

**University of Providence  
and  
University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy Articulation Agreement  
for the University of Montana Doctor of Pharmacy Program**

This Articulation Agreement (the “Agreement”) Agreement by and between University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy (“UM”) and the University of Providence (“UP”), (referred to herein as the “Parties”) memorialize the intent and commitment of the Parties to jointly address the academic needs of students interested in pursuing a career in the profession of pharmacy. UM and UP desire to enter into a contract pursuant to which students of the UP would be eligible for articulated course credits at UM, according to the terms contained in this Agreement.

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

**1. *Description of Articulation Program.***

1.1 Articulation Benefits to Students. UM will reserve up to five (5) seats in each annual fall cohort of students entering its Doctor of Pharmacy Program (“Pharm.D. Program”) for qualified students from UP. Qualified students must complete the application process for admission to the Pharm.D. Program according to the established deadlines.

1.2 Accreditation of UM. UM warrants that it is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. UM will notify the UP if such accreditation ceases to exist.

1.3 Accreditation of UP. UP warrants that it is fully accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. UP will notify UM if this or any other such accreditation applicable to its Pre-Pharmacy Transfer Program ceases to exist.

1.4 Non-Exclusivity. This Agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.

1.5 Student Advising. UP will advise its students of this opportunity, the minimum requirements for consideration, and the procedures and time frames for application and acceptance into the Pharm.D. Program. UP will also provide UM with the opportunity to meet distantly with prospective pre-professional and pre-pharmacy students each semester to provide information about the profession of pharmacy, pre-pharmacy prerequisites, the Pharm.D. Program, including prospective student applicants’ questions.

**2. *Program Requirements.***

2.1 Consideration for guaranteed admission interview. To be **considered for a guaranteed admission interview** to the Pharm.D. Program under the terms of this Agreement, a qualified applicant will:

- a. Complete or be in the process of completing a total of at least 64 semester credit hours which must include all courses from the program's established prerequisite course list or equivalents (see appendix for the specific list of the UM courses and their UP equivalents).
- b. Complete each prerequisite course with a course grade no lower than a C-;
- c. Have a 2.5 minimum cumulative GPA; as determined by UM policy;
- d. Complete the PCAT test;
- e. Complete 20 observation hours, preferably in a pharmacy; and
- f. Complete the Pharm.D. Program application through PharmCAS, per instructions on the UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy website.

2.2 Consideration for admission with a reserved seat. To be **considered for admission with a reserved seat** in the Pharm.D. Program under the terms of this Agreement, qualified applicants will have completed a total of at least 64 semester credit hours prior to starting the professional program, which must include all courses from the program's established prerequisite course list (see list in item 1 above) and will:

- a. Complete each prerequisite course with a course grade no lower than a C-;
- b. Have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA for all pre-requisite courses; as determined by UM policy;
- c. Have a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA for all courses; as determined by UM policy;
- d. Attain a 40th percentile minimum composite PCAT score;
- e. Complete 20 observation hours, preferably in a pharmacy;
- f. Complete the Pharmacy Pharm.D. Program application through PharmCAS, per instructions on the UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy website; and
- g. Successfully complete the program's admissions interview process.

**NOTE:** a bachelor's degree is not required for admission.

### **3. Admissions Processing.**

3.1 Admissions Process. UP will advise interested students of UM's admissions process as follows:

- a. Candidates are strongly encouraged to apply through PharmCAS prior to October in order to receive an invitation for a first-round interview. Applicants who apply after this deadline may be considered for the reserved seat(s), but UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy will admit on a rolling basis and those applying early will be given priority consideration.
- b. Offer of admission letter from the Pharm.D. Program will be sent by the UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy to qualified applicants within 10 working days of the admissions interview.
- c. Select candidates who have permanent residence outside of Montana may be eligible for the UM Out-Of-State Tuition Academic Merit Award upon acceptance to UM. If an applicant qualifies for this merit award, the admission letter will provide this information. Information about the award can be found at:

<http://health.umt.edu/pharmacy/Prospective%20Students/Pharm.D.%20Program/outofstatewaiver.php>.

- d. Applicants wishing to accept a position in the program must verify their acceptance of the offer by submitting a current non-refundable deposit fee to the UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy by the determined deadline in the offer letter.
- e. If a timely deposit is not received, an offer will be made to the other eligible applicants.

#### **4. *Term, Termination, and Modification.***

4.1 Term. The term of this Agreement is three years. It will take effect from the date of signature by the representatives from both Parties (“Effective Date”).

4.2 Modification. This Agreement may be altered, modified, or extended only by mutual consent and written amendment signed by both Parties up to three months before the expiration.

4.3 Termination. Either Party may terminate the Agreement in advance of its normal expiration date by giving the other Party a sixty-day prior written notice. The Parties shall work together amicably to resolve any disputes or disagreements that may arise during the Parties' performance of this Agreement.

#### **5. *Miscellaneous.***

5.1 Severability. If any Section or provision of this Agreement be held illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law by a court of competent jurisdiction, such Section or provision of this Agreement shall be deemed severed from this Agreement and the validity of the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

5.2 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Montana applicable to contracts made and to be enforced wholly within Montana.

5.3 Jurisdiction. The Parties each specifically consent to the jurisdiction of a Montana Court in Montana in connection with any dispute between the Parties arising out of this Agreement or pertaining to the subject matter hereof.

5.4 Survival. Section 5 of this Agreement shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

5.5 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 in accordance with this Section 5.5 and must be given in writing by courier or reputable 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 in the manner specified in this Section):

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For UP:  
Matthew Redinger  
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs  
University of Providence  
1301 20<sup>th</sup> St South  
Great Falls, MT 59405

For the University of Montana:  
Marketa Marvanova, PharmD, PhD  
Dean and Professor

Skaggs School of Pharmacy  
University of Montana  
Skaggs School of Pharmacy  
32 Campus Drive  
Missoula, MT 59812

5.6 Waivers and Amendments. 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. This Agreement may be modified or amended only via a writing signed by both parties.

5.7 Assignment. Neither party may assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Agreement. Any attempted assignment or delegation in violation of this Section would be null and void.

5.8 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.

5.9 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.

5.10 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.

5.11 Compliance with Laws. The Parties will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in performing their obligations hereunder. When taking actions (or failing to act) in any way relating to this Agreement, each party agrees that it will not unlawfully discriminate against any person on the basis of race, sex, religion, disability, age, national origin, or color.

**INTENDING TO BE LEGALLY BOUND**, by signing below, each party acknowledges its agreement with the terms and conditions of this Agreement and each signatory represents and warrants that he/she is authorized to sign on behalf of and to bind his/her party to all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

**The University of Providence**

Name: Matthew A. Ryan Date: July 27, 2021

Title: Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

**The University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy**

Name: Marketa Marvanova Marketa Marvanova Date: July 27, 2021

Title: Dean of the Skaggs School of Pharmacy

**APPENDIX: REQUIRED PRE-PHARMACY COURSES**

<b>UM Course Number and Title (semester credits)</b>	<b>UP Course Number and Title (semester credits)</b>
BIOH 112 Human Form & Function I (3)	BIO 251/ 251L Human Anatomy & Physiology I w/ lab (4)
BIOH 113 Human Form & Function II (3)	BIO 252/ 252L Human Anatomy & Physiology II w/ lab (4)
BIOB 260 Cell & Molecular Biology (4)	BIO 221 Cell & Molecular Biology (4)
CHMY 141 College Chemistry I (4)	CHEM 111 /111L General Chemistry I w/ lab (4)
CHMY 142 College Chemistry I lab (1)	(included with CHEM 111)
CHMY 143 College Chemistry II (4)	CHEM 112 /112L General Chemistry II w/ lab (4)
CHMY 144 College Chemistry II lab (1)	(included with CHEM 112)
CHMY 221 Organic Chemistry I (3)	CHEM 261 / 261L Organic Chemistry I w/ lab (4)
CHMY 222 Organic Chemistry I Lab (2)	CHEM 262 /262L Organic Chemistry II w/ lab (4)
CHMY 223 Organic Chm II (3)	(included with CHEM 261/262)
Communications Elective (3) either course: COMX 111A Intro to Public Speaking THTR 120A Intro to Acting	Communications Elective (3) either course: COM 101 Speech Communication (3) DRM 120 Introduction to Acting (3)
ECNS 201S Principles of Microeconomics (3)	ECN 202 Microeconomics (3)
WRIT 101 College Writing I (3)	ENG 117 Writing Essays (3)
Social Science Elective (3) either course: PSYX 100S Intro to Psychology SOCI 101S Intro to Sociology	Social Science Elective (3) either course: PSY 200 General Psychology (3) SOC 110 Intro to Sociology (3)
M 162 Applied Calculus (4)	MTH 241 Calculus I (4)
STAT 216 Intro to Statistics (4)	MTH 108 Elementary Statistics (3)
PHSX 205 College Physics I (4)	PHY 241 / 241L Classical & Modern Physics w/ lab (4)
PHSX 206 College Physics I lab (1)	(included with PHY 241)