

Direct Admission Program

Middle Tennessee State University

And

Union University College of Pharmacy

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into on June 21, 2018, by and between Middle Tennessee State University ("MTSU") and Union University College of Pharmacy ("UUCOP"). The parties desire to enter into a contract pursuant to which students of MTSU will be eligible for consideration for Direct Admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree program.

ACCORDINGLY, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Description of Articulation Program.

- a. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to recruit highly qualified, talented students starting as early as a student's first year at MTSU and to offer them Direct Admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree program at UUCOP.
- b. Benefits. The Direct Admission Program guarantees admission to the UUCOP pending successful adherence to progression and matriculation criteria. Direct Admission students are not required to take the Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT). Undergraduate research opportunities may be available to qualified students.
- c. Eligibility. Students admitted to MTSU as freshmen automatically qualify for Direct Admission to UUCOP. A transfer or currently enrolled MTSU student must complete a minimum of 28 of the required pharmacy prerequisite hours at MTSU (at least 14 hours of science and math) with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Students wishing to enroll in this program must submit a Notification of Interest Form (Appendix C) to UUCOP Office of Admissions no later than October 15 of their first year at MTSU. Any student who does not meet the eligibility requirements or for Direct Admission may still apply for traditional admission.

Appendix A, "Progression Criteria" outlines the procedures a student must follow to qualify for the program.

Appendix B, "Prerequisite Courses" outlines courses that must be taken to be considered for admission to Union's Doctor of Pharmacy degree program.

- d. Matriculation. Students must complete the PharmCAS application by September 1 of the year prior to matriculation at UUCOP and designate Early Decision. Applying via Early Decision in PharmCAS represents a commitment solely to UUCOP. Students must also participate in an onsite interview at UUCOP. The interview will be scheduled by the UUCOP Office of Admissions once the application is complete.

- e. Semester meetings. MTSU commits to providing specialized advising to the student to ensure the student is taking the correct courses to be considered for Direct Admission to UUCOP.
- f. Annual review. This Agreement will be subject to annual review by representatives of each institution. Any recommendations for revisions will be made in writing and reviewed by each institution's respective Chief Academic Officer or their designees. The articulation requirements of this Agreement may only be amended in the form of an Amendment signed by authorized representatives of the involved parties.
- g. Non-Exclusivity. This Agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.

2. Term and Termination.

- a. Term. This Agreement will be effective from the date of final signature below, the Effective Date, until terminated in writing by either party. It is agreed that if terminated, both institutions will honor the terms of the Agreement until the end of the next admissions application and review period of MTSU.
- b. Post-Termination. Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, MTSU students previously accepted by or admitted to UUCOP shall continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this Agreement.

3. Miscellaneous.

- a. Non-discrimination. No person on the grounds of handicap, race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or national origin will be excluded from participation in, or be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Agreement.
- b. Binding agreement. This Agreement shall not be binding upon the parties until it is approved by the president or designee at both institutions.

c. Point of contact information.

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- d. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee without regard to its conflict of laws provisions.
- e. Notices. All notices or other written communications relating to termination, expiration, or any other legal matter relating to this Agreement will be effective when received and must be given in writing by courier or reputable overnight delivery service, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to either party at the following address (or to such other address as such party may substitute, by providing a written notice.)
- f. Waivers. The waiver by either party of any provision of this Agreement on any occasion and upon any particular circumstance shall not operate as a waiver of such provision of this Agreement on any other occasion or upon any other circumstance.
- h. Complete Agreement; Integration. This Agreement contains the complete understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other agreements, understandings, communications and promises of any kind, whether oral or written, between the parties with respect to such subject matter.
- i. Counterparts; Facsimile Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which shall be originals and which together shall constitute a single agreement. For the purpose of interpreting this Agreement, facsimile signatures shall be considered equivalent to original signatures.
- j. Independent Contractors. The parties are independent contractors, and no agency, partnership, franchise, joint venture, or employment relationship is intended or created by this Agreement. Neither party shall make any commitment, or give the impression that it has authority to make any commitment, on behalf of the other party.

- k. Confidentiality of Records. All educational records created, disclosed, or maintained pursuant to the terms of this Agreement are confidential and shall be created, disclosed, and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Family Educational Right to Privacy Act, also known as FERPA (20 U.S.C.A. s1232g) and its regulations.

In witness whereof, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures.

Middle Tennessee State University

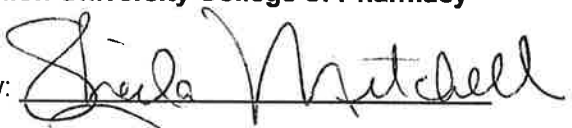
By: 

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Date: 7.24.18

Union University College of Pharmacy

By: 

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Date: 7-18-18

Appendix A

Progression Criteria

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To enter the Direct Admission program or to maintain eligibility, MTSU students must:

1. Notify the UUCOP Office of Admissions of the desire for Direct Admission by completing the form and submitting it to the UUCOP Office of Admissions no later than **October 15**.
Registration with the UUCOP is critical as space is limited for each admitted class.
2. Maintain a cumulative GPA of ≥ 3.0 .
3. Complete all pharmacy prerequisites as noted in Appendix B prior to matriculation into the UUCOP with a grade of "C" or higher in each course.
4. Achieve a composite ACT score ≥ 22 prior to matriculation into the UUCOP.
5. Register for and complete a minimum of 14 hours per semester (fall and spring) at MTSU.
6. Submit an official copy of student transcript to the UUCOP Office of Admissions at the conclusion of each semester.

Appendix B

Prerequisite Courses

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The following prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better prior to matriculation at UUCOP:

BIOL 1110/1111 General Biology I	4 hrs
BIOL 1120/1121 General Biology II	4 hrs
CHEM 1110/1111 General Chemistry I	4 hrs
CHEM 1120/1121 General Chemistry II	4 hrs
CHEM 3010/3011 Organic Chemistry I	4 hrs
CHEM 3020/3021 Organic Chemistry II	4 hrs
BIOL 2010/2011 Anatomy and Physiology I	4 hrs
BIOL 2020/2021 Anatomy and Physiology II	4 hrs
PHYS 2010/2011 Non Calculus Based Physics I	4 hrs
BIOL 2230/2231 Microbiology	4 hrs
MATH 1910 Calculus I	4 hrs
MATH 1530 Applied Statistics	3 hrs
ENGL 1010 Expository Writing	3 hrs
ENGL 1020 Research and Argumentative Writing	3 hrs
COMM 2200 Fundamentals of Communication	3 hrs
Humanities Elective	3 hrs
Social Sciences Elective	3 hrs

Notes regarding prerequisites:

Courses that will increase the strength of the applicant's candidacy include Biochemistry (CHEM 3530/3531 or CHEM 4500 and CHEM 4510), Immunology (BIOL 4300/4301), Genetics (BIOL 3250/3251), and a second semester of Physics (PHYS 2020/2021).

Appendix C - Direct Admission Form



UNION UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE of PHARMACY

DIRECT ADMISSION PROGRAM WITH MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

The purpose of the Direct Admission Program is to recruit highly qualified, talented students early in their college careers and to streamline their admission to the Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program at Union University.

Eligibility

- Students admitted to Middle Tennessee State University as freshmen automatically qualify for Direct Admission.
- A currently enrolled Middle Tennessee State University student must complete a minimum of 28 of the required pharmacy prerequisite hours at Middle Tennessee State University (at least 14 hours of science and math).
- A currently enrolled Middle Tennessee State University student must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

Progression Criteria

- Complete all pharmacy prerequisites prior to matriculation into the Union University College of Pharmacy (UUCOP) with a grade of "C" or higher in each course.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA greater than or equal to 3.0.
- Achieve an ACT score greater than or equal to 22 prior to matriculation into the UUCOP.
- Register for and complete a minimum of 14 hours per semester (fall and spring) at Middle Tennessee State University.

Matriculation

- Complete the PharmCAS application by September 1 of the year prior to matriculation and designate Early Decision.
- Successfully complete an onsite interview. The interview will be scheduled by the UUCOP Office of Admissions once the application is complete.

Notification of interest in Direct Admission should be given to the Union University College of Pharmacy Office of Admissions no later than **October 15**. Registration is critical as space is limited for each class.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have met the eligibility requirements, will adhere to the progression criteria and provide the necessary correspondence in order to matriculate into the Union University College of Pharmacy.

I wish to apply to the Direct Admission Program and plan to enter the Union University College of Pharmacy PharmD program Fall _____ (tentative).

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

ID _____

DATE _____

STUDENT EMAIL _____

STUDENT PREFERRED PHONE _____

ADVISOR SIGNATURE _____

ADVISOR EMAIL _____