

Chaminade University and UD Enter Agreement for PT, PA Degrees

Students from Chaminade University who want to become physical therapists or physician assistants now have a special pathway to make their dreams come true.

Chaminade University of Honolulu and its Marianist sister university, the University of Dayton, have entered into two articulation agreements for qualified Chaminade students who want to become physical therapists and physician assistants. On May 5, a signing ceremony took place in the President's Suite at the University of Dayton, where articulation agreements leading to the Doctorate in Physical Therapy and Masters in Physician Assistant were signed.

“On behalf of Chaminade, we really appreciate the possibilities that this creates for our students. This agreement with the University of Dayton opens a new door for qualified Chaminade students who wish to pursue postgraduate degrees in health care fields,” said Bro. Bernard Ploeger, SM, President of Chaminade University. “Increasing opportunities for our students to participate in will benefit the larger Hawaii community through the work of highly trained professionals graduating from Chaminade in the health sciences. “

“I'm very pleased anytime that our two institutions work together,” said Dr. Daniel Curran, President of University of Dayton. “One thing that we both believe is to continue to do this so that our students are going to both institutions, and back and forth. This is something that we can work toward harder on. Chaminade is a great institution, strong leadership, and good things going on. It's great for the University of Dayton to be able to affiliate academically more and more. I think this is the program that will attract students. When you're in Hawaii and you see the need for health care professionals of all disciplines, I think this is the natural connection. This is a product of a lot of hard work, thanks to all of you.”

Dr. Kevin Kelly, Dean of School of Education and Health Sciences said,
“We are very hopeful that this is going to be a vehicle to bring students from
Chaminade to our program. We believe that Chaminade students have a lot to offer
us and look forward to putting this agreement into action.”

Brother Edward Brink, SM, Assistant Provincial for Education, who initiated and
promoted this partnership reflected, “All I can say about that is I just had an idea
that this would fit from my attendance at board meetings at Chaminade and Dayton.
There is clearly a need for health care professionals in Hawaii and people who
understand the care of native people from Hawaii. Thank you to everyone who has
made this a reality.”

Chaminade students who successfully complete program requirements will be able
to take advantage of reserved seats at University of Dayton for these two
professional degrees. The partnership is of special value as these two degrees are
not offered in the state of Hawaii – requiring students to travel to the mainland to
pursue studies in these professions.



Dr. Daniel Curran, President, University of Dayton and
Bro. Bernard Ploeger, SM, President, Chaminade University



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