

# **Neumann University – University of Pittsburgh-Bradford Master of Science in Athletic Training Preferred Acceptance Program**

## **Objective of this Agreement**

This agreement between Neumann University (NU) and University of Pittsburgh-Bradford (UPB) allows qualified undergraduates at UPB guaranteed preferred acceptance for up to two (2) students in each cohort into NU's Master of Science in Athletic Training (MSAT) Program provided all requirements laid out in this document are met. Students must be accepted into the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford's Exercise Science Program and must complete all of the requirements below. Because of Neumann University's special affiliation with University of Pittsburgh-Bradford, students who successfully complete the four-year program at University of Pittsburgh, with a major of Exercise Science, are given preferential consideration for admission to the MSAT program at Neumann University.

## **Requirements for Admission into the Neumann University Preferred Acceptance Program for a Master of Science in Athletic Training at Neumann University:**

### **Candidates for admission to the Preferred Acceptance Program are required to:**

- Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00.
- Complete the following pre-requisite courses with a minimum grade of "C":
  - Anatomy and Physiology I and II with labs (8 credits)
  - Biology with lab (4 credits)
  - Chemistry with lab (4 credits)
  - Physics with lab (4 credits)
  - Exercise Physiology with lab (4 credits)
  - Nutrition (3 credits)
  - Psychology (3 credits)
  - Statistics (3 credits)
- Submit a statement of personal and professional goals to the Program Director (minimum one full page, double-spaced, typed 12pt, Times New Roman).
- Successfully complete an interview with the Program Director and/or Selection Committee. This interview should demonstrate the student's understanding of the profession, his/her specific career goals, and general verbal communication skills.
- First Aid and Professional Rescuer CPR certification or equivalent.
- Completed Health Physical with proper immunizations, and submit the results to the Office of Health Services. (Additional fees may be required.)
- Submit 3 letters of recommendation (One must be from an Athletic Trainer)
- 100 hours of athletic training observation under supervision of an ATC
- Present proof of membership in NATA.

- For students from a non-English speaking country or for whom English is a second language, results of the *Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)* must be submitted. The Athletic Training Program requires a minimum score of 84 on the TOEFL exam, with a minimum verbal subset score of 26.

### **Admission Process for Professional Phase at Neumann University**

Students who are seeking admission to graduate programs at Neumann University submit their applications through the Office of Graduate Admissions. The Coordinator of Graduate Admissions reviews application packets for completion before they are forwarded to evaluation by the academic program. The application deadline is May 15 for the entry level MSAT program that will begin in the Summer 3 Semester. Students may be informed of their application status sooner but will be informed no later than June 1. To secure their place in the incoming class, accepted students must submit a confirmation of enrollment form with a non-refundable security deposit in the amount of \$100. Although University of Pittsburgh-Bradford students are given preferred acceptance status, acceptance into University of Pittsburgh-Bradford's Exercise Science program is no guarantee of acceptance into the Master of Science in Athletic Training program at Neumann University.

### **Joint Obligations of Both Neumann University and University of Pittsburgh-Bradford**

By signing this Agreement and in accordance with its terms, both Neumann University and University of Pittsburgh-Bradford will:

1. Consult with each other through appropriate channels and through designated individuals prior to implementing any changes in policy or curricula that directly affect University of Pittsburgh-Bradford students who are applying to Neumann University under the terms of this Agreement, and to keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students;
2. Review this Agreement annually and make any changes, as needed and upon mutual agreement, that will become effective when Neumann University and University of Pittsburgh-Bradford sign the revised document;
3. Collaborate in providing students with information about this Agreement and appropriate academic advisement pertaining to academic requirements as well as the process of both applying and transitioning to Neumann University;
4. Jointly agree to develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of this Agreement;



5. Provide direct links between University of Pittsburgh-Bradford and Neumann University websites, and directly designated individuals who are responsible for website maintenance;
6. Designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate and monitor this Agreement between the two institutions;
7. Facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between and among the faculty at both institutions as such interaction relates to this Agreement and other academic matters that pertain to the maintenance of student satisfactory academic progress;
8. Through the Offices of Institutional Research and other designated offices at both institutions, exchange data and documents annually that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this Agreement and promote effective cooperation between both institutions; and,
9. Pertaining to #8. Agree that the exchange of student data related information can occur only after appropriate permission has been obtained from the students, as indicated by the student's signature on the Student Information Release form of which must be completed and signed after matriculation at University of Pittsburgh-Bradford.

#### **Revision, Renewal, and Termination of this Agreement**

The Vice President for Academic Affairs at Neumann University and the Vice President/Dean of Academic Affairs at University of Pittsburgh-Bradford, or their designates, are responsible for identifying and communicating to each other changes in the policies and/or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.

This Agreement will be in effect, as of the date of its signing, for the students entering University of Pittsburgh-Bradford in the 2019 fall semester and thereafter. It is understood that this Agreement will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, as designated by the officers listed below, and will be renewed automatically until suspended by with a new Agreement or formal termination.

Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice of at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this Agreement be ended, the termination will not apply to students already accepted to Neumann University under the terms of the Agreement.

The willingness of both institutions to enter into this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from University of Pittsburgh-Bradford to Neumann University and to expand their opportunities for academic success is indicated by the following signatures. The undersigned representatives of the parties, Neumann University and University of Pittsburgh-Bradford, have executed this agreement on the dates indicated:

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