

**AFFILIATION AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

**AND**

**UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD  
BRADFORD, PA**

## AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

THIS AFFILIATION AGREEMENT is made between the PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY and UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD. THE PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY and UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD are desirous of cooperating in providing a joint undergraduate/professional program of education leading to the degree of Doctor of Optometry. It is contemplated that both institutions will coordinate their respective activities to achieve the above mentioned objective.

In consideration of this mutual objective, both institutions agree as follows:

- I. Acceptance of Students - PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY agrees to provide places in the first professional year class for students who have successfully completed their undergraduate prerequisites at UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD and satisfied other admission requirements of the PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY. Admission Selection Guidelines attached.
- II. Joint PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY/UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD Admissions Committee - Candidates for entrance into the first professional year of optometry shall be presented to PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY for admission by a Joint Admissions Committee established for that purpose.
  - A. **Composition** - The Committee shall be composed of a total of five (5) members with two (2) members appointed by PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY, two (2) members appointed by UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD and one (1) practicing optometrist from the BRADFORD, PENNSYLVANIA area. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be elected by the Committee.
  - B. **Professional Community Representative** - The practicing optometrist member shall be proposed by the PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY and confirmed by the UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD.
  - C. **Ex-Officio Members** - The Director of Admissions of both institutions shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.
  - D. **Notice of Meeting** - PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY recommends that the meeting site of the Joint Admissions Committee alternate between each campus from year to year.
  - E. **Curriculum** - The Affiliated Optometry Education Curriculum shall consist of a minimum of 90 undergraduate semester hours and four (4) years of optometric education.

- F. **Consideration for Admission** - PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY shall enter candidates recommended by the Joint Admissions Committee. Applicants may be considered during their third or fourth year of attendance at UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD and may be admitted to PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY following the completion of 90 semester credits or more at UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD.
  
- G. **Degrees Awarded** - Upon the successful completion of one (1) year of basic science education at PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD shall award a baccalaureate degree. It is agreed that upon the successful completion of the Affiliated Optometry Education Curriculum, PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY shall award the degree, Doctor of Optometry.
  
- H. **Responsibilities of UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD - UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD** shall recruit students to participate in the Affiliated Optometry Education Curriculum.
  
- I. **Duration of Agreement** - This Agreement shall be effective immediately upon the signing of this documents and shall continue thereafter from year to year unless terminated by either Institution upon one (1) year's prior notice.

**PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY**

**BY:**

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**Thomas L. Lewis, O.D., Ph.D., President**

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**John J. Crozier, O.D., Dean of Student Affairs**

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**BY:**

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**Richard E. McDowell, Ph.D., President**

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**PITT/BRADFORD/ PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY****PRE-OPTOMETRY CURRICULUM  
(BIOLOGY MAJOR)**

| <b>FIRST YEAR</b>               |    |                              |    |
|---------------------------------|----|------------------------------|----|
| <b>First Semester</b>           |    | <b>Second Semester</b>       |    |
| ENG 0101, English Comp I        | 4  | ENG 0102, Eng Comp II        | 3  |
| BIOL 0101, Fdtns Biol I         | 4  | BIOL 0102, Fdtns Biol II     | 4  |
| CHEM 0101, Gen Chem I           | 4  | CHEM 0102, Gen Chem II       | 4  |
| MATH 0104, Calculus I           | 4  | MATH 0105, Calculus II       | 4  |
|                                 | 16 |                              | 15 |
| <b>SECOND YEAR</b>              |    |                              |    |
| <b>First Semester</b>           |    | <b>Second Semester</b>       |    |
| PHYS 0101, Intro Physics I      | 4  | PHYS 0102, Intro Physics II  | 4  |
| CHEM 0202, Organic Chem I       | 4  | CHEM 0203, Org. Chem II      | 4  |
| BIOL 0202, Microbiology         | 4  | PSY 0101, Intro to Psy.      | 3  |
| Humanities Distribution         | 3  | Humanities Distribution      | 3  |
| Social Science Distribution     | 3  | Social Science Distribution  | 3  |
|                                 | 18 |                              | 17 |
| <b>THIRD YEAR</b>               |    |                              |    |
| <b>First Semester</b>           |    | <b>Second Semester</b>       |    |
| Statistics (MATH 0109/PSY 0201) | 4  | Humanities Distribution      | 3  |
| Humanities Distribution         | 3  | Social Science Distribution  | 3  |
| Social Sci. Distribution        | 3  | Biology Elective             | 4  |
| BIOL 0201, Cell Biology         | 4  | BIOL 1303, Genetics          | 4  |
| Biology Elective                | 4  | BIOL 1402, Molecular Biology | 4  |
|                                 | 18 |                              | 18 |

Totals 102 credits. All Pitt-Bradford general education requirements are completed in three years. Remaining credits required in Biology courses would be satisfied by first year work at PCO.

**PITT-BRADFORD/ PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF  
OPTOMETRY**

**PRE-OPTOMETRY CURRICULUM  
(CHEMISTRY MAJOR)**

| <b>FIRST YEAR</b>               |    |                                |    |
|---------------------------------|----|--------------------------------|----|
| <b>First Semester</b>           |    | <b>Second Semester</b>         |    |
| ENG 0101, English Comp I        | 4  | ENG 0102, Eng Comp II          | 3  |
| BIOL 0101, Fdtns Biol I         | 4  | BIOL 0102, Fdtns Biol II       | 4  |
| CHEM 0101, Gen Chem I           | 4  | CHEM 0102, Gen Chem II         | 4  |
| MATH 0104, Calculus I           | 4  | MATH 0105, Calculus II         | 4  |
|                                 | 16 |                                | 15 |
| <b>SECOND YEAR</b>              |    |                                |    |
| <b>First Semester</b>           |    | <b>Second Semester</b>         |    |
| PHYS 0101, Intro Physics I      | 4  | PHYS 0102, Intro Physics II    | 4  |
| CHEM 0202, Organic Chem I       | 4  | CHEM 0203, Org. Chem II        | 4  |
| BIOL 0202, Microbiology         | 4  | PSY 0101, Intro to Psy.        | 3  |
| Chem 0201, Analytical Chem      | 4  | Math 0201, Calculus III        | 4  |
|                                 |    | Humanities Distribution        | 3  |
|                                 | 16 |                                | 18 |
| <b>THIRD YEAR</b>               |    |                                |    |
| <b>First Semester</b>           |    | <b>Second Semester</b>         |    |
| Statistics (MATH 0109/PSY 0201) | 4  | Social Science Distribution    | 3  |
| Humanities Distribution         | 3  | Chem 1307, Adv. Organic        | 3  |
| Social Sci. Distribution        | 3  | Humanities or Soc. Sci. Distr. | 3  |
| Chem 1301, Phys. Chem I         | 4  | Chem 1305, Analytic Inst.      | 4  |
| Chemistry Elective              | 4  | Chem 1302, Phys. Chem II       | 4  |
|                                 | 18 |                                | 17 |

Total 100 credits. Most Pitt-Bradford general education requirements are completed in three years [Humanities and Social Science distribution are each 6-9 credits instead of 12]. Remaining credits required in Chemistry courses would be satisfied by first-year work at PCO.

**PITT/BRADFORD/ PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY**

**PRE-OPTOMETRY CURRICULUM  
(PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR)**

| <b>FIRST YEAR</b>            |    |                             |    |
|------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|
| <b>First Semester</b>        |    | <b>Second Semester</b>      |    |
| ENG 0101, English Comp I     | 4  | ENG 0102, Eng Comp II       | 3  |
| BIOL 0101, Fdtns Biol I      | 4  | BIOL 0102, Fdtns Biol II    | 4  |
| CHEM 0101, Gen Chem I        | 4  | CHEM 0102, Gen Chem II      | 4  |
| PSY 0101, Intro Psych        | 3  | PSY 0202 or PSY 0203        | 3  |
| Social Sciences Distribution | 3  | Humanities Distribution     | 3  |
|                              | 18 |                             | 17 |
| <b>SECOND YEAR</b>           |    |                             |    |
| <b>First Semester</b>        |    | <b>Second Semester</b>      |    |
| BIOL 0202, Microbiology      | 4  | Math 0105, Calc II          | 4  |
| Math 0104, Calc I            | 4  | PSY 0202 or PSY 0203        | 3  |
| PSY 0201, Statistics         | 4  | PSY 0101, Intro to PSY      | 6  |
| PSY 0204 or PSY 0206         | 3  | Social Science Distribution | 3  |
| Psychology Elective          | 3  |                             |    |
|                              | 18 |                             | 16 |
| <b>THIRD YEAR</b>            |    |                             |    |
| <b>First Semester</b>        |    | <b>Second Semester</b>      |    |
| Phys 0101, Intro Phys I      | 4  | Phys 0102, Intro Phys II    | 4  |
| Chem 0202, Organic Chem I    | 4  | Chem 0203, Organic Chem II  | 4  |
| PSY 0204 or PSY 0206         | 3  | PSY 1301, Exp'l Psych       | 3  |
| Psychology Elective          | 3  | Psychology Electives        | 6  |
| Humanities Distribution      | 3  |                             |    |
|                              | 17 |                             | 17 |

Total 103 credits. Most Pitt-Bradford general education requirements are completed in three years [Humanities and Social Sciences distribution are each 6 credits instead of 12]. Remaining credits required in Psychology courses would be satisfied by first-year work at PCO.

**APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURES**  
**FOR UNDERGRADUATE AFFILIATION PROGRAMS**

The Affiliation Agreement between Pennsylvania College of Optometry and University of Pittsburgh at Bradford has been established to provide a joint undergraduate/professional program of education leading to the Doctor of Optometry degree. Below are the application, interviewing and selection procedures for this program:

**NOTIFICATION**

- I. UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD will be responsible for notifying the Pennsylvania College of Optometry of the students that are participating in the joint optometry undergraduate/professional programs as they enroll.
  - A. Pennsylvania College of Optometry will communicate with these students as they proceed through their undergraduate program and encourage them to visit the College's campus for a tour and/or counseling.
  
- II. Application Procedure to Pennsylvania College of Optometry - The College strongly encourages applicants to apply in the Fall prior to the year of admission. Applicants must:
  - A. Submit a properly completed application accompanied by a non-refundable \$50 application fee to the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Office of Admissions.
  - B. Submit official transcripts of all previous college credits.
  - C. Arrange to take the Optometry Admissions Test (OAT) and have results forwarded to the Office of Admissions.
  - D. Have sent to the College three letters from faculty members teaching natural science subjects. These may be copies of letters on file at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford that the student received as he/she progressed through the program.

Additional references from optometrists and other health

professionals may also be provided at the discretion of the applicant.

### III. INTERVIEW PROCEDURE

- A. Pennsylvania College of Optometry - The candidate will be invited to be interviewed at Pennsylvania College of Optometry in accordance with interview procedures (see attached). Interviewers will submit written reports to be added to the candidate's folder.
  
- B. UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD will interview candidates on their campus by members of the Joint Admissions Committee and the Community Optometric Representative. These written reports should be forwarded to Pennsylvania College of Optometry to be added to the candidate's file.

The scheduling of the interviews will be at the discretion of the candidate and each Institution. The Interview reports should follow the same format at each institution. If there is any concern or problem with either interview, the candidate will be requested to come for a second interview by the Joint Admissions Committee when they meet.

- IV. Pennsylvania College of Optometry/University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Joint Admissions Committee shall be called in accordance with the agreement. (Meeting sites will alternate between Institutions.) The candidate's application file will be reviewed and discussed at this meeting and a recommendation from the Committee will be forwarded to Pennsylvania College of Optometry's Director of Admissions.