

# **Institutional Articulation Agreement**

**Between**

**Shenandoah University**

**And**

**Richard Bland College**

This Articulation Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is entered into by and between Shenandoah University (hereinafter "Shenandoah"), a Virginia not for profit university, and Richard Bland College (hereinafter "RBC") on this the 18 day of July, 2018.

## **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, Shenandoah is a Virginia private not for profit university with its main campus located in Winchester, Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, Shenandoah's academic programs include the Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy (hereinafter "BJD"), which is a fully accredited pharmacy school; and

WHEREAS, RBC is a public college with its main campus located in South Prince George, VA and,

WHEREAS, Shenandoah and RBC (both hereinafter the "Parties") desire to enter into this Agreement to establish a preferred admittance option for RBC's students;

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which the Parties acknowledge by signing below, do hereby agree as follows:

1. Effective Date. This Agreement shall become effective upon its execution by the Parties' authorized representatives.
2. Term. This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated as provided for herein.
3. Priority Status. BJD will give priority status to a maximum of 5 RBC students per yearly admissions cycle (this limit may be waived by BJD's Assistant/Associate Dean for Student Affairs ("ADSA") on a yearly basis after consultation with RBC's representatives) who have

completed no less than 30 semester credit hours at RBC provided that the students meet the following criteria:

- A. A PCAT composite score in the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile or greater with no individual score less than the 30<sup>th</sup> percentile in combination with a cumulative GPA at RBC of 3.25 on a 4.0 grading scale;
- B. Completion of all of the then current pre-requisite courses and credits required for admission to BJD with a grade of “C” or better;
- C. A cumulative pre-requisite GPA of no less than 3.25 on a 4.0 scale;
- D. Successful completion (GPA equal or greater than 3.2) of no less than two 15 credit hour (or more) semesters that included six or more credit hours of pre-requisite science coursework per semester;
- E. Interview with and a letter of recommendation from the Dean of BJD or his designee;
- F. Two favorable letters of recommendation from faculty members at RBC and
- G. One letter of recommendation from a healthcare provider.

Students who have priority status will be preferentially admitted to BJD subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and in accordance with BJD’s admissions policies. Students must notify BJD’s ADSA in writing, via email or letter, that the student will be seeking admission as a priority status applicant under this Agreement no later than November 1st of the year prior to admission to allow BJD to reserve a seat for the student. Priority status students must submit their applications through PharmCAS no later than January 15th of the year they are intending to matriculate and must have their applications completed by February 15th. RBC and BJD will communicate as reasonably necessary to assure a good faith effort is made to admit all students with priority status. Students who do not qualify for priority status may still apply for admission to BJD under BJD’s standard admissions process and will be reviewed like other non-priority status applicants.

4. Pre-requisite Coursework. RBC students seeking admission to BJD must satisfy all of BJD’s current, at the time of the student’s application, pre-requisite coursework. BJD’s current pre-requisite coursework is specified in Attachment A. Applicants may apply a maximum of 9 AP credits or 12 dual enrollment (college earned in high school) credits towards satisfying the pre-requisite coursework. AP credits applied towards science pre-requisite coursework must be replaced with other higher-level college science courses. Applicants may request a waiver of the limitation on the application of dual enrollment credits by BJD’s ADSA. Any such waivers will be granted on a case-by-case basis and an interview with the ADSA may be required for waiver consideration. The Parties agree to amend Attachment A as necessary to reflect BJD’s then current pre-requisite coursework

requirements.

5. Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement does not create any rights in any third parties, including students, and is intended solely for the benefit of the Parties.

6. Admissions Requirements. RBC and BJD establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other's autonomy in establishing such requirements. Priority status applicants applying under this Agreement are required to meet all of BJD's standard admissions requirements, including passing criminal background tests and meeting the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) requirements as applicable.

7. Amendment. Any amendment or modification of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by the Parties' authorized representatives.

8. Relationship of Parties. Neither Party is an agent, employee, or servant of the other. This Agreement does not and shall not be construed to create a partnership, joint venture or other relationship between the Parties.

9. Accreditation. Each party shall make good faith efforts to maintain its accreditation with the applicable accrediting body. In the event that a party loses its accreditation, it shall notify the other party within ten (10) business days.

10. Assignment. Neither party may assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the other party's prior written consent.

11. Notices. Any formal notices between the Parties shall be sent in writing to the Parties' representatives using the contact information set forth below:

BJD School of Pharmacy: Dean Robert DiCenzo  
1775 North Sector Court  
Winchester, Virginia 22601  
Email: rdicenzo@su.edu  
Phone: (540) 665-1282  
Fax: (540) 665-1283

Richard Bland College: Provost Kenneth LaTessa  
11301 Johnson Rd.  
South Prince George, VA 23805  
Email: klatessa@rbc.edu  
Phone: (804) 862-6237

12. Termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing the other party with ninety (90) days prior written notice of termination.

13. Integration. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, and contracts. No written or oral agreements, representations, negotiations, understandings, or discussions that concern the subject matter of this Agreement shall be binding or of any effect between the parties unless specifically set out, referenced, or incorporated into this Agreement.

As evidence of the Parties' agreement to the forgoing terms and conditions, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to sign below.

**Shenandoah University**

 7/18/18  
Signature Date

Adrienne Bloss

Name

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Title

**Richard Bland College**

 7/18/18  
Signature Date

Kenneth LaTessa

Name

Provost

Title

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Attachment A**

<b>BJD Pre-requisite Courses</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>RBC Required Courses</b>
English 1	3	3	ENGL101
English 2	3	3	ENGL102
Public Speaking	3	3	COMM101 (or equivalent)
General Biology I with lab*	4	4	BIO151/BIO151L
General Biology II with lab*	4	4	BIO 152/BIO 152L
General Chemistry I with lab*	4	4	CHEM101/CHEM101L
General Chemistry II with lab*	4	4	CHEM102/CHEM102L
Organic Chemistry I with lab	4	4	CHEM230/CHEM230L
Organic Chemistry II with lab	4	4	CHEM231/CHEM231L
Physics I	3	4	PHYS101 or PHYS201
Statistics	3	3	MATH217
Calculus	3	4	MATH251
Human Anatomy & Physiology	6	8	BIO205/205L & BIO206/206L
Advanced Biological Elective (No lab required): Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Genetics, Molecular Biology, etc.	3	3	BIO218 – Cell Biology
Economics: Micro, Macro, or Principles of	3	3	ECON201 or ECON202
Microbiology (1 hour lab recommended but not required)	3	4	BIO211/BIO211L
Humanities: History, Art, Music, Language, Theater, etc.	3	3	ART201/202/231 or MUS103 or THEA201
Social/Behavioral Science: Anthropology, Business, Health Management, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Philosophy, etc.	3	3	PHIL101/203 or PSY201/202 or REL201/209/210 or SOC201/204
<b>Total Pre-requisite Credit Hours required</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>68</b>	

\*Students who have AP credit for biology or general chemistry may replace these requirements with other college biology and chemistry coursework provided the substitute coursework includes a laboratory component.

A single course may not satisfy multiple requirements. AP credits may be used to fulfill non-science pre-requisite requirements for BJD.

BJD does not accept science credits that were taken over ten (10) years prior to admission.