



*Note: Students should receive a copy of this contract for their future reference.

Date: _____

Student Name (Print): _____

NWHSU Academic Advisor (Print): _____

Student: Please initial next to each statement to confirm your understanding of the Concordia University/ Northwestern Health Sciences University articulation and how it influences your education.

Acronyms:

- CSP=Concordia University, St. Paul
- MSES=Master of Science in Exercise Science
- NWHSU=Northwestern Health Sciences University
- DCP=Doctor of Chiropractic Program

Important Information:

_____ 1. I understand this is considered an articulation agreement, with CSP accepting NWHSU DCP courses into their MSES program. I am not required to complete both programs. Each program will continue to run separately if I wish to pursue either the DCP program or the MSES program individually. If I do not meet the requirements for one of the programs, I will need to work with academic advising to determine my academic plan.

_____ 2. I understand DCP courses will be used to meet 5 courses (15 total credits) within the MSES program. The specific MSES courses and the DCP equivalencies are listed in the table below.

CSP MSES Courses (credits are listed in parentheses)	NWHSU DCP Equivalencies (You must earn a “B” grade or higher in these NWHSU DCP courses) (credits are listed in parentheses)
KHS570 Ethics and Policy in Sport and Exercise Science (3cr)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PnP 5 (ID: 24760) (1cr) • Legal Aspects of Practice (ID: 47190) (1cr) • Business and Professional Foundations (ID: 23510) (1cr)
KHS605 Nutrition and Metabolism	Either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical Nutrition I (ID: 36350) (2cr) AND • Clinical Nutrition II (ID: 36351) (2cr) OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macronutrients and Micronutrients (ID: NUTR5001)(4cr)
KHS585 Biomechanics in Exercise Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NMS III (ID: 36141) (4.5cr) • Methods III (ID: 33230) (3.25cr) • Methods IV (ID: 33340) (3.25cr) • NMS I (ID: 36030) (3cr)

KHS590 Psychology of Sport and Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTIII (ID: 35170) (1.5cr) • Mental Health I (ID: 26170)(2cr) • Mental Health II (ID: 26280)(1cr)
KHS580 Mechanisms of Skilled Neuromuscular Behavior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PT II (ID: 33561) (2.5cr) • NMS I (ID: 36030) (3cr) • PT III (ID: 35170) (1.5cr) • Pediatrics (ID: 25490) (2cr) • Neurodiagnosis (ID: 56003) (3cr)

_____ 3. I understand a failure to complete the DCP courses above with a minimum “B” grade or higher will require me to take additional MSES courses to earn the MSES degree. For example, KHS570 requires students to complete PnP 5, Legal Aspects of Practice, and Business and Professional Foundations, each course with a B grade or higher. E.g. If I earn a B grade in PnP 5, an A grade in Legal Aspects of Practice, and a C grade in Business and Professional Foundations, the requirement for KHS570 will **not** be met since all courses require the B grade or higher.

_____ 4. Because of this articulation agreement, I understand 6 MSES courses will be required to earn the MSES degree: 1) KHS610 Research Methods, 2) KHS575 Epidemiological Statistical Analysis, 3) KHS595 Clinical Exercise Assessment, 4) KHS615 Exercise Prescription, 5) KHS600 Exercise Physiology, and 6) KHS620 Master’s Capstone or KHS625 Master’s Thesis (only one course will be taken; capstone is project-based while thesis is original research).

_____ 5. I understand KHS595 Clinical Exercise Assessment and KHS615 Exercise Prescription will be used to complete 3 elective credits within the DCP program as long as a “C” grade or higher is earned in each course. KHS595 and KHS615 are each 3 credits within the CSP MSES program; however, they will transfer back into the NWHSU DCP program as 1.5 credits each (3 credits total). If I earn a D in KHS595 and a C in KHS615, only 1.5 elective credits will be met (1.5 credits for KHS615, 0 credits for KHS595).

_____ 6. I understand my financial aid status will be affected by pursuing the DCP and MSES program:

- A. Consortium Agreement: Within the semester(s) that I take KHS595 Clinical Exercise Assessment and KHS615 Exercise Prescription, I will be eligible to complete a consortium agreement between NWHSU and CSP. This consortium agreement can only be used for these two courses because KHS595 and KHS615 can count toward my DCP program. Since my DCP program is considered my primary program (I am taking most of my credits in that program), credits that do not count toward the DCP program are not eligible for a consortium agreement. I understand:
 - i. I must complete the consortium agreement in order to increase my financial aid budget to include the tuition and fees for KHS595 and KHS615. Once approved, this consortium agreement will lead to a larger refund for me that I can use to pay CSP directly for the KHS595 and KHS615 tuition.

- ii. I am responsible for paying CSP myself for any tuition and fees owed to the school by the published tuition deadline date for the term. NWHSU will not provide any money to CSP; it is my responsibility to pay CSP.
- iii. I am responsible for initiating a consortium agreement with the NWHSU financial aid office.
- iv. NWHSU will credit all financial aid to my NWHSU's charges after the 10th business day of the term and that any financial aid that exceeds the charges will be available to pay for these courses.
- v. I must provide the NWHSU registrar with a copy of an official transcript showing the earned grades for these courses at the end of the term.
- B. Payment: I understand the MSES coursework can be paid by me to CSP using the following options: a) The \$1,000 partner scholarship awarded to me as a NWHSU student (this will be divided over three semesters), b) with refund money I receive from NWHSU (this refund can result from my DCP financial aid alone and/or from the consortium agreement for KHS595/KHS615), and c) private loans, other private funding, or other non-federal funding.
- C. Timeline: I understand it is in my best financial interest to complete the MSES program by the end of my DCP program. Once I graduate from the DCP program, I will not be able to take out any federal loans for the MSES program because I may have already met my maximum allowance through my DCP program.

_____ 7. I understand I must meet all admissions requirements of CSP to be accepted into the MSES program. These include a bachelor's degree, a 3.0 GPA from my undergraduate degree (not DCP coursework) as documented by my official bachelor's degree transcripts, an application, an unofficial transcript from NWHSU (it documents my current performance and my current trimester), and submission of this contract with all necessary signatures. The CSP admissions representative for this articulation is Louise Ehrhart (ehrhart@csp.edu or 651-603-6190). See item 9 for further consideration.

_____ 8. I understand submission of this contract to CSP is required because it will provide proof to MSES admissions representatives that two NWHSU DCP faculty believe I have the academic ability to be successful in taking both the DCP and MSES programs simultaneously. The faculty signatures (signatures are noted below) should be obtained after I have reviewed the remainder of this student contract with the NWHSU academic advisor.

_____ 9. I understand if I do not meet CSP admissions criteria, I will be required to go to the Graduate Admissions Petition Committee. At the direction of CSP admissions counselors, additional documentation will need to be provided by the student to prove they will be successful in the MSES program. For example, a student's undergraduate GPA might be 2.7, yet they may be earning a 3.5 in the DCP curriculum. This additional documentation can prove to the committee that the student is a qualified candidate for the MSES program.

- _____ 10. I understand I must demonstrate academic success and have completed all coursework through Trimester 5 in the DCP program to be eligible to begin the MSES program. This means I could begin the MSES program in Trimester 6 at the earliest.
- _____ 11. I understand I need to maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA throughout my time in the MSES program in order to earn the degree. Additional graduation requirements include completion of all coursework, either through CSP or through DCP transfer courses (Reminder: I need to earn a “B” grade or higher for the transfer courses).
- _____ 12. I understand the optimal time to provide my official NWHSU DCP transcript to CSP is upon completion of the NWHSU transfer courses listed in the chart above. All courses and “B” or higher grades must be documented in the official transcript in order for the CSP registrar to list the MSES course as having been met. Of note, my official NWHSU transcript is not required for admission to the MSES program; only my bachelor’s degree transcript must be provided initially along with my unofficial NWHSU transcript. I can wait to submit the official NWHSU transcript until all DCP transfer courses have been taken and documented on my transcript.
- _____ 13. I understand I can contact NWHSU or CSP representatives at any time to discuss any questions about the articulation and my remaining academic requirements.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

NWHSU Academic Advisor Signature: _____

Date: _____

NWHSU DCP Faculty Recommendation
(Recommendation is implied with a printed name and signature below)

NWHSU DCP Faculty Name (please print): _____

NWHSU DCP Faculty Signature: _____

Date: _____

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