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Salus University Partners with Susquehanna University for 4+4 programs

Elkins Park, Pa. — Susquehanna University announces a new partnership with Salus University in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, that will prepare Susquehanna undergraduate students to pursue further health science education at Salus.

Degree programs open to Susquehanna students include Salus University's Doctors of Audiology and Optometry, as well as Master of Science in Occupational Therapy programs

"Students taking advantage of our partnership with Salus University will complete their pre-medical coursework at Susquehanna, laying the groundwork for their matriculation to Salus University," said Jan Reichard-Brown, associate professor of biology and director of healthcare studies at Susquehanna. "This new opportunity appeals to students who are seeking foundational skills that are the hallmark of a liberal arts education — critical thinking, problem-solving, scientific writing and communication — while also gaining the distinctive opportunity to engage in collaborative research."

Qualified students will first follow a four-year prescribed course of study at Susquehanna taking courses in biology, chemistry, physics, neurobiology, mathematics and psychology. After completing their degree, they will transition to Salus University.

"We are excited to begin this partnership with Susquehanna as it will help to increase awareness of our Audiology, Optometry and Occupational Therapy programs – professions that are in high demand with high job satisfaction," said Monica Scirrotto, director of Admissions at Salus University. "We believe Susquehanna prepares qualified students that will find success in our programs and these new agreements will help them to make a seamless transition into graduate and professional school."

Melissa Trego, OD '04, Resident '09, PhD, earned her bachelor's degree from Susquehanna. And, after earning her Doctor of Optometry degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus in 2004, she completed a primary care residency at The Eye Institute of Salus University. She went on to earn her PhD in cellular and molecular biology from Cardiff University, Wales, United Kingdom. "I am ecstatic to learn that Salus University has established an articulation agreement with Susquehanna University. As an immensely proud alum of Susquehanna, where I pursued an enriching education in biochemistry, this news holds special significance for me," Dr. Trego said. "The fundamental knowledge and skills I acquired during my tenure at Susquehanna laid a solid foundation for my subsequent educational journey."

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Salus University, founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1919, today is a diversified, globally recognized professional academic center of learning that offers a wide range of degree programs in the professions of Optometry, Audiology, Physician Assistant, Blindness and Low Vision Studies, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Orthotics and Prosthetics. Salus operates four clinical facilities in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, speech-language pathology and occupational therapy services. The University has more than 1,200 students, and more than 14,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.

About Susquehanna University

Susquehanna University is a selective, residential liberal arts college that provides a solid background in the liberal arts and sciences, as well as professional experiences. Students develop critical thinking, writing, teamwork and communication skills which, combined with internships and research opportunities, prepare them for a lifetime of personal and professional success. The university is recognized nationally for its commitment to off-campus study through its Global Opportunities program. Small classes enable faculty members to serve as mentors, as well as teachers.