

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

AND

HILLSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between University of South Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate, hereafter referred to as USF, for its College of Public Health, hereafter referred to as USF COPH and the District Board of Trustees of Hillsborough Community College, a political subdivision of the state of Florida and public body corporate, hereafter referred to as HCC.

WHEREAS, the parties desire to promote the most efficient and effective use of their resources and to offer students the broadest possible range of educational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to encourage and facilitate the establishment of a specific articulated program between HCC and USF COPH, and

WHEREAS, the intent of this MOU is to facilitate the transfer of qualified Associate in Arts Degree credit from students at HCC to USF COPH and to improve access to the Bachelor of Science in Public Health by offering courses leading to the bachelor's degree on the HCC Campus.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to cooperate in providing the articulated program in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

- I. The USF COPH shall recognize the Associate in Arts Degree as the transfer degree from HCC.
- II. HCC and USF COPH shall agree to the following conditions:
 - A. HCC students who complete the HCC portion of this articulated program and transfer with an Associate of Arts degree under the terms of this MOU shall enter with junior standing at USF COPH provided the HCC transfer students meet the same standards and program requirements as native USF COPH students. Transfers to USF degree programs other than Public Health may be required to meet GPA and other requirements established by USF. USF Transfer policies shall be in accordance with the statewide articulation agreement established by section 1007.23, F.S., and the requirements included in section 1007.25, F.S.
 - B. An HCC student transferring under the terms of this MOU shall be governed by the graduation requirements set forth in the USF Undergraduate Catalog in effect at the

time of the student's initial enrollment at USF COPH, provided the student maintains continuous enrollment as defined by HCC and USF, receives an Associate of Arts Degree and transfers to USF COPH within six (6) years of the student's initial enrollment at HCC. Continuous enrollment as defined by USF is defined as enrolling as a degree seeking student at least one (1) term each twelve (12) month period. The student will also have the option of graduating under the USF catalog in effect at the time of transfer. Students cannot choose a USF catalog published prior to or during an academic year in which they did not maintain continuous enrollment. Each catalog is considered to be published during the academic year printed on the title page.

- C. Admission of an HCC student to USF will depend on the number of spaces in each academic year and the continuation of the Bachelors of Science in Public Health program. Bachelors of Science in Public Health program discontinuance will remove any obligation (beyond those protections afforded to native students) of both parties to comply with the provisions of the MOU relative to the discontinued program.
- D. For the students accepted for transfer, the grade of "D" will be treated the same as grades of "D" obtained by native students at HCC. USF COPH may require a grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.0 overall or a grade of "C" or better in all prerequisite courses, provided the same policy is applied equitably for USF native and transfer students.
- E. Programmatically, the forgiveness policy of HCC shall prevail in the GPA calculation for admission to the baccalaureate program at USF COPH.

III. Both parties agree as follows:

- A. To cooperate on curricular and advising issues that will facilitate future student transfer;
- B. To encourage the development of scholarships and other financial aid opportunities for HCC transfer students who are directly affected by this MOU;
- C. To provide for periodic review of the MOU to strengthen articulation between HCC and USF COPH; and
- D. To foster communication between HCC and USF COPH by having the following individuals serve as liaison officers for matters relating to this MOU, and agreeing to notify each other of any changes in contact information for their respective liaison officers:

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- V. Applicable Law. This MOU will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, the rules of the State Board of Education and the regulations of the Board of Governors and the Division of State Colleges.
- VI. Annual Review. Representatives of each institution will review the substance and effectiveness of the MOU annually. The MOU may be reviewed at any time at the request of either party.
- VII. Modifications. The MOU may be amended through written request by either party when deemed necessary to add, delete, or significantly modify the terms. Such amendments must be in writing and may take the form of an official letter signed by both signatories of the Agreement to be attached to this Agreement as sequential amendments.
- VIII. Termination of the MOU. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days written notice. Termination of this Agreement will not be executed without a written plan to "Teach Out" existing students enrolled at time of termination notice. USF shall provide for all students enrolled into this program a reasonable opportunity to complete the degree at USF upon termination of this Agreement.
- IX. The designated representatives for USF-Tampa and Hillsborough Community College are listed under "Approvals."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have agreed to the terms of this MOU on the effective date

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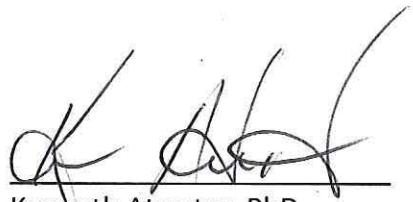
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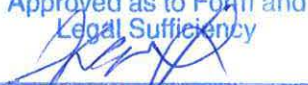
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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

 COLLEGE ATTORNEY
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