration for admission into the Doctor of Optometry Program at Salus, a student must successfully complete Phase I as described above. Students must then apply to the Doctor of Optometry Program by following the application procedures, as described on the Salus University website no later than December 1st of the intended entering year. These admissions procedures include completion of a successful on-campus interview.

Salus will reserve two (2) seats in each class of the Doctor of Optometry Program for Lock Haven students who have successfully completed Phase I of the Program and the application process for Phase II. If there are more than two (2) such qualified Lock Haven students, the remaining Lock Haven students will be considered for admission along with all other applicants.

Degrees Conferred

Lock Haven will confer the baccalaureate degree to a student who successfully completes Phase I and year one of Phase II, provided that all requirements for graduation are met, as determined by Lock Haven. Students only need 120 credits at Lock Haven in order to graduate and move on to the 3+4 program.

Salus University will confer the Doctor of Optometry (OD) degree to a student who successfully completes Phase II at Salus University, provided that all requirements are met, as determined by Salus University.

Inter-Institutional Communication

Communication and correspondence regarding the implementation of this Articulation Agreement should be made between the Pre-Medicine Advising Coordinator at Lock Haven and the Director of Admissions at Salus University.

Marketing and Recruitment

Both Lock Haven and Salus University will promote the Program through mutually-developed printed and electronic promotional materials.

Review and Assessment

To serve as a basis for evaluating the Program, Salus University will develop aggregate and individual statistical information regarding applicant credentials, admissions decisions, and Lock Haven student performance outcomes. This information will be shared with Lock Haven as permissible under the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Students entering the Program will be asked to release certain information (e.g., transcripts, national examination results) that will facilitate both Lock Haven’s and Salus University’s assessment of student learning and continuous program improvement.

Additional Considerations

No Third Party Beneficiaries. None of the benefits or obligations of either party under this Articulation Agreement will be applicable or enforceable by any Lock Haven student or other party.

Modifications. This Articulation Agreement is the entire Agreement between the parties and may only be modified or amended by a separate written addendum this is signed by both parties and attached to this Agreement.

Assignment: Neither party shall assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this Articulation Agreement with the prior written consent of the other. Any such purported assignment, sale, or transfer shall be void.
Miscellaneous
The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. LHU students are protected by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement.

The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.

Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the Commonwealth’s rights, claims or defenses which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this contract. The provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education or the University.

This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regards to this relationship.

Salus shall report any incident in which a student is the victim of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking or sexual harassment to the University Title IX Coordinator, Ms. Deana Hill, Associate Vice President for Human Resources, dhill@lockhaven.edu; 570-484-2014.

Duration of the Articulation Agreement
The term of this Agreement shall be 5 years from the date of execution. This Agreement may not exceed a period of five (5) years.

Lock Haven or Salus may terminate this Agreement for any reason with the ninety (90) days notice. Either party may terminate this Agreement in the event of a substantial breach. However, should Salus terminate this Agreement, any Lock Haven student enrolled in the Program at the date of termination shall be permitted to complete the Program provided that the Lock Haven students successfully meets the Phase I and Phase II requirements.

The addresses to which written notice is to be sent are specified below:

Salus University:

Monica J. Scirrotto, MS
Director of Admissions
Salus University
8360 Old York Road
Elkins Park, PA 19027

Lock Haven University:

Ted Nuttall, Ph.D.
Premed Advising Coordinator
Lock Haven University
East Campus Science Center 211
301 West Church Street
Lock Haven, PA 17745
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures:

For Salus University:

Barry Eckert, PhD
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

1/22/20

For Lock Haven University:

Robert Pignatello, Ed.D.
President

2/4/20

University Legal Counsel

EFFECTIVE DATE
FEB - 4 2020
OF CONTRACT

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OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL
**Addendum**

**Lock Haven’s Courses Meeting Admission Requirements for Salus University’s Doctor of Optometry Program**

**Preface**

Within the context of a 3+4 doctoral program, Lock Haven recognizes the importance of three years of undergraduate study in properly preparing students for the rigors of Salus University’s Doctor of Optometry Program. Required courses in Phase I of the Program at Lock Haven provide students with a strong academic foundation along with professionally relevant interpersonal skills.

The required course work listed below must be completed at the college level with a grade of 'C' or better. An applicant need not have completed all prerequisites prior to filing an application, but must be able to complete all outstanding prerequisites prior to enrollment.

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<td>Microbiology or Bacteriology (with labs) – ½ year</td>
<td>BIOL340 Microbiology (with lab)</td>
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<td>General Physics (with labs) – 1 year</td>
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<td>Psychology – ½ year</td>
<td>PSYC100 Introduction to Psychological Science</td>
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<td>Statistics (Math, Biology or Psychology) – ½ year</td>
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<td>General Chemistry (with labs) – 1 year</td>
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<td>Organic Chemistry (with labs) – 1 year</td>
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<td>Mathematics – 1 year</td>
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