



**POLICY: Admission and Enrollment Polices That Favor Specified Individuals or Groups**

Although no specific preference in admission or enrollment is given to any specified individuals or groups, the follow agreements exist with the Bryant University School of Health Sciences and the PA Program:

- Undergraduate students from Bryant University meeting all admission requirements to the PA Program will be afforded a guaranteed interview.
- Undergraduate students from Western New England University meeting all admission requirements to the PA Program will be afforded a guaranteed interview (see attached Memorandum of Understanding)

The University, The School of Health Sciences, and the PA Program maintain the right to enter into such agreements.

This policy will be provided on the website and updated as necessary, however, no changes to this policy will take effect between the annual opening of each CASPA Cycle and 01 October of the same year.



**Standard A3.15** The program must define, publish, and make readily available to prospective students admission related information to include: a) admission and enrollment practices that favor specified individuals or groups

**ANNOTATION:**

Review: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

- Medical Director
- Director of Clinical Education

Forwarded for Approval: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

- Associate Program Director

Approved: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

- Program Director

# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

Between

**BRYANT UNIVERSITY**

and

**WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY**

Bryant University, 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917 (“Bryant”), and Western New England University, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, MA 01119 (“Western New England”) do hereby enter into this Affiliation Agreement (“Agreement”) on the date that this Agreement is signed by the authorized administrative representatives of both institutions.

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to foster a spirit of cooperation between these two educational institutions. This Agreement facilitate the application to the Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (“PA”) program offered through the School of Health Sciences at Bryant University for qualified Western New England University students.
2. This Agreement applies to qualified Western New England University students who graduate through June of 2022. Recent Western New England alumni who satisfy the specific requirements within this Agreement will have up to two (2) years after graduation to apply through this Agreement. Qualified alumni must apply to the PA Program for matriculation no later than the January of 2019.
3. Qualified Western New England University applicants must meet or exceed all Bryant University PA Program Pre-requisites as outlined on the Bryant website.  
<http://www.bryant.edu/mspas> which include:

- A baccalaureate degree
- An overall undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0.
- Completion of the following prerequisite courses with a minimum GPA of 3.0 overall for these prerequisite courses and a "C" or better in each class:
  - Biology with lab: 8SH
  - Chemistry with lab: 8SH
  - Human Anatomy and Physiology: 8SH
  - Microbiology: 3SH
  - Organic Chemistry (4 SH) or Biochemistry (3 SH)
  - Psychology: 3SH
  - Statistics: 3SHNOTE: Advanced Placement(AP)/CLEP coursework may be accepted for Psychology (3SH) and Statistics (3SH). No Advanced Placement (AP)/CLEP coursework or transfer credits to fulfill science prerequisite requirements will be accepted.
- 2000 hours of direct patient care experience completed before 01 December of the year prior to matriculation
  - Examples of direct patient care experience includes, but is not necessarily limited to: military medics, corpsmen, health service technicians, and medical technicians; nurses, emergency medical technicians and paramedics; emergency department technicians; medical scribes; physical and occupational therapists; respiratory therapists; medical assistants
- A GRE Score within 5 years of matriculation
- A completed CASPA Application

4. Regarding the PA Program, qualified Western New England University applicants are eligible for a guaranteed interview and consideration for acceptance should they be a competitive candidate.

5. Potential applicants with questions about the PA Program should be referred to the PA Program webpage (<http://www.bryant.edu/mspas>) or may contact the program by e-mail ([pa\\_program@bryant.edu](mailto:pa_program@bryant.edu)) or phone (401-232-6556).

6. The application may be completed online at <https://caspa.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>

7. It is the responsibility of Western New England University to work cooperatively with Bryant University to promote this option to potentially eligible Western New England University applicants. Western New England University should make efforts to inform appropriate academic and administrative personnel and students about this opportunity. Communication would include inserting information about this Agreement in the Western New England University catalogue and verbal, written or electronic notification to students on a timely and regular basis. Additionally, a representative of the Bryant program will make periodic visits to Western New England University to present to and speak with potential applicants about this Agreement.

8. The parties recognize and acknowledge that all rights and goodwill in their respective trademarks are the exclusive property of their separate organizations. Western New England University may announce its affiliation with Bryant University in its catalog or other printed materials, in whatever medium, and may publicize Bryant University sponsored programs in a manner deemed mutually acceptable to the parties. Bryant University may include the Western New England University name in its catalog or other printed materials, in whatever medium. Except as set forth above, the parties agree not to use the other's name or other trademarks in advertising, marketing or other materials without the prior written permission of the other.

9. Bryant University and Western New England University agree to designate the following individuals as Facilitators to oversee and coordinate the implementation of this Agreement in cooperation with other appropriate faculty and staff at Bryant and Western New England.

For Bryant:

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10. Western New England University faculty members will provide recommendation letters for qualified applicants.

11. It is agreed and understood that each party has the right and responsibility to make changes to its curricula and enrollment standards to maintain its academic integrity and meet accreditation standards. Such changes, if any, will be communicated in writing between the designated Facilitators of each institution as they occur.

12. Bryant University and Western New England University will each adhere to its respective institution's non-discrimination policy.

13. Each party hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party against all losses, damages, liabilities and other expenses of every kind and nature, including reasonable attorney's fees, sustained by or incurred by the other party as a result of any debts, actions, causes of action, claims, suits, liabilities, obligations or damages whatsoever resulting from the indemnifying party's (i) breach or default under this Agreement; or (ii) the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnifying party arising pursuant to this Agreement. The indemnifying party shall consult with the notifying party before making any agreement to settle or compromise a claim under this provision, and the notifying party shall have authority to veto any settlement or compromise that adversely affects its reputation or financial position. The right to indemnification set forth herein shall be in addition to and not derogation of any other rights contained in this Agreement.

14. In the event of a conflict or dispute pertaining to the terms of this Agreement, the parties agree to use their best efforts to resolve their differences in good faith.

15. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to its subject matter. This Agreement is valid for five (5) years, and becomes effective on the date that it is signed by the authorized administrative representatives of both institutions and terminates on 01 July 2022. No prior or contemporaneous agreement or understanding will be effective.

16. By 01 January 2022 Bryant University will determine and notify Western New England University as to whether or not a renewal of this Agreement is desired.

17. Termination of this Affiliation Agreement can be initiated by either party and shall be effective by giving the other party at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of its intention to terminate. Termination shall be without penalty. In the event that this agreement expires or is terminated, any student who has been accepted into or currently enrolled in the PA Program pursuant to this Agreement will be allowed to complete the program. If this agreement is terminated, neither Bryant University nor Western New England University shall be liable to the other for any monetary or other losses that may result.

Either party may take the initiative to amend this Agreement by submitting suggestions in writing and following through the respective liaison. No addition, modification, or deletion of the Agreement shall be valid unless reduced to writing and signed by authorized administrative representatives of both institutions. The amended Agreement will become effective when signed by the authorized administrative representatives of each institution. Bryant University and

Western New England University acknowledge that the individuals authorized to receive notice are not authorized to change the terms of this Agreement.

Duly authorized administrative representatives of Bryant University and Western New England University executed this Agreement as of the day and year given below.

**FOR BRYANT UNIVERSITY:**



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Robert Jay Amrien  
Program Director  
PA Program  
Bryant University  
Smithfield, RI

10/19/2017  
Date

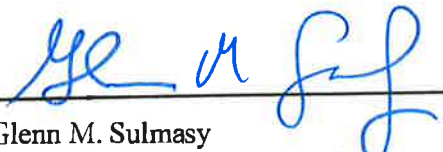
**FOR WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY:**



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Linda E. Jones, Ph.D.  
Provost  
Western New England University  
Springfield, MA

9/15/17  
Date



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Glenn M. Sulmasy  
Provost & Chief Academic Officer  
Bryant University  
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