



Memorandum of Agreement

between the

**University of Saint Mary (USM), Leavenworth, KS
and
Kansas Wesleyan University**

August 1, 2026

A. This partnership between USM and Kansas Wesleyan University is created to offer the following reserved seat pathways to KWU students to the following USM programs:

- Doctor of Occupational Therapy, 2 students per admissions cycle
- Doctor of Physical Therapy, 2 students per admissions cycle
- Master of Arts in Education, 2 students per admissions cycle
- Master of Social Work Advanced Standing Pathway, 2 students per admissions cycle

1. Students may be admitted into the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program through the preferred acceptance pathway if they meet (and are on track to meet) admissions criteria:

- 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA (minimum)
- Enrollment in courses as a foundation for well-rounded undergraduate learning and OTD program rigor.
- Although specific course prerequisites are not required, courses such as human anatomy, physiology, psychology, sociology, or anthropology are recommended to support student success when admitted to the program.
- No GRE is required.
- Completion of bachelor's degree in a complementary degree program (natural sciences, social sciences, related fields (disability studies, family studies) from KWU.
- Participation in the admissions process, including interview with program personnel, required for full admission.

Qualified students must submit a completed application via the Occupational Therapy Centralized Application System (OTCAS) at time of full readiness to apply. USM will waive the application fee to the university, any OTCAS application fees will be the responsibility of the student. Students participating in this agreement will meet with a representative of the USM OT program and/or USM health care admissions during their undergraduate career for academic advising and monitoring of progress.

2. Students may be admitted into the Doctor of Physical Therapy program through the preferred acceptance pathway if they meet the criteria listed below:

- 3.3 cumulative GPA including repeated courses
- Completion of pre-requisite courses as outlined at: <https://www.stmary.edu/dpt-prerequisites>
- Completion of bachelor's degree from KWU and acceptable interview with program personnel are required for full admission.

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Qualified students must submit a completed application via the Physical Therapy Centralized Application Service (PTCAS). USM will waive the application fee to the university, any PTCAS application fees will be the responsibility of the student. Students participating in this agreement will meet with a representative of the USM DPT program and/or USM health care admissions during their undergraduate career for academic advising and monitoring of progress.

3. Students may be admitted into the Master of Arts in Education program through the preferred acceptance pathway if they meet the criteria listed below:

- A bachelor's degree from KWU

Qualified students must submit a completed application via www.stmary.edu/admission-application. USM will waive the application fee to the university. It is advised that students participating in this agreement meet with a representative of the USM MAED program during their graduate career for academic advising

4. Students may be admitted into the Master of Social Work Advanced Standing Track program through the preferred acceptance pathway if they meet the criteria listed below:

- Successful completion of the CSWE-Accredited Bachelor of Applied Arts in Social Work (BSW) degree from KWU
- An undergraduate GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale
- Professional Resume
- Two letters of recommendation
- Application Essay

A. Preferred Acceptance Pathway students must maintain and successfully complete program admission requirements as stated in the applicable program sections above. Failure to do so will result in the preferred acceptance offer being rescinded. If additional students beyond the guaranteed seats express interest and meet the above required criteria, the first applicants will be guaranteed the reserved seats. Subsequently qualified applicants can also apply through the regular application process for consideration.

B. This agreement remains in effect unless changed in writing by mutual agreement of both institutions. Both institutions hereby indicate full agreement to the terms and conditions included above. Either party may terminate this agreement by giving sixty days prior written notice to the other party. By signing this memorandum of understanding you have accepted this offer to partner with USM so that we may provide the above benefits to students of your institution.

Kansas Wesleyan University

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Signature: [Signature]

Date: 8-4-2026

University of Saint Mary

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