

**Master of Arts Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program**  
**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
**Loras College**  
**AND**  
**St. Ambrose University**

This articulation agreement outlines the understanding established between Loras College and St. Ambrose University for a St. Ambrose University undergraduate student to transition to Loras College to pursue the Master of Arts Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program. The agreement details the requirements for students to be considered for admission to the CMHC program and the understanding between Loras College and St. Ambrose University for preference for St. Ambrose University students to the Loras College CMHC program.

**A. Intent**

1. Loras College has developed an articulation agreement with St. Ambrose University to establish the responsibilities of each institution and admission criteria, to allow St. Ambrose University students to receive preference for admission to the Loras College CMHC program.

**B. Articulation Agreement**

1. St. Ambrose University students who have completed a minimum of 100 credits toward the bachelor's degree, have met the admission requirements for the CMHC program, and have been interviewed by the Loras College faculty, will receive preferential admittance to the Loras College CMHC program, with guaranteed seats for the top 2 candidates.
2. St. Ambrose University students will apply for admission to the CMHC program in their fourth year by May 1.
3. Loras College will reserve two spots for qualified St. Ambrose University students in each CMHC cohort beginning with the cohort entering in the fall of 2024.
4. After the bachelor's degree has been conferred, students will request an official transcript from St. Ambrose University be sent to Loras College so the student can officially be designated a graduate student.
5. Students who successfully complete all requirements for the CMHC program by the conclusion of the 7<sup>th</sup> year will be awarded the CMHC degree by Loras College.
6. Students participating in this agreement will pay tuition and fees to St. Ambrose University while enrolled at St. Ambrose University for the first four years of this agreement and will pay tuition and fees to Loras College for the three years enrolled at Loras College.

**C. Responsibilities of St. Ambrose University**

1. St. Ambrose University will be responsible for identifying and communicating the necessary majors that allow students to complete this pathway to the CMHC degree who may be qualified for guaranteed admission.

2. St. Ambrose University will advise the student within the first four years to complete necessary courses for general education, the major of choice, and the necessary pre-requisites.
3. St. Ambrose University will make eligible students aware of guaranteed admissions seats.
4. St. Ambrose University will confer the bachelor's degree after the student's fourth year prior to full admission into the Loras College CMHC program.

#### D. Responsibilities of Loras College

1. Loras College will reserve two spots for qualified St. Ambrose University students in each CMHC cohort beginning with the cohort entering in the fall of 2024. Loras College will advise the student while enrolled in the CMHC program to complete necessary degree requirements. .
2. Loras College will share marketing materials and promotional information with St. Ambrose University to promote the CMHC program to prospective students.
3. Loras College will confer the CMHC degree upon completion of all CMHC degree requirements.

#### E. Responsibilities of the Student

1. The student will declare the necessary major at St. Ambrose University to be eligible for the guaranteed slots.
2. The student will complete general education requirements, major courses, and necessary pre-requisites.
3. The student will apply to the Loras College CMHC program by May 1 in their fourth year or once they have completed at least 100 credits and all necessary prerequisite courses.
4. Once the student has been accepted to the CMHC program at Loras, the student will complete the FAFSA as a graduate student at Loras College.
5. After the bachelor's degree is conferred, the student will request the official transcript from St. Ambrose University be sent to Loras College to verify the student is eligible for graduate coursework.

#### F. Admission Criteria

- a. To be eligible for admission to the Loras College CMHC program, students must meet the admissions criteria found on the Loras College CMHC website.

#### G. Terms and Terminations

- a. This agreement will take effect upon review and approval with signatures from both institutions. The agreement will remain in effect for three years, after which the agreement will be reviewed for accuracy and may be renewed. Should either party decide to terminate the agreement, 12 months prior notice is required to the other institution, provided in writing.

#### H. Mutual Indemnification

- a. Each party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its officers, employees, directors, and/or agents from and against all suits, actions, claims, or

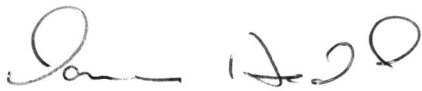
liability of any character, type, or description brought by third part including, but not limited to, all expenses of litigation, court costs, penalties, and whatsoever and of any kind or nature directly resulting or arising from any breach of party and/or its agents of any provisions of this Agreement, or and negligent or willful act or omission of a party and/or its agents.

I. Relationships

a. The parties are acting herein as independent contractors. Nothing herein contained shall create or be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture or agency relationship between either of the parties and no party shall have the authority to bind to the other in any respect.

J. Entire Agreement

a. The Agreement shall constitute the complete and exclusive written expression of the intentions of the parties hereto and shall supersede all previous communications, representations, Agreements, promises or statements, either oral or written, by and between either parties.



Dr. Donna Heald, Provost and Academic Dean  
Loras College

4-17-23  
Date




James E. Collins, President  
Loras College

April 20, 2023  
Date



Dr. Paul Koch, Provost and Vice President  
Academic and Student Affairs  
St. Ambrose University

4/20/2023  
Date



Dr. Amy Novak, President  
St. Ambrose University

4-20-23  
Date