AGREEMENT

FOR AN ARTICULATED
PROGRAM BETWEEN

VITERBO UNIVERSITY
AND
UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN STATES

I. INTRODUCTION

Based upon a mutual respect for the integrity of parallel academic programs and in an effort to better serve students intending to pursue the chiropractic profession, Viterbo University (VU) and the University of Western States (UWS) hereby enter into an agreement for an articulated program. This agreement will define course work to be completed at VU for a student intending to matriculate at UWS, special terms of admission to UWS, and special criteria for the awarding of the B.S. degree to participating students.

Objectives of the Agreement:

1. To attract qualified students to Viterbo University and to the University of Western States.

2. To facilitate the transition of students from VU to UWS.

3. To provide specific advisement for students of VU who intend to pursue professional study at UWS.

4. To encourage academic and administrative coordination between institutions, and the exchange of evaluative information on the outcomes of the program with the goal of continual improvement.

5. To provide qualified students the opportunity to complete the baccalaureate degree and the doctor of chiropractic degree in one less year that the normal time, i.e. 7 years.

II. ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

1. Under the provisions of this program, student will matriculate at VU for a minimum of 90 semester hours in course work leading toward the Bachelor of Science - with a comprehensive major in Biology.

Core Curriculum Requirements: 43 to 45 sh

   Foundations
   Written Communications I  4 to 6 sh
   Written Communications II (BIOL 251)  4 sh
   Quantitative Literacy (MATH 112)  3 sh
Information Fluency 0-1 sh
Oral Communication (COMM 150) 2 sh
Mission Seminars (one course in each area) 12 sh
  Franciscan Values and Traditions
  Living in a Diverse World
  Serving the Common Good
  The Ethical Life
Ways of Thinking (one course in each area) 25 sh
  Historical Analysis
  Literary Analysis
  Scientific Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (BIOL 160)
  Scientific Reasoning in the Social Sciences
  Artistic Expression
  Theological Inquiry
  Integrating Faith and Practice
  Philosophical and Moral Inquiry

Major: 55-59 sh
BIOL 160 Introduction to Biology I 4 sh
BIOL 161 Introduction to Biology II 4 sh
BIOL 250 Molecular & Cellular Basis of Life 4 sh
BIOL 251 Ecology/Evolution 4 sh
BIOL 370/371 Biochemistry & Lab 5 sh
BIOL 430 Genetics 4 sh
BIOL 397 Introduction to Research 3 sh
BIOL 498 Directed Research 2 sh
BIOL 499 Senior Seminar 1 sh

Strongly Suggested:
BIOL 347 Human Physiology 4 sh

CHEM 120 General Chemistry I 4 sh
CHEM 121 General Chemistry II 4 sh
CHEM 240 Organic Chemistry I 4 sh
CHEM 340 Organic Chemistry II 4 sh
PHYS 250/270 General Physics I 4 sh
PHYS 251/271 General Physics II 4 sh
MATH 112 College Algebra 3 sh
MATH 230 Statistics 4 sh

Transfer Credits: 32 sh
Electives taken at UWS in the Basic Sciences.

Total Degree Requirements: 130 to 136 sh

2. Students are admitted to UWS only as first year doctorate of chiropractic students. Upon completion of the first year of studies at UWS a maximum of 48 UWS semester hours may be transferred toward completion of the B.S. in Biology degree at VU. An official
transcript must be sent from UWS to the registrar of VU, and the student must submit application materials for graduation.

3. While enrolled at VU, students will complete all required course work as outlined above and described in the VU catalog.

4. The acceptance of transfer credits or testing toward completion of degree requirements shall be governed by current policies of VU. However, no more than 20 semester hours of required courses for admission to UWS may be earned by transfer to VU.

5. The University of Western States shall accept, for the entrance date of their choice, all students who successfully complete the Pre-Chiropractic Program with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher and meet all other criteria for admission.

6. Students who earn less than a 3.25 GPA, but at least at 2.50 GPA, will be eligible for admission to UWS, and will receive appropriate consideration in the admission process for having completed the VU Pre-Chiropractic Program, but will not receive the assurance of a seat reserved for students earning a 3.25 or higher GPA.

7. Students will make application to UWS one year in advance of their desired entrance date and will complete all required application procedures thereafter in a timely manner, including submission of recommendation and a satisfactory interview.

8. Students enrolled in the “3+1” program who successfully complete all course work in the first 3 quarters at UWS with C’s or better will be granted the Bachelor of Science from VU, provided they have met all other graduation requirements.

9. Students shall pay the appropriate tuition and fees to each institution for all course work taken at that institution. During their first year of study at UWS, students shall not be registered for courses at VU, but shall pay any fees required to maintain their registration toward the baccalaureate degree. Upon completion of the first year of study at UWS, students shall be responsible for any fees regularly charged by VU for transfer of credits and awarding the baccalaureate degree.

III. MUTUAL PROMOTION OF THE PROGRAM

Viterbo University and the University of Western States both agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this joint degree program through advisement and dissemination of information. The appropriate advisor at VU will make every effort to maintain a list of students actively pursuing the program with the intent to enroll at UWS and will periodically inform the Admissions Office at UWS of the current list. Care will be taken to make students aware that some state boards of chiropractic require completed baccalaureate degrees PRIOR TO CHIROPRACTIC STUDY, and to advise students planning to practice in those states accordingly.

Both institutions agree to promote the “3+1” program in their recruitment activities and literature and to refer prospective students, when appropriate, to the other’s admission office.
IV. STUDENT ADVISEMENT

An appropriate faculty member at VU shall be assigned and responsible to advise students regarding their academic preparation for admission to UWS and for their ultimate goal of chiropractic licensure. This advisement shall include attention to special requirements for licensure in some states, such as completion of the baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation to a chiropractic program.

V. CONTINUATION AND TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be in force until either institution makes a decision in writing to terminate it. It is agreed that if terminated, that both institutions will honor the terms of the agreement until all students already admitted are given the opportunity to complete the program in a timely manner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures the 14th day of September 2011.

For Viterbo University

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President, Richard B. Artman, Ph.D.

For the University of Western States

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President, Joseph Brimhall, D.C