

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN DOMINICAN COLLEGE  
AND  
NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE (NYMC)

**Purpose**

1. To foster interest and commitment of Dominican College undergraduate students to careers in the biomedical sciences and health professions.
2. To permit advanced Dominican College undergraduate students to take graduate courses in the basic medical sciences during their senior year.
3. To allow Dominican College to offer its students a direct academic path to graduate degrees in the basic biomedical sciences without having to develop its own graduate programs in these disciplines.
4. To increase enrollment of qualified students in Masters programs at NYMC's Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences (GSBMS).

**Principles**

Master of Science (MS) Degree Programs

1. Dominican College undergraduates who are pre-admitted into one of the GSBMS's Master's programs will be allowed to take up to 8 graduate credits in each academic term (Fall and Spring) in the GSBMS of NYMC during their senior undergraduate year.
2. Dominican College will accept NYMC credits towards Bachelor's degree requirements, thereby allowing the undergraduate student to reduce his/her undergraduate course load during the semesters that courses are taken at NYMC. (Most GSBMS courses are held in the late afternoon or evening, between 4-9 PM, which should eliminate or minimize scheduling conflicts between Dominican and NYMC courses.)
3. NYMC course credits will be applied toward graduate degree requirements in the GSBMS.
4. A student who attends NYMC as a "visiting student," (i.e., without entry into any specific degree program) will be permitted to register for up to 8 credits per semester and up to a total "lifetime" limit of 12 credits. Appropriate credits

earned may be applied to MS degree requirements if the student subsequently matriculates into one of these programs

5. Admission of a student as a visiting student or as a member of an articulated Bachelor – Master’s degree program will require endorsement by Dominican College and acceptance by the GSBMS. Admission will be based upon the student’s
  - a) academic ability and academic record,
  - b) academic preparedness for graduate study, including pre-requisite undergraduate courses for specific courses, and
  - c) motivation for graduate study, including career aspirations.

Dominican College will define the process and criteria to be used in order to endorse a particular student for this program.

The GSBMS of NYMC will review all applications for graduate admission under this program and will make admission decisions based on its usual standards (outlined above), taking into account the early application status of the candidate.

Dominican College and the GSBMS will jointly define the minimal qualifications required for a student to be considered for the articulated BA/BS – MS degree program.

In exceptional cases, students may begin the articulation phase as early as their junior year of undergraduate study, subject to the joint approval of Dominican College and the GSBMS as outlined above.

6. While the student is enrolled in both universities, he/she will be considered a matriculated undergraduate student at Dominican College and a non-matriculated student at NYMC. Thus, the student will be able to maintain financial aid, housing and health insurance through Dominican College.

After the student completes undergraduate work at Dominican College, his/her status at NYMC will be changed to “matriculated,” effective with the next registration period. Final matriculation into the GSBMS will be contingent upon the student earning a bachelor’s degree from Dominican College.

7. The student will continue to pay his/her usual tuition to Dominican College. The normal tuition and fees for courses at NYMC will be paid by Dominican College to NYMC prior to the start of each course, regardless of whether Dominican College has received payment from the student.
8. The Dean of the GSBMS at NYMC and the Dean of Dominican College, or their designees, will review the articulation program and the performance of the students in the program periodically to determine whether the goals of the

program are being met and whether the program or its selection criteria should be modified.

### Procedures

1. The student will submit an application to the GSBMS along with supporting documentation including all post-secondary academic transcripts, a personal statement, two letters of recommendation, and a letter of endorsement from the student's chair or advisor at Dominican College. The usual requirement for GRE scores will be waived, if verified SAT scores can be provided instead. The normal application fee will be waived.
2. Course selections will be made in consultation with and with the approval of the student's Graduate Program Director, based on the student's background, interests and the requirements of the chosen program. In the case of "visiting students," an appropriate academic advisor within the GSBMS will be assigned to the student. The GSBMS will identify the most common GSBMS courses that will be available for students who are either visiting students or part of the articulated degree program.

### Term and Termination

The term of this agreement shall commence on \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 and shall continue, indefinitely, unless otherwise terminated. Notwithstanding, NYMC or Dominican College shall have the right to terminate this agreement at any time during the term of this agreement for any reason and without cause by giving advance written notice to the other party of its intention to terminate this agreement of at least sixty (60) days provided, however, that such termination shall not adversely affect the rights and privileges of any student then enrolled under this agreement and so long as these students are making normal progress toward completion of the courses in which they are enrolled.

### Miscellaneous

1. Neither party to this agreement shall use the name of the other party in any promotional or advertising material without first obtaining written approval from the party whose name is to be used.
2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement, neither party will be liable for any failure or delay in performing its obligations under this agreement due in whole or in material part to any cause beyond its control, including without limitation fire; accident; labor dispute or unrest; flood; earthquake; riot; war; rebellion; terrorism; insurrection; sabotage; transportation delays; shortage of raw materials, energy or machinery; unavailability of telecommunications services; acts

- of God or of the civil or military authorities of a state or nation; or the inability, due to the aforementioned causes, to obtain necessary labor or facilities. Each party has a duty to prevent or mitigate any failure or delay due to the aforementioned causes.
3. This agreement and its interpretation shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York.
  4. This agreement may not be assigned, transferred, sub-contracted or otherwise disposed of without the express written consent of duly authorized representatives of the parties hereto.
  5. This agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties and no alteration or modification hereof shall be effective except in a subsequent written instrument executed by duly authorized representatives of both parties hereto.
  6. Both parties hereto represent and warrant that the persons signing this agreement on each party's behalf are duly authorized representatives of such party with full authority to enter into and sign this agreement.

**WHEREFORE**, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals as of the date first above written.

NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE

(Corporate Seal)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Chancellor for Health Affairs and Chief Executive Officer

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DOMINICAN COLLEGE

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