

## University of the Incarnate Word - School of Physical Therapy

### Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding Between University of the Incarnate Word And Texas A&M University- San Antonio

This Addendum X (hereinafter “Addendum”) dated August 3, 2020, forms part of that certain Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into between University of the Incarnate Word and Texas A&M University-San Antonio dated September 1, 2020 as referenced in Section II.A., of the MOU. This Addendum sets out specific and applicable admission and pipeline program requirements for University of the Incarnate Word School of Physical Therapy (“UIWSoPT”).

**Purpose.** This Addendum is designed to culminate in guaranteed admissions in the UIWSoPT for up to 5 qualified Texas A&M University-San Antonio applicants who apply within five years of graduation from Texas A&M University-San Antonio. This program shall be known as UIW Health Professions Pathway.

- A. Number of Guaranteed Admission Seats. Five (5) guaranteed admission seats will be reserved for applicants from Texas A&M University-San Antonio. The number of reserved seats will be reviewed annually with a potential for more slots, depending on the applicant pool and the educational progress of students admitted under the Memorandum of Understanding, with the final determination to be made by UIWSoPT.
- B. Release of Seats. If by December 1 of the annual admissions cycle there are fewer than five qualified applicants from Texas A&M University-San Antonio, UIWSoPT will release the remaining interview slots for that cycle to other qualified applicants.
- C. Review of Addendum. This Addendum will be reviewed every two years in January for updates, process, and other changes.
- D. Delay of Application. Subject to prior approval by UIWSoPT, Texas A&M University-San Antonio graduates may elect to delay application to UIWSoPT up to five years following graduation as long as they remain in contact with the Health Professions Advisory Committee for status updates.
- E. Candidacy Selection. To be selected for candidacy to enter the UIW Health Professions Pathway, an applicant must meet admissions standards established by Texas A&M University-San Antonio.
- F. Satisfactory Progress During Candidacy: To continue as candidates in good standing, an applicant must meet the following conditions:
  - 1. Make satisfactory academic progress as demonstrated by:

- a. Cumulative GPA of at least 3.50 and pre-requisites GPA of at least a 3.30.
  - b. Maintained status as a full-time student at Texas A&M University-San Antonio or be within five years of graduation. Qualified alumni/graduates should remain in contact with the Health Professions Advisory Committee for program status updates.
  - c. Completion of or in the process of completing the following pre-requisite courses at the time of application:
    - Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II: (8 semester hours, including labs)
    - General Biology I & II: (8 semester hours, including labs)
    - General Chemistry I & II: (8 semester hours, including labs)
    - General Physics I & II: (8 semester hours, including labs)
    - Introduction to Psychology: (3 semester hours)
    - Developmental, Lifespan, OR Abnormal Psychology: (3 semester hours)
    - Statistics: (3 semester hours)
    - Medical Terminology\*
      - \*may be taken as a 6-week noncredit online course*
2. Participate in mentoring and guidance with the Health Professions Advisory Committee at Texas A&M University-San Antonio to discuss progress and update the applicant's file.
  3. Participate in activities consistent with the goal of entering the physical therapy profession. Specific activities that a candidate may elect include:
    - a. Engage in volunteer work or community service (applications with substantial community and volunteer service specifically to underserved populations may have a higher chance of acceptance into the program as UIWSoPT focuses on the needs of underserved populations).
    - b. Participate as an active member of the Kinesiology Club at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.
  4. Acquire an understanding of the physical therapy profession through shadowing under a licensed physical therapist in at least two different settings (e.g. outpatient clinic and skilled nursing facility or acute care hospital or pediatric setting; minimum of 50 hours). *Complete Observation Form available on PTCAS.*
  5. Maintain good disciplinary standing. This includes the avoidance of serious sanctions, maintaining acceptable interpersonal relations with faculty and peers, showing maturity and judgment, and exercising personal responsibility in meeting commitments.
  6. Receive favorable annual evaluations from the academic advisor.

7. Meet the specific course equivalencies and requirements of degree plan, as determined by the advisor and Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

G. Interview Criteria: To be interviewed by UIWSoPT, a candidate must meet the following conditions:

1. Suitable academic achievement as demonstrated by the following:
  - a. Progress toward completion of an undergraduate degree at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.
  - b. Pre-Requisites GPA of at least 3.30; and
  - c. Cumulative GPA of at least 3.50
2. GRE scores greater than 150 for each of the Verbal and Quantitative sections and a minimum of 3.5 on the Writing section.
3. Completion of the PTCAS application process (application portal).
4. Provide UIWSoPT with three letters of reference (at least one from a licensed physical therapist). Aside from physical therapists, the other letters could be from faculty or a health professions admissions committee (HPAC).

H. Guaranteed Admissions Criteria: UIWSoPT will guarantee five seats per year for Texas A&M University-San Antonio candidates who successfully complete the abovementioned conditions listed in sections F and G and perform well in the campus interview.

Questions concerning the UIWSoPT or this pathway may be addressed to the Associate Provost for the Health Professions and Dean of the UIWSoPT, Dr. Caroline Goulet, or her designated administrator.

**This Addendum to Agreement is agreed to by:**


**Texas A&M University-San Antonio**

**University of the Incarnate Word**

*Printed Name:* Dr. Carl Sheperis

*Printed Name* Caroline Goulet, PT, PhD

*Signature* 

*Signature* 

*Title:* Dean, College of Education and Human Development

*Title* Associate Provost, Health Professions

*Date:* 9/22/2020

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