

# Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Bloomsburg

## Articulation Agreement with Shippensburg University Matriculation of Students into Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Bloomsburg's Doctorate in Audiology (Au.D.) program (3+4)

### Background

Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Bloomsburg and Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania hereby acknowledge their commitment to the training of future practitioners of primary health care by joining in this Articulation Agreement.

Under this Articulation Agreement, up to four students per academic year who successfully complete at least 90 credits within the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, including general education requirements and core courses for the Health Sciences major at Shippensburg University, and who meet all the prerequisites listed in this agreement, are guaranteed admission to the Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Bloomsburg Doctorate in Audiology (Au.D.) program.

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

Phase I is comprised of the Health Sciences curriculum at Shippensburg University, and

Phase II is comprised of the Doctorate in Audiology (Au.D. program) at Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Bloomsburg.

### Agreement

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to the following terms and conditions for the purpose of permitting qualified students in the B.S. Health Sciences degree program at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania the opportunity to apply to Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Bloomsburg's Doctorate of Audiology (Au.D.) program.

1. The undergraduate degree will be awarded by Shippensburg University upon successful completion of the first year of coursework in the Doctorate of Audiology program.
2. The Doctorate of Audiology (Au.D.) degree will be awarded by Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Bloomsburg.
3. By February 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the student is applying to the Au.D. program, they must be on track to complete a minimum of 96 credits specific to the Health Sciences degree curriculum and maintaining, at minimum, a 3.4 GPA at Shippensburg University. Prior to admission, students must have completed all of the required prerequisites, and an online application through Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS) for the Doctorate of Audiology (Au.D.) program at Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Bloomsburg.

4. Satisfactory completion of the following criteria shall be met prior to enrollment at Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Bloomsburg.
  - a. A minimum of completion of the following prerequisites:
    - GPA of 3.4 or above
    - Mean GRE percentile of 40<sup>th</sup> percentile or greater if required by the program
    - GRE Verbal Percentile = 40<sup>th</sup> percentile or greater if required by the program
    - GRE Quantitative Percentile = 25<sup>th</sup> percentile or greater if required by the program
    - GRE Analytical Writing Percentile = 40<sup>th</sup> or greater if required by the program
    - Three (3) recommendation letters in good standing
    - No grade below a "C" obtained in major courses
    - Allowance of only two course repeats
  - b. By January 15<sup>th</sup> of the year the student is applying to the Au.D. program, the student must submit the Shippensburg University Health Sciences Review Committee's letter recommending admission to the Au.D. program, as per this articulation agreement. Additionally, the student must complete five clinical shadowing hours under the supervision of a licensed audiologist. The Committee letter and the Audiology shadowing requirements and signature form must be sent to the Graduate Coordinator of the Au.D. program.
  - c. By February 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the student is applying to the Au.D. program, the student must complete an online application through Communication Sciences and Disorders Centralized Application Service (CSDCAS) for the Doctorate of Audiology (Au.D.) program at Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania – Bloomsburg.
5. Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Bloomsburg will guarantee admission for up to four applicants per academic year from Shippensburg University's Health Sciences Program who meet the aforementioned criteria.
6. A Shippensburg University Health Sciences student who does not meet all of the aforementioned criteria of guaranteed admission may still apply for acceptance into the Au.D. program at Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Bloomsburg via the open/general application process.
7. By February 15<sup>th</sup> of the year the student is applying to the Au.D. program, the Au.D. program Admissions Committee will review Shippensburg University's applications and make final determinations on individual acceptance to Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania - Bloomsburg's Au.D. program. A confirmation email will be sent to the applicant, as well as the Shippensburg University Health Sciences Review Committee.
8. All advertising materials promoting this articulated program will be mutually agreed upon by representatives from both institutions prior to publication.
9. Neither party shall assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this Articulation Agreement without the prior written consent of the other. Any such purported assignment, sale, or transfer shall be void.
10. This Agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis (in March) or any time program changes are to be made by either institution. Any program changes will be identified and incorporated into subsequent agreements.
11. The term of this agreement shall be five (5) years from the date of the final signature

below. Either institution may withdraw from the Agreement upon written notification to the other university, with the exception of honoring commitments made to students already accepted into the Au.D. program.

- 12. 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, gender, sexual orientation, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 13. The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern this Agreement.
- 14. The relationship between the parties under this Agreement is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties under this contract shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
- 15. Neither of the parties shall assume any liability to each other. As to liability to each other, 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, claim, or defenses which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education or the University.
- 16. Any disputes arising from this agreement will be submitted to the Chancellor's Office for final determination.
- 17. This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.

**SIGNATURES:**

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