

# **AFFILIATION and ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

**ALBRIGHT COLLEGE** READING, PENNSYLVANIA

AND THE

**JEFFERSON COLLEGE OF POPULATION HEALTH**

THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

## **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to establish and maintain a collaboration between the two institutions in order to facilitate priority admission of students from Albright College (*Albright*) into the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program of the Jefferson College of Population Health (*JCPH*) of Thomas Jefferson University (TJU).

## **II. Priority Admission**

*Albright* students who meet eligibility criteria in III below, will be considered for priority admission to the *JCPH* MPH program. Priority admission assures that a space will be reserved for *Albright* students in the entering class for the year in which they matriculate. It also assures that *Albright* students will be automatically considered for merit-based scholarships.

## **III. Eligibility for Priority Admission**

### **A. Students with *Albright* baccalaureate degree**

*JCPH* will grant priority admission to *Albright* students who meet the following five conditions; *JCPH* reserves the right, in collaboration with *Albright*, to review and amend these priority considerations as necessary:

1. Student has taken the following designated undergraduate prerequisite courses at *Albright* or other accredited institution of higher education and earned a grade of B or higher in each of these courses:
  - English - 2 courses, one of which must emphasize English composition
  - Natural sciences - 2 courses
  - Social sciences - 3 courses, one of which must be in psychology and one in sociology
  - Humanities – 1 course
  - Statistics (recommended but not mandatory)

*Attachment A* of this Agreement indicates current *Albright* courses that fulfill prerequisite course requirements for the *JCPH* MPH program. *Albright* may add

additional courses by submitting them to JCPH for review and consent.

2. Student has a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 or higher on a 4 point scale for all baccalaureate work completed at *Albright*. The GRE or equivalent admissions requirement is waived for *Albright* students with a GPA of 3.3 or higher.
3. A designated *Albright* representative has recommended the student for admission.
4. Student's personal essay and interview demonstrate interest and readiness to matriculate into the JCPH MPH degree program.
5. Student applies to the MPH program during their senior year or within two years of graduating from *Albright*.

#### **B. Taking JCPH MPH courses while an Albright student**

With the recommendation of the *Albright* coordinator/advisor and approval of the JCPH MPH Program Director, *Albright* students maintaining a 3.3 or higher GPA are eligible to take one to four of the following JCPH courses during their senior year and spring term of their junior year. *PBH 501 Introduction to Public Health* needs to be taken as the first JCPH course and serves as a prerequisite to the others.

*PBH 501: Introduction to Public Health* (3 credits)

*PBH 502: Social and Behavioral Foundation of Public Health* (3 credits)

*PBH 504: Basic Public Health Statistics* (3 credits)

*PBH 506: Fundamentals of Epidemiology* (3 credits)

*PBH 507: Fundamentals of Environmental Health* (3 credits)

*HPL 500: US Healthcare Organization and Delivery* (3 credits)

- Students earning a grade of B or higher in these JCPH courses may apply these credits toward the MPH degree and will receive priority admissions consideration should they meet all criteria outlined in III A, above.
- It is understood by JCPH that *Albright* intends for JCPH MPH courses to be used in fulfillment of course and credit requirements for the *Albright* baccalaureate degree.

#### **IV. Admissions Process**

1. *Albright* students shall apply to the JCPH MPH program via SOPHAS, the national public health common application system anytime during their senior year, or within two years of *Albright* graduation. The application requires the following items:
  - Completed application form and payment of SOPHAS application fee
  - Official *Albright* transcript showing all coursework completed to date plus official

transcripts from all other institutions attended; final official Albright transcript needs to be submitted prior to MPH matriculation.

- *Albright* transcript needs to indicate GPA of 3.3 or better
- International transcripts need to be evaluated by World Education Service (WES) or comparable agency if not previously so evaluated.
- Three letters of recommendation, one from the designated *Albright* representative commenting on the student's academic performance, motivation, and readiness to function in a graduate school environment; and at least one recommendation from a source that can address the student's volunteer/community experience and/or motivation for public health.
- Personal statement, including information on volunteering and community service activities
- Resume if available
- Interview at *JCPH*

#### **V. Application Deadlines**

Although *JCPH* accepts applications on a continuous basis, the application process must be started no later than July 1 for fall admission and no later than November 1 for spring admission; supporting documentation (transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.) must be submitted no later than July 15 for fall admission and November 15 for spring admission.

#### **VI. Final Decision**

Final decisions with respect to admissions into the MPH degree program are within the discretion of *JCPH* in conjunction with the TJU Office of Admissions.

#### **VII. Maintenance**

1. *Albright* shall designate a person to serve as the primary contact person (coordinator) for this Agreement and serve as advisor of students who wish to seek priority admission to *JCPH*. The coordinator will
  - a) Be the responsible party for providing the *Albright* institutional recommendation
  - b) Maintain records of those *Albright* students who seek priority admission.
  - c) Assist each applicant in assembling all necessary credentials.
2. Both *Albright* and *JCPH* will assure that appropriate personnel in their respective schools are made aware of this Agreement and are encouraged to support it. Such persons at *Albright* and *JCPH* will include admissions staff, career planning and placement officers, and faculty.
3. Personnel from *JCPH* will be available to visit *Albright* as needed or requested to meet with the coordinator and other appropriate faculty and administrators. Meetings with students will also be arranged if requested, including potential candidates who intend to seek special consideration for admission to *JCPH* and other students seeking general information.

4. *Albright* faculty, staff and administrators are encouraged to visit the TIU campus.
5. *Albright* junior and senior students are encouraged to visit a *JCPH* MPH class session by making arrangements with the *JCPH* MPH Program Director.
6. *JCPH* will supply *Albright* with promotional literature, including MPH brochures and/or other information concerning the MPH program as requested. Promotional or informational material, both print and electronic, developed by either *Albright* or *JCPH* concerning this Agreement, will be reviewed and approved by both parties prior to their distribution/publication in print or digitally, including websites.
7. *JCPH* will provide consultation at no cost to *Albright* should *Albright* pursue accreditation for its undergraduate public health program through the Council of Education for Public Health (CEPH).

#### VIII. Evaluation

To serve as a basis for evaluating this arrangement, *JCPH* will maintain statistical information regarding numbers of applicants and their performance in the *JCHP* MPH program. *JCPH* will share this information with *Albright*.

#### IX. General

1. This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by agreement in writing signed by the parties.
2. Correspondence concerning additions and amendments to this Agreement should be addressed to
 

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| For Jefferson College of Population Health:<br><br>Caroline Golab, PhD (or Successor)<br>Associate Dean for Academic /Student Affairs<br><a href="mailto:Caroline.Golab@Jefferson.edu">Caroline.Golab@Jefferson.edu</a><br>215-503-8468 | Albright College:<br><br>Mary McGee (or Successor)<br>Provost and VP for<br>Academic Affairs<br><a href="mailto:mmcgee@albright.edu">mmcgee@albright.edu</a><br>610-921-7643 |
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2. No Third Party Beneficiaries. None of the benefits or obligations of either party under this Agreement shall run to or be enforceable by any student or other third party.
3. Assignment. Neither party shall assign, sell, or otherwise transfer this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other. Any such purported assignment, sale or transfer shall be void.

#### X. Length of Agreement

1. This Agreement will continue in effect from year-to-year and will be automatically renewed annually unless terminated or amended.

2. This Agreement may be terminated on June 30 of any calendar year by either institution via written notice one year in advance. All students admitted prior to termination notice will be permitted to continue in the program. The addresses to which written notice of termination should be sent are:

Thomas Jefferson University

Albright College

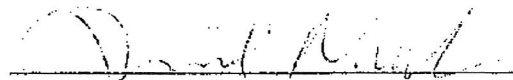
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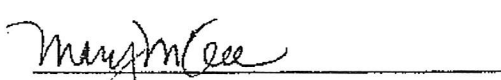
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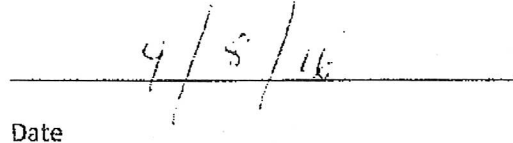
Signed:

For Jefferson College of Population Health:

For Albright College:

  
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Mary McGee  
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**Attachment A: ALBRIGHT COLLEGE COURSES FULFILLING JEFFERSON COLLEGE OF POPULATION HEALTH PREREQUISITE MPH PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

| JCPH MPH PREREQUISITE COURSE REQUIREMENTS                                       | ALBRIGHT COLLEGE COURSES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| English, at least one in composition (2 courses)                                | English 101<br>English 102 or, if student places out of 101, one other English course                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Natural science (2 courses)                                                     | BIO 151: General Biology I: Structure and Function (preferred)<br>BIO 152: General Biology II: Systematics, Ecology, and Evolution<br>BIO 234: Human Anatomy & Physiology II<br>BIO 101: Concepts and Connections in Biology<br>CHE 100: Chemistry and Society<br>CHE 101: The Natural Science of Daily Life<br>CHE 105: General Analytical Chemistry I |
| Social sciences (3 courses of which 1 must be in psychology and 1 in sociology) | ANT101: Cultural Anthropology<br>APS283: Human Sexuality<br>ECO105: Principles of Economics<br>POL 101: American Government<br>POL202: International Relations<br>PSY100: Introduction to Psychology<br>SOC101: Introduction to Sociology<br>SOC201: Social Problems                                                                                    |
| Statistics (1 course) (recommended but not mandatory)                           | BIO 200: Biometry<br>ECO 207: Statistical Analysis for Economics and Business<br>MAT 110: Elementary Statistics<br>POL 207: Research Methods in Political Science<br>PSY 200: Research Design and Analysis I (PSY co-majors only)<br>SOC 211 (Statistics)                                                                                               |
| Humanities (1 course)                                                           | Any course in English, History, Philosophy or Religious Studies that meets Albright's Humanities Foundations requirement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |