

**Bridgewater College
Division of Professional Studies**

Master of Science in Athletic Training Program

Articulation Agreement

This Articulation Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into this 26th day of July, 2017, by and between Stevenson University (hereinafter referred to as STEVENSON) and Bridgewater College (hereinafter referred to as BRIDGEWATER).

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS the Athletic Training Program of BRIDGEWATER wishes to enter into a formal articulation agreement with STEVENSON for the express purpose of establishing the pre-admission criteria, performance standards and inter-institutional considerations that may result in preferred admission of two (2) STEVENSON graduates annually to the Master of Science in Athletic Training Program (hereinafter referred to as MSAT) of BRIDGEWATER; and

WHEREAS STEVENSON desires to enter into this Agreement with BRIDGEWATER and meets the performance standards set forth in this Agreement for the recruitment and selection of candidates to be admitted through this articulated admission track.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. **STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT.** BRIDGEWATER agrees to accept up to two (2) suitably-qualified and duly-enrolled, full-time students from STEVENSON who satisfy all of the criteria listed below, which may be amended by the mutual, written consent of both parties. The admission of these candidates shall occur on a non-competitive basis with respect to the applicant pool as a whole.

a. **IDENTIFICATION OF STUDENTS APPLYING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT:**

- i. **Early Acceptance.** For students interested in early acceptance, the designated STEVENSON liaison will notify the designated BRIDGEWATER liaison of qualified students in their junior year that meet the admissions requirements under this Agreement. Admissions requirements as described in the BRIDGEWATER academic catalog and MSAT website must be completed. Additionally, a letter of recommendation from the STEVENSON liaison, transcripts showing six semesters of coursework and a plan for completing requirements in their senior year are required. An interview with BRIDGEWATER admissions committee will be scheduled in the spring of their junior year. Pending receipt of all available materials and successful interview, "Provisional Acceptance" is given late spring/early summer preceding the general admissions cycle. If student accepts the offer, a non-refundable deposit of \$500 will be required at that time to hold a seat in the MSAT.

- ii. **Guaranteed Consideration.** Qualified students, meeting all admissions criteria as described in the BRIDGEWATER academic catalog and MSAT website, and identified by STEVENSON are also invited to apply in their senior year under this Agreement by November 1. STEVENSON will provide a ranked list of the four students to be considered under this Agreement prior to November 15. If the top two candidates fail to perform successfully during the interview, BRIDGEWATER will consider candidates three and/or four for admission using the aforementioned criteria. Identified students with completed applications and a favorable interview will be guaranteed early acceptance, conditional on completion of any outstanding coursework. If student accepts the offer, a nonrefundable deposit of \$500 will be required at that time to hold a seat in the MSAT.

b. **FULFILLMENT OF ALL PRE-ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS.** Students from STEVENSON seeking admission to BRIDGEWATER under the terms of this Agreement must satisfy all of the pre-admission requirements listed below.

- i. **Submit a Completed Application.** A completed application must be submitted on or before November 1 for guaranteed consideration and May 15 for early acceptance. This application shall include elements as outlined on the admissions page of the BRIDGEWATER academic catalog and MSAT website, including but not limited to: completed application form, recommendation forms, GRE scores, official transcripts, observation hours documented (if requested) and essays. The MSAT application fee will be waived under this Agreement.
- ii. **Meet Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average Requirement.** To be eligible to apply for admission under the terms of this Agreement, a student must maintain a 2.7/4.0 or higher cumulative grade point average at the time of application, and have no grade below a "C" for courses listed in the prerequisite coursework described in the BRIDGEWATER academic catalog and MSAT website.
- iii. **Stevenson Liaison Recommendation.** A letter of recommendation from the STEVENSON LIASISON is required. This will help identify students that are requesting admission through the terms of this Agreement.
- iv. **Observation Hours.** Must complete the program requirements for observation hours.
- v. **Graduate Record Exam.** The General Test must be completed and score submitted with the application.
- vi. **Interview.** Candidate must interview with the MSAT Admission Committee.

c. **FULFILLMENT OF ALL MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS.** Admission is conditional, and applicants may not matriculate until they have completed the following:

- i. **Meet Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average Requirement.** To matriculate as a student in the MSAT under the terms of this Agreement, the student must have maintained a cumulative overall grade point average of 2.7 and no grade below a "C" for courses listed in the prerequisite coursework at the time of graduation from STEVENSON.
- ii. **Complete All Required Pre-Requisite Courses.** The required prerequisite courses (as listed on the BRIDGEWATER MSAT website) must be completed, and must reflect a grade of "C" or better.
- iii. **Degree Conferral Prior to Matriculation.** All degree requirements set forth in the approved curricula must be completed and the student must have graduated from STEVENSON with either a B.S. or B.A. degree prior to matriculation in The MSAT.
- iv. **Technical Standards.** Candidate must be able to affirm that (s)he understands and meets the published "Technical Standards" stipulated for matriculation to the MSAT.

2. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF STEVENSON.** STEVENSON shall assume responsibility for the following:

a. **PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

- i. **Marketing of this Agreement.** STEVENSON will be responsible for announcing this Agreement as part of its promotional literature and for marketing the articulated curricula in its promotional literature available to prospective applicants for admission. STEVENSON will also be responsible for informing students already enrolled in STEVENSON about this Agreement, the articulated curricula and the career opportunities available in this profession. This information will be shared with and readily available to all interested STEVENSON students.
- ii. **Recruiting Qualified Students.** STEVENSON will be responsible for making bona fide recruiting efforts to attract and retain students annually in sufficient numbers who will meet the terms of this Agreement. Students eligible for admission pursuant to this Agreement will be those first time freshmen entering at STEVENSON in the fall of 2017, as well as those students enrolled at STEVENSON prior to the fall of 2017 who are deemed qualified by both parties.
- iii. **Career Counseling.** STEVENSON agrees to provide career counseling and advising activities about the profession of athletic training in consultation with the BRIDGEWATER MSAT, in a manner commensurate with other services provided to STEVENSON students through its pre-health professions advisor(s) or other suitably-qualified staff member of its choosing.

b. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- i. **Notification of Changes.** STEVENSON agrees to provide BRIDGEWATER with timely notification of impending changes within STEVENSON that may adversely impact the ability or willingness of STEVENSON to meet the terms of this Agreement. Although not an inclusive list, modifications involving the following would be applicable: decline in admissions standards; changes from current institutional grading practices and standards; changes in graduation requirements; termination of course offerings required in the prerequisite courses; a change in the affiliation and/or accreditation status of STEVENSON with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as MSCHE).
- ii. **Accreditation Site Inspection.** If requested, STEVENSON agrees to assist BRIDGEWATER in terms of providing information related to this Agreement deemed necessary and essential to the specialized accreditation process involving the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (hereinafter referred to as CAATE).
- iii. **Appointment of Liaison.** STEVENSON agrees to designate an appropriate faculty member ("STEVENSON Liaison") to work with BRIDGEWATER'S designated liaison (the "MSAT Liaison") to coordinate the performance of the STEVENSON'S responsibilities under this Agreement.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BRIDGEWATER. BRIDGEWATER shall assume responsibility for the following:

a. PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- i. **Marketing of this Agreement.** BRIDGEWATER will announce the Agreement with STEVENSON on BRIDGEWATER'S website.
- ii. **Career Counseling.** BRIDGEWATER agrees to serve as a resource for STEVENSON faculty advisors and students in terms of providing career-counseling and advising about the profession of athletic training.
- iii. **Programming.** BRIDGEWATER agrees to conduct periodic campus visits/receptions at STEVENSON. At the request of STEVENSON, BRIDGEWATER will host (financial sponsorship) at least one (1) reception annually on the campus of STEVENSON for STEVENSON students interested in the MSAT at a time and location to be mutually arranged by BRIDGEWATER and STEVENSON. In addition, BRIDGEWATER will to sponsor one (1) "open house" each year on the BRIDGEWATER campus in Bridgewater, Virginia for interested STEVENSON students.
- iv. **Specialized Accreditation.** BRIDGEWATER is responsible for obtaining and maintaining the MSAT's status as an accredited educational program from CAATE. BRIDGEWATER shall be responsible for providing STEVENSON with timely notification of pending accreditation reviews.

- v. **Performance Outcomes.** BRIDGEWATER agrees to provide STEVENSON with academic assessment data concerning the performance of its graduates in the Program. The reporting of these data shall be performed either with the students' written consent or in such a manner as to protect the confidentiality of individual student records and shall be in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and other Federal and Commonwealth of Virginia laws applicable to information maintained in student academic records maintained by BRIDGEWATER.

b. **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- i. **Notification of Changes.** BRIDGEWATER agrees to provide STEVENSON with timely notification of impending changes within the MSAT that may adversely impact the ability or willingness of BRIDGEWATER to meet the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to: changes in current admissions prerequisites or requirements; changes in leadership of the individual Programs; shifts in enrollment projections; notification of a change in accreditation status for the MSAT; and a change in the affiliation and/or accreditation status of BRIDGEWATER with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (hereinafter referred to as SACSCOC). STEVENSON shall reserve the right to terminate this Agreement in the event that BRIDGEWATER receives notice that the MSAT has lost its status as an accredited program.
- ii. **Non-Nominated Student Admissions.** STEVENSON students who are not among the two nominees selected for non-competitive admission via this Agreement will be considered for admission using the same criteria involved in the competitive admissions process open to other applicants.
- iii. **Appointment of Liaison.** BRIDGEWATER agrees to designate an appropriate faculty member ("MSAT Liaison") to work with STEVENSON's designated liaison (the "STEVENSON Liaison") to coordinate the performance of the BRIDGEWATER's responsibilities under this Agreement.

4. **TERM AND TERMINATION.** BRIDGEWATER and STEVENSON agree that this Agreement shall be in effect from the date it is executed by all signatories, and shall continue in effect until terminated by one or both of the parties as provided herein.

- a. **TERMINATION WITHOUT CAUSE.** Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause and for any reason, or no reason, by giving the other party written notice of the termination 90 days prior to the announced date of termination.
- b. **TERMINATION FOR CAUSE.** Either party may terminate this Agreement without the aforementioned advance notification for sufficient cause. Termination for cause may include but is not limited to:
 - i. Withdrawal of specialized accreditation of the MSAT program;

- ii. Withdrawal of regional accreditation to either institution
- iii. Cancellation of the MSAT program by BRIDGEWATER.

5. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

- a. **ENTIRE AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS.** This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and any prior agreements, promises, negotiations or representations relating the subject matter are of no force or effect. Except as otherwise provided by federal or state law, any paragraph or provision of this Agreement may be amended only by mutual written consent of the parties. This Agreement is made for the sole benefit of STEVENSON and BRIDGEWATER. Nothing in this Agreement shall create or be deemed to create a relationship between the parties, or either of them, and any third parties, including a relationship in the nature of a third party beneficiary.
- b. **GOVERNING LAW.** This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, without regard to its conflict of laws provisions. The forum for any proceedings filed in connection with this Agreement shall be the Circuit Court of Rockingham County, Virginia.
- c. **WAIVERS.** Any paragraph or provision of this Agreement may be waived only by the prior written consent of the parties and the failure of any party to insist on a strict performance of any term or condition of the Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of such terms and conditions in the future.
- d. **ASSIGNMENT.** This Agreement shall not be assigned, subcontracted or transferred by either party without the written approval of the other party.
- e. **NOTICES.** Any notice or other communication required by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given if hand delivered, sent via overnight mail by a reputable overnight courier, such as Federal Express, or sent postage prepaid by a certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

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c/o Dr. Leona A. Sevvick
Provost
Bridgewater College
402 E. College Street
Bridgewater, VA 22812

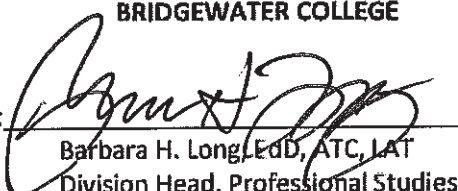
STEVENSON
c/o Dr. Meredith Durmowicz
Dean, Beverly K. Fine School of
the Sciences
Stevenson University
1200 Ted Herget Way
Owings Mills, MD 21117

or to such other addresses or persons as may be furnished from time to time in writing by one party to the other party. The notice shall be effective on the date of delivery if delivered by hand, the date of delivery as indicated on the receipt if sent via overnight mail, or the date indicated on the return receipt whether or not such notice is accepted by the addressee.

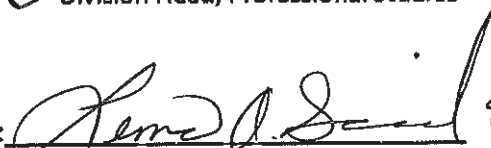
- f. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of the Agreement is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the term of this Agreement, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first written above.

BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE

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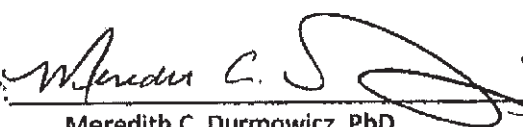
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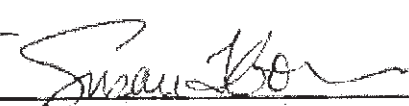
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