



MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Zeigler, President
From: Bill Kuehl, Director of Admissions
Re: Final Signatures on 3+3 Agreement with Avila University

Mark:

Enclosed is the first signed 3+3 Articulation Agreement. You had previously reviewed this agreement; it was submitted to Avila University for review and signature.

It has been approved and signed by their President Ronald Slepitz, Ph. D. We now need your signature to officially commence with this agreement between our respective schools.

Please return both copies to admissions upon signing.

Thanks,
Bill



Northwestern Health
Sciences University



**3+3 ARTICULATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
AVILA UNIVERSITY AND
NORTHWESTERN HEALTH
SCIENCES UNIVERSITY**

I. INTRODUCTION

Created upon a mutual regard for the integrity of parallel academic programs and in an effort to better serve students preparing to pursue a career in chiropractic, Avila University (AVILA) and Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWSU) enter into an agreement for an articulated program. This agreement will define preparatory course work to be completed at AVILA for students intending to matriculate into NWSU; this agreement will articulate the special terms for admission into NWSU to earn a Doctor of Chiropractic, and the distinctive criteria for the awarding of the Bachelor of Science degree to participating students from Avila.

Objectives of the Agreement:

1. To attract qualified students to Avila University and to Northwestern Health Sciences University.
2. To facilitate the transition of students from AVILA to NWSU.
3. To provide specific advisement for students of AVILA who intend to pursue professional study at NWSU.
4. To encourage academic and administrative coordination between institutions, and the exchange of evaluative information on the outcomes of the program with the goal of continual improvement.
5. To provide qualified students the opportunity to complete the baccalaureate degree and the doctor of chiropractic degree in one less year than the normal time, i.e. 7 years.

II. ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

1. Under the provisions of this program, student will matriculate at AVILA for a minimum of 94 semester hours in course work leading toward the Bachelor of Science – with a comprehensive major in Biology.

General Education Requirements:	40 semester credits
CO 110 Fundamentals of Communication	3 semester credits
Choose:	3 semester credits
EN 111 English Composition I, OR	
EN 112 Composition II	
Literature (Level II Course)	3 semester credits
History (Level II Course)	3 semester credits
Religious Studies & Philosophy (Level II Course)	9 semester credits
Arts, Music & Theatre (Level II Course)	3 semester credits
Psychology Course	3 semester credits
Social Institutions (Level II Course)	3 semester credits
CS 110 Understanding Computers	3 semester credits
Interdisciplinary Courses (Level III Course)	6 semester credits
First Year Seminar	1 semester credit
Major:	57 semester credits
BI 111 General Biology I	4 semester credits
BI 112 General Biology II	4 semester credits
BI 213 Genetics	3 semester credits
BI 311 Animal Form & Function	3 semester credits
BI 313 Plant Form & Function	3 semester credits
BI 342 Biochemistry I	3 semester credits
BI 391 Real World Biology	1 semester credit
BI 493 Biology Laboratory Research	1 semester credit
BI 499 Colloquium & Seminar	1 semester credit
Upper Level Biology Elective	3 semester credits
CH 131 General Chemistry I	4 semester credits
CH 137 General Chemistry II	4 semester credits
CH 216 Organic Chemistry I	5 semester credits
CH 217 Organic Chemistry II	5 semester credits
PH 231 General Physics I	5 semester credits
PH 232 General Physics II	5 semester credits
MA 120 College Algebra	3 semester credits
Transfer Credits –	31 semester credits
Electives taken at NWSU in the Basic Sciences.	
Total Degree Requirements:	128 semester credits

2. Students are admitted to NWHSU only as first year doctorate of chiropractic students. Upon completion of the first year of studies at NWHSU a maximum of 34 NWHSU credits may be transferred toward completion of the B.S. in Biology degree at AVILA. An official transcript must be sent from NWHSU to a designated official within the School of Science and Health at AVILA, and the student must request application materials for graduation.
3. While enrolled at AVILA, students will complete all required course work as outlined above and described in the AVILA catalog.
4. The acceptance of transfer credits or testing toward completion of degree requirements shall be governed by current policies of AVILA.
5. Northwestern Health Sciences University shall accept, for the entrance date of their choice, all students who successfully complete the Pre-Chiropractic Program with a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher and meet all other criteria for admission.
6. Students who earn less than a 3.25 GPA, but at least a 2.50 GPA, will be eligible for admission to NWHSU, and will receive appropriate consideration in the admission process for having completed the AVILA Pre-Chiropractic Program, but will not receive the assurance of a seat reserved for students earning a 3.25 or higher GPA.
7. Students will make application to NWHSU one year in advance of their desired entrance date and will complete all required application procedures thereafter in a timely manner, including submission of recommendation and a satisfactory interview.
8. Students enrolled in the "3+3" program who successfully complete all course work in the first two 15 weeks trimesters at Northwestern Health Sciences University with C's or better will be granted the Bachelor of Science from AVILA, provided they have met all other graduation requirements.
9. Students shall pay the appropriate tuition and fees to each institution for all course work taken at that institution. During their first year of study at NWHSU, students shall not be registered for courses at AVILA, but shall pay any fees required to maintain their registration toward the baccalaureate degree. Upon completion of the first year of study at NWHSU, students shall be responsible for any fees regularly charged by AVILA for transfer of credits and awarding the baccalaureate degree.

III. MUTUAL PROMOTION OF THE PROGRAM

Avila University and Northwestern Health Sciences University both agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this joint degree program through advisement and dissemination of information. The appropriate advisor at AVILA will make every effort to maintain a list of students actively pursuing the program with the intent to enroll at NWHSU and will periodically inform the Admissions Office at NWHSU of the current list. Care will be taken to make students aware that some state boards of chiropractic require completed baccalaureate degrees PRIOR TO CHIROPRACTIC STUDY, and to advise students planning to practice in those states accordingly.

Both institutions agree to promote the "3+3" program in their recruitment activities and literature and to refer prospective students, when appropriate, to the other's admission office.

IV. STUDENT ADVISEMENT

An appropriate faculty member at AVILA shall be assigned and responsible to advise students regarding their academic preparation for admission to Northwestern Health Sciences University and for their ultimate goal of chiropractic licensure. This advisement shall include attention to special requirements for licensure in some states, such as completion of the baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation in a chiropractic college.

V. CONTINUATION AND TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement shall be in force until either institution makes a decision in writing to terminate it. It is agreed that if terminated, that both institutions will honor the terms of the agreement until all students already admitted are given the opportunity to complete the program in a timely manner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures.

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8/20/2010

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