

THE 3/4 ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

**STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY**

AND

Hunter College, CUNY

THE 3/4 JOINT DEGREE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

The State University of New York (SUNY) College of Optometry and Hunter College, hereby agree to an articulation agreement in optometric education in which up to six Hunter College students per year may be admitted into a seven year Bachelor of Arts or Science (B.A. or B.S.) and Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) Program. Students accepted to the *3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Agreement Program* shall be admitted to a designated, prescribed major at Hunter College and, through a separate admissions process, shall be admitted to candidacy to the SUNY College of Optometry's professional O.D. program of study.

It is agreed that, students to be considered for this program must be:

- Admitted by Hunter College to a B.A. or B.S. program;
- Admitted to the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program by SUNY College of Optometry;
 - o The selection of 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation students by SUNY College of Optometry will be based on the following criteria:
 - Submission of an on-line application;
 - Maturity and motivation;
 - An expression of an interest in, and basic understanding of, the optometric profession;
 - If a high school applicant, a minimum of 1360 (at least 700 math) for the new exam, and 1300 (at least 670 math and 550 verbal) on the former Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT) or 29 on the American College Testing Program College Entrance Examination (ACT), and achievement of a minimum of 93 high school grade average on a scale of 100 and placed in the top 10% of their graduating class; **OR**
 - If a first or second year Hunter College student, a minimum of an overall 3.3 grade point average and 3.3 grade point average in all science and math pre-requisite undergraduate course work completed at the time of application. All science and math pre-requisite courses must be satisfied with a grade of C or higher. Recommendation from Hunter's Pre-Health Professions Advisor is required.
- If admitted into the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program, students must apply for admission to the O.D. program at the beginning of their third year of undergraduate education at Hunter College. Admissions requirements to the O.D. Program and student responsibilities are outlined in section C of this Agreement.

A. HUNTER COLLEGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

To satisfy the terms of this agreement, it is agreed that Hunter College shall:

1. Publicize and promote this 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program;
2. Determine the acceptability of applicants into the baccalaureate portion of this 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program;
3. Screen all applicants for the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program and notify SUNY College of Optometry of applicants meeting the academic requirements;
4. Provide SUNY College of Optometry with all relevant admission material submitted to Hunter College (i.e., SAT scores, High School transcript, letters of recommendation); and/or performance while at Hunter College by the applicant (i.e., academic transcript);
5. Arrange for a representative of SUNY College of Optometry to meet and interview applicants and to meet yearly with students accepted provisionally in the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program while at Hunter College;
6. Obtain a FERPA Authorization from all students in the 3/4 Articulation Degree Program allowing release of information from the students' education records to SUNY College of Optometry.
7. Provide academic counseling to students while at Hunter College;
8. Notify SUNY College of Optometry of any change in a student's status and/or academic standing while at Hunter College which affects the student's eligibility for the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program;
9. Provide SUNY College of Optometry with a Pre-Health Advisory Committee letter during the Fall term of the student's third year at Hunter College;
10. Grant the appropriate baccalaureate degree once students complete all remaining requirements for such degree at SUNY College of Optometry.

B. SUNY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY'S RESPONSIBILITIES

To further satisfy the terms of this agreement, it is agreed that SUNY College of Optometry shall:

1. Publicize and promote the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program;
2. Meet, interview, and determine the acceptability of applicants into the optometry portion of the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program;
3. Monitor the student's progress while at Hunter College;

4. Provide ongoing counsel, advice, and support to students in the program, meeting with students individually at least once yearly while they are studying at Hunter College;
5. Grant an O.D. degree after the student successfully completes all academic requirements at SUNY College of Optometry.

C. **STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The section below outlines the responsibilities that students, themselves, will have to satisfy after being formally accepted into the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program:

1. Complete all SUNY College of Optometry pre-requisite course work for the professional program with individual grades of C or higher;
2. Complete the Hunter College core requirements;
3. Complete additional course work which can be used to place students in their academic program in proper position to complete their college/university requirements upon successful completion of their first year of professional study at SUNY College of Optometry;
4. Maintain at least a 3.3 average overall GPA and a 3.3 average GPA in required science and math portions of the undergraduate articulation curriculum; attain total science and academic average scores above 330 on the Optometry Admissions Test (OAT), with no scores below 320; show evidence of community involvement; obtain a positive letter of recommendation from the Pre-Health Professions Advisory Committee of Hunter College; pass reasonable personal interview standards; and submit all required application material through the centralized application system, OptomCAS;
5. Release a transcript of all college courses taken on a yearly basis to SUNY College of Optometry while studying at Hunter College;
6. Meet with an advisor of SUNY College of Optometry at least yearly while in the 3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program;
7. Visit at least three different professional optometric offices during the undergraduate years in order to be fully acquainted with the profession of optometry;
8. Satisfactorily complete the first year at SUNY College of Optometry and have a transcript submitted to Hunter College;
9. Meet all academic requirements of SUNY College of Optometry in order to receive the O.D. degree.
10. Meet all the requirements of graduation for Hunter College.

The two primary parties in this *3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program*, Hunter College and SUNY College of Optometry, agree to the terms set forth in this Agreement.

Either party may cancel the Agreement by providing the other party with written notification prior to October 15th of year of the intended cancelation of the Agreement.

All students who are enrolled in the *3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program* at the time of cancellation shall be continued in the *3/4 Joint Degree Articulation Program* as long as they meet the terms set forth in this Agreement.


Date: 2/10/17

Signed: 

Print Name: LON S. Kaufman

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Date: 2/24/17

Signed: 

Dr. David Heath, President
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