

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN MARSHAL UNIVERSITY
AND MOUNTWEST COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
PTA TO DPT PATHWAY**

This Agreement is entered into this 1st day of MAY 2024 (the “**Effective Date**”), between Marshall University (“**Marshall**”), an institution of higher education located in the state of West Virginia at One John Marshall Drive, Huntington, WV 25755, and Mountwest Community & Technical College (“**MCTC**”), another state institution of higher education located at One Mountwest Way, Huntington, WV 25701 (jointly, the “**Parties**”).

Whereas, Marshall University, through its College of Health Professions, School of Physical Therapy offers the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree (“**DPT**”) as well as relevant health professions bachelor’s degrees;

Whereas, Mountwest Community & Technical College (the “**MCTC**”) offers the Physical Therapist Assistant degree (PTA);

Therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

Wherefore, the parties agree as follows:

1. MCTC will provide a Physical Therapist Assistant degree (PTA) that meets Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE) accreditation.
2. MUSOPT will accept up to two (2) students each year in its Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program provided the students meet the following criteria:
 - a. Completed a PTA degree at Mountwest Community & Technical College with a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or higher;
 - b. Completed an undergraduate degree, including the required prerequisite courses, from Marshall University prior to matriculation into the Marshall University School of Physical Therapy;
 - c. Attained an overall cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale or higher;
 - d. Attained a grade point average of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale or higher in the required prerequisite courses at Marshall University, which include but are not limited to:
 - i. BSC120 and BSC 121,
 - ii. CHM 211, CHM 212, CHM 217, and CHM 218,
 - iii. PHY 201, PHY 202, PHY 203, and PHY 204,
 - iv. BSC 227 and BSC 228,
 - v. STA 225, PSY 223, or MGT 218,
 - vi. PSY 20, and
 - vii. PSY 311, PSY 312, or PSY 408.
 - e. Higher level courses may be substituted for lower-level prerequisite courses in the same area. The following MCTC courses may be substituted for the respective Marshall University courses: BIOL 260, BIOL 265, PSYC 200, PSYC 215, PSYC 225, and PSYC 229.
 - f. Attained a minimum grade of B in each required prerequisite course;
 - g. Completed 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);

- h. Received a total GRE® Verbal + Quantitative score of 298 or higher and an Analytic Writing score of 3.5 on a 5.0 scale or higher. GRE® scores are to be submitted using the following school code: MUSOPT = 0323;
 - i. Successfully completed the MUSOPT interview process;
 - j. Completed the Marshall University DPT supplemental application; and
 - k. Paid 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:

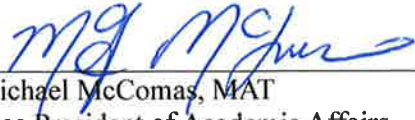
Marshall University
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Huntington, WV 25705

Mountwest Community & Technical College
One Mountwest Way
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- 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. No provisions of this Agreement are intended, nor will be interpreted, to provide or create any third-party beneficiary rights or other rights of any kind.
- 7. This Agreement may not be assigned without the written consent of the other party.
- 8. This Agreement may be modified or amended upon mutual agreement of the parties.
- 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.



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