



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Johnson & Wales University, University of Saint Joseph Partner to Offer Expedited Pathway to Pharm.D. Degree**

*Eligible students can earn bachelor's degree, Pharm.D. in six years*

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — July 13, 2020 – Johnson & Wales University (JWU), in partnership with the University of Saint Joseph (USJ), has launched a new 3+3 program that creates a pathway for qualified JWU students to earn a bachelor's degree in biology and a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree in six years. The program, which is now available to students, maximizes the time and investment of students by providing a path to complete their studies a year ahead of schedule, saving up to a year's tuition in the process.

As part of the [articulation agreement](#) between JWU and USJ, priority admission will be granted to eligible applicants from JWU to USJ's School of Pharmacy and Physician Assistant Studies' Pharm.D. program located in Hartford, CT. Students who enroll in JWU's [Biology](#) program and meet admissions requirements will spend their first three years at JWU before matriculating directly into the USJ School of Pharmacy and Physician Assistant Studies to begin the Pharm.D. program. Students who have completed their biology degree requirements will receive their bachelor's degree in biology from JWU during their first year enrolled in USJ's Pharm.D. program.

"As JWU evolves into a more comprehensive university and continues to expand its footprint in the health arena, USJ became a natural partner in this endeavor," said Michael Fein, Ph.D., dean in the John Hazen White College of Arts & Sciences at Johnson & Wales University. "This accelerated pharmacy program provides students the best of both worlds: a strong academic foundation and a cost-effective, fast track to professional success. It also reaffirms JWU and USJ's commitment to the applied liberal arts. With this agreement, our Biology students now have another pathway to enter the health professions."

"USJ looks forward to welcoming qualified Biology students from JWU to our Pharm.D. program in the future. The agreement facilitates a seamless transition for qualified students from JWU into the USJ Pharm.D. program. Graduates will join the health care team in a variety of settings, including hospitals, ambulatory care clinics and retail pharmacies," said University of Saint Joseph Provost Michelle Kalis, Ph.D.

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#### **About JWU**

Founded in 1914, Johnson & Wales University is a private, nonprofit, accredited institution with more than 12,000 graduate, undergraduate and online students at its four campuses in Providence, Rhode Island; North Miami, Florida; Denver, Colorado; and Charlotte, North Carolina. An innovative educational leader, the university offers degree programs in arts and sciences, business, culinary arts, design and engineering, education, health and wellness, hospitality, nutrition and physician assistant studies. Its unique model integrates arts and sciences and industry-focused education with work experience and leadership opportunities, inspiring students to achieve professional success and lifelong personal and intellectual growth. The university's impact is global, with alumni from 125 countries pursuing careers worldwide.

For more information, visit [jwu.edu](http://jwu.edu).

**About USJ:**

*The University of Saint Joseph (USJ) offers a wide range of coeducational undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and certificate programs that combine a professional and liberal arts education with opportunities for mentored research, community service, clinical field work, and internships. Programs are taught on the University's two campuses in West Hartford and Hartford, Connecticut; at off-campus locations throughout the state; and online. Founded in 1932 by the Sisters of Mercy, the University of Saint Joseph offers degrees with value and values. To learn more, view our website at [www.usj.edu](http://www.usj.edu).*

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