WHEREAS the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Programs in the School of Health Sciences at Methodist University wish to enter into a formal articulation agreement with Bridgewater College for the expressed purpose of establishing the pre-admission criteria, performance standards and inter-institutional considerations that will result in the non-competitive admission of two (2) graduates annually to the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Programs in the School of Health Sciences; and

WHEREAS Bridgewater College desires to enter into this Articulation Agreement with Methodist University's Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Programs (hereafter referred to as: "The Programs") and meet the performance standards set forth in this agreement for the recruitment and selection of candidates to be admitted via this articulated admission track;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises, the parties agree as follows:

I. STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT. The Programs agree to accept up to two (2) suitably-qualified and duly-enrolled, full-time students from Bridgewater College per Programs who satisfy all of the criteria listed below, which may be amended by the mutual, written consent of both parties. The admission of these candidates shall occur on a non-competitive basis with respect to the applicant pool as a whole. The stipulated criteria are:

a. FULFILLMENT OF ALL PRE-ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS. Students from Bridgewater college seeking admission to the Programs in the Methodist University School of Health Sciences under the terms of this Articulation Agreement must satisfy all pre-admission requirements listed below.

i. Identification of Students Applying under this Agreement: Guaranteed Acceptance. Qualified students identified by their Bridgewater College advisor are invited to apply early in their senior year under this agreement, through the Centralized Application System (CAS) system, by October 15. Identified students with completed applications and a favorable interview will be guaranteed acceptance, conditional on completion of any outstanding coursework. Bridgewater College will provide a ranked list of up to four (4) students for each Program to be considered under this articulation agreement. If the top two candidates fail to perform successfully on the interview, the
Programs will consider candidates three and/or four for admissions using the aforementioned criteria. If student accepts the offer, a deposit of $500 will be required at that time to hold a seat in the Programs.

ii. **Submit a Completed Application.** Even with "Conditional Acceptance" a completed application must be submitted via the appropriate CAS on or before October 15. This application shall include elements as outlined on the admissions page of the website for each of the respective Programs, including: completed application form, recommendation forms, GRE scores, official transcripts, observation hours documented (if requested) and essays. Students are responsible for the CAS fees.

iii. **Meet Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average Requirement.** To be eligible to apply for admission under the terms of this articulation agreement, a student must maintain a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average at the time of application; 3.2 or higher Prerequisite GPA with no grade below a "C" for courses listed in the prerequisite coursework.

iv. **Pre-Health Profession Advisor Recommendation.** A letter of recommendation from the Pre-Health Professions Advisor at Bridgewater College is required. This will help us identify students that are requesting admission through the terms of this agreement.

v. **Observation Hours.** Must complete designated Programs requirement for observation hours.

vi. **Graduate Record Exam.** The General Test must be completed and score submitted with the CAS application.

vii. **Interview.** Candidate must interview with the specific Programs Admission Committee.

b. **FULFILLMENT OF ALL MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS.** Admission is conditional, and applicants may not matriculate until they have completed the following:

i. **Meet Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average Requirement.** To matriculate as a student in the one of the Programs under the terms of this agreement, the student must have maintained a cumulative overall grade point average of 3.0, a 3.2 prerequisite GPA and no grade below a "C" for courses listed in the prerequisite coursework at the time of graduation from Bridgewater College.

ii. **Complete All Required Pre-Requisite Courses.** The required prerequisite courses (as listed on the admissions page of the website for each of the respective Programs) must be completed, and must reflect a "C" or better.

iii. **Degree Conferral Prior to Matriculation.** All degree requirements set forth in the approved curricula must be completed and the student must have graduated from Bridgewater College with either a B.A. or B.S. degree prior to matriculation in The Programs.

iv. **Professional Behaviors and Essential Functions.** Candidates must be able to certify that (s)he understands and meets the published "Professional Behaviors
and Essential Functions" stipulated for matriculation to The Programs.

v. Compliance with Matriculation Requirements. Candidate must satisfy all matriculation requirements.

II. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE. Bridgewater College shall assume responsibility for the following:

a. PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS

i. Marketing of this Articulation Agreement.

Bridgewater College will be responsible for announcing this Agreement as part of its promotional literature and for marketing the articulated curricula in its promotional literature available to prospective applicants for admission.

Bridgewater College will also be responsible for informing students already enrolled in the College about this Agreement, the articulated curricula and the career opportunities available in this profession. This information will be shared with and readily available to all interested Bridgewater College students.

ii. Recruiting Qualified Students. Bridgewater College will be responsible for making bona fide recruiting efforts to attract and retain students annually in sufficient numbers who will meet the terms of this Agreement. This Articulation Agreement will either commence for the class entering at Bridgewater College in the Fall of 2014 or sooner for students already enrolled at Bridgewater College who are deemed qualified by both parties.

iii. Career Counseling. Bridgewater College agrees to provide career counseling and advising activities about the profession of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy in consultation with The Programs, in the manner commensurate with other services provided to Bridgewater College students through its pre-health professions advisor(s) or other suitable-qualified staff member of its choosing.

b. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

i. Notification of Changes. Bridgewater College agrees to provide Methodist University School of Health Sciences Programs with timely notification of impending changes within the College that may adversely impact the ability or willingness of BRIDGEWATER COLLEGE to meet the terms of this agreement. Although not an inclusive list, modifications involving the following would be applicable: decline in admissions standards, changes from current institutional grading practices and standards; changes in graduation requirements; termination of course offerings required in the pre-requisite courses; a change in the affiliation and/or accreditation status of Bridgewater College with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

ii. Accreditation Site Inspection. If requested, Bridgewater College agrees to assist Methodist University School of Health Sciences Programs in terms of providing information related to this Articulation Agreement deemed necessary and essential to the specialized accreditation process involving the Programs' accrediting agencies, the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy
III. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF METHODIST UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS.** The Programs of Methodist University School of Health Sciences shall assume responsibility for the following:

a. **PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

i. **Marketing of this Articulation Agreement.** The Methodist University School of Health Sciences and The Programs will be responsible for announcing this Articulation Agreement with Bridgewater College on its website.

ii. **Career Counseling.** The Programs faculty and the Director of Admissions for the Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Programs agrees to serve as a resource for Bridgewater College faculty advisors and students in terms of providing career-counseling and advising about the profession of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy.

iii. **Programming.** The Programs agrees to conduct periodic campus visits/receptions at Bridgewater College. At a minimum, the Programs will be responsible for hosting (financial sponsorship) one (1) reception annually on the campus of Bridgewater College for pre-PT and pre-OT students and other interested students at a time and location to be arranged by Bridgewater College. In addition, the Programs agrees to sponsor one (1) "open house" each year on the campus of Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC for interested Bridgewater College students.

iv. **Specialized Accreditation.** The Programs are responsible for maintaining its status as an accredited educational Programs from its specialized accrediting agencies (CAPTE, ACOTE). The Programs shall be responsible for providing Bridgewater College with timely notification of pending accreditation reviews.

v. **Performance Outcomes.** The Programs agree to provide Bridgewater College with academic assessment data concerning the performance of its graduates in the Programs. The reporting of these data shall be performed either with the students' written consent or in such a manner as to protect the confidentiality of individual student records and shall be in accordance with the Family Education and Rights to Privacy Act and other Federal and States of Virginia and North Carolina laws applicable to information maintained in student academic records maintained by Methodist University School of Health Sciences Programs.

b. **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

i. **Notification of Changes.** The Programs agree to provide Bridgewater College with timely notification of impending changes within the Programs that may adversely impact the ability or willingness of The Programs to meet the term of this agreement. Although not an inclusive list, modifications involving the following would be applicable: changes in current admissions prerequisites or requirements; changes in leadership of the individual Programs; shifts in enrollment projections; notification of a change in accreditation status of the
Programs; and a change in the affiliation and/or accreditation status of Methodist University within the Southern Colleges Association of Colleges and Schools. Bridgewater College shall reserve the right to terminate this agreement in the event that the Programs receives notice that it has lost its status as an accredited Programs.

ii. **Enactment of this Agreement.** The Programs shall consider this Articulation Agreement as in effect on the date of execution of all required authorizations from the participating institutions. The initial enactment shall be to the extent that students presently enrolled at Bridgewater College who are deemed qualified by mutual consent of both parties will be eligible for non-competitive admission to the Programs.

iii. **Non-Nominated Student Admissions.** Students who are not among the four nominees selected for non-competitive admission via this agreement will be considered for admission using the same criteria involved in the competitive admissions process open to other applicants.

**IV. TERMS AND TERMINATION.** The Programs in the School of Health Sciences at Methodist University and Bridgewater College agree to an indefinite term for this Articulation Agreement. Termination of this agreement can be accomplished by mutual written consent of both parties within a time frame established at the point if and when action is taken by both parties to terminate this Agreement. Unilateral termination of this Agreement by either party shall require sufficient advance notification so that any student at junior standing or higher that is already enrolled is given the opportunity to meet the criteria for non-competitive admission to the Programs.

a. **Termination for Cause.** Unilateral termination of this Agreement without the aforementioned advance notification may occur for sufficient cause. Termination for cause may include but is not limited to:
   i. Withdrawal of specialized accreditation of the individual Programs;
   ii. Withdrawal of SACS accreditation to either institution;
   iii. Cancellation of the specific educational Programs by the School of Health Sciences at Methodist University.

b. **Miscellaneous Provisions.**

i. **Entire Agreements and Amendments.** This Agreement and the attached exhibits hereto constitute the entire agreement between the parties. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations or representations relating the subject matter are of no force or effect. Except as otherwise provided by federal or state law, any paragraph or provision of this Agreement may be amended only by mutual written consent of the parties. This agreement is made for the sole benefit of Bridgewater College and Methodist University. Nothing in this agreement shall create or be deemed to create a relationship between the parties, or either of them, and any third parties, including a relationship in the nature of a third party beneficiary.

ii. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of North Carolina; provided, however,
nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require Bridgewater College to act contrary to the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

iii. **Waivers.** Any paragraph or provision of this Agreement may be waived only by the prior written consent of the parties and the failure of any party to insist on a strict performance of any term or condition of the Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of such terms and conditions in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the date and year written below.

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On the **22** day of **April**, 2014