## Placement Agreement Between SUNY Canton and Nazareth College For the Graduate Professional (DPT) Program

A place will be reserved in the Nazareth College DPT Program for one student from the SUNY Canton Physical Therapist Assistant(PTA) /Health and Fitness Promotion BTech degree programs, provided the student meets the following standards:

- 1. Successful completion of the Associate in Applied Science degree in Physical Therapist Assistant.
- 2. Successful completion of the Bachelor of Technology in Health and Fitness Promotion prior to matriculation in the graduate physical therapy professional curriculum.
- 3. An overall grade point average of 3.20 on a scale of 4.0 during undergraduate study.
- 4. Completion of all prerequisite courses with a 3.20 average in the pre-requisite courses and with no grade below a 2.50 in any prerequisite course.
- 5. 50 verified hours of observation or volunteer experience in health care activities, of which 35 must be in a physical therapy practice. Hours performed during PTA student clinical affiliations may be counted towards this requirement
- 6. Two letters of recommendation, one of which must be a letter from SUNY Canton PTA faculty and one from a physical therapist.

The Department Chair for the Health and Fitness Promotion program at SUNY Canton will notify the Department Chair for Physical Therapy at Nazareth College of a qualified potential applicant, as soon as, one is known in the fall semester of the year prior to potential admission.

SUNY Canton students who have met all the standards must complete the application process by 10/05 of the year prior to potential admission to the program to be offered a *reserved* place in the graduate physical therapy professional program.

The Nazareth faculty establishes acceptance criteria consistent with the Mission of Nazareth College and the Department of Physical Therapy. These criteria are reviewed by the faculty each year prior to reviewing applicants for that year. Each application is reviewed, and decision is by faculty consensus. The Chair of the Department notifies students of their status. All students are accepted on a conditional basis until all requirements have been met by the student, and documented by the Department.

All applications to the DPT program *must* be submitted using the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS) (www.ptcas.org) by 11/1 of year prior to potential admission. Applications without all required materials will be held until completed, and will not be reviewed until completed. The Department will make an effort to contact applicants whose applications are not complete using the address provided on their application form (if already submitted). It is the applicant's responsibility to notify the Department of any change of address to ensure continued communication.

If more than one SUNY Canton student applies to the Physical Therapy program in the same year, the student with the strongest application (based on the application and recommendations from the SUNY Canton PTA faculty) will be admitted to the one reserved spot in the Nazareth College DPT program. Other applicants beyond the one from SUNY Canton will be considered for admission in the same way as other applicants.

## SPECIFIC PREREQUISITE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students must have successfully completed all course and clinical requirements of SUNY Canton's PTA program, and have completed all of the courses listed below:

BIOL 217	Human Anatomy and Physiology I
BIOL 218	Human Anatomy and Physiology II
CHEM 150	College Chemistry I with lab
CHEM 155	College Chemistry II with lab
PHYS 121/125	College Physics I / Physics Lab I
PHYS 122/126	College Physics II / Physics Lab II
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 225	Human Development
MATH 141	Statistics
PHTA 100	Introduction to Physical Therapy
PHTA 101	Fundamental PT Skills and Modalities
PHTA 103	Musculoskeletal Pathologies
PHTA 105	Musculoskeletal Assessment Techniques
PHTA 204	Cardiopulmonary and Integumentary Pathologies
PHTA 205	Neuromuscular Pathologies
PHTA 206	Advanced Physical Therapy Modalities
PHTA 104	Clinical I
PHTA 207	Clinical II
PHTA 209	Clinical III
PHTA 203	PTA Seminar I
PHTA 210	PTA Seminar II

Requirements are subject to change. When changes occur, students who have already matriculated at SUNY Canton will not be penalized.

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