CLINICAL PLACEMENT AFFILIATION AGREEMENT
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders
University of South Dakota
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The University of South Dakota's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and the

Boone County Board of Education
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Florence, KY 41042

hereby agree to participate jointly in a cooperative clinical education program for University trainees in Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, or both. This program will involve the selection and placement of graduate students into community-based clinical programs with supervision provided by the professional staff of the site agency or program.

In the interest of mutual understanding and cooperation, the University program and the site agency agree to the following:

- The University training program agrees to:
    - Select graduate students who are in good standing and have the appropriate academic and clinical preparation for the placement.
    - Provide information to the site, if requested, describing the academic and clinic preparation of the background of the trainee.
    - Provide liaison contacts between the training program and the site agency throughout each semester that a trainee is placed with the agency. These contacts may include electronic communication, telephone consultations, and/or site visitations remotely.
    - Provide general information about the expectations of the placement.
    - Provide evaluation instruments to be used by the clinical supervisor.

- The Clinic Education site agency or program agrees to:
    - Provide on-going clinical supervision of the trainee by a member of their professional staff as required by the University:
        - For Speech-Language Pathology, the clinical supervisor must:
            - hold a current Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) from the American Speech Language and Hearing Association (ASHA)
            - hold a license to practice in the state

- have the equivalent of a minimum of 9 months of full-time clinical experience after earning the CCC, and
- have a minimum of 2 hours of professional development in the area of supervision at least once after earning the CCC.

- For Audiology, the clinical supervisor must
  - hold a license to practice in one (or more) US States,
  - have at least 2 years of clinical experience after completion of the AuD,
  - have a minimum of 2 hours of professional development in the area of supervision at least once after earning their AuD,
  - If a student intends to use the hours obtained at this location for ASHA certification, the supervisor must:
    - have the equivalent of a minimum of 9 months of full-time clinical experience after earning the CCC, and
    - have a minimum of 2 hours of professional development in the area of supervision at least once after earning the CCC.

- Adhere to the supervision policy of the University and of ASHA:
  - The amount of direct supervision must be commensurate with the student's knowledge, skills, and experience.
  - A minimum of 25% real-time, direct supervision of assessments/intervention per client with this amount increased upwards based on individual's experience and competency level (i.e., supervision often exceeds 50-75% for beginning clinical practica, especially for those disorders with which the student has had little experience. It then decreases over time with experience, as warranted).
  - For diagnostic evaluations, a minimum of 50% real-time, direct supervision is required (again, frequently beginning at a higher level unless the student is familiar with the disorder/diagnostic procedure). For fourth-year externs in Audiology, this requirement may be waived depending upon skill level of the extern; however, supervision should never be less than 25%.
  - USD CSD adheres to the requirements for certification specified by the Council on Academic Accreditation.
  - The Council for Clinical Certification in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association standards include:
    - See the following link for specifics https://www.asha.org/Certification/2020-Audiology-Certification-Standards/

        - The Council for Clinical Certification in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association standards include Standards V-C, V-D, V-E, and V-F.
            - See the following link for specifics https://www.asha.org/Certification/2020-SLP-Certification-Standards/
    - Provide a copy of the credentials (current ASHA certification, current state license, verification of CEU for supervision, and/or current teacher certification if appropriate) of all supervisors providing supervision for the trainee to the University.
    - Approve major decisions by student clinicians regarding the evaluation and management of clients before they are implemented or communicated to the client and/or family of the client.
    - Evaluate the quality of clinical work and professional traits and attitudes of the trainee by the use of a clinical knowledge and skills evaluation tool provided by the University. Other evaluation tools may be added if desired. Evaluations must occur no less than two times during the semester (midterm and final).
    - Promptly notify the University program coordinator of any problems that might exist within the placement.
    - Allow undergraduate and graduate students to observe the Speech-Language Pathologists and/or Audiologists at their site. Students in this capacity will directly connect with the department to set-up observation times.

STATE LIABILITY COVERAGE

The University of South Dakota does not insure with commercial liability insurance providers, but as an entity of the State of South Dakota, participates in the Public Entity Pool for Liability, a self insured liability program established by state law. This is a tort liability coverage program for employees of the State and provides for payment of valid tort claims against employees. The coverage amount is $1,000,000 per accident, act, error, omission or event, which results in damages and arises within the scope of the employee's duties, and for which the employee is legally obligated to pay. Certificate of coverage is available upon request.

STUDENT INSURANCE

Students participating under this clinical program carry liability insurance coverage for acts of negligence and malpractice in the amounts of $1,000,000 for each Incident or Occurrence and $3,000,000 in the Aggregate. Certificate of coverage is available upon request and will be provided with each placement.

FUNDING OUT PROVISION

This Agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority from the Legislature for this purpose. If for any reason legislature fails to appropriate or grant expenditure authority or funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, this Agreement will be terminated by the State. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by the State nor does it give rise to a claim against the State.

DISCRIMINATION PROVISION

It is mutually agreed that there shall be no discrimination on the basis of a person's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, gender, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

GOVERNING LAW PROVISION

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of South Dakota. Any lawsuit pertaining to or affecting this agreement shall be venued in Circuit Court, Sixth Judicial Circuit, Hughes County, South Dakota.

TERM AND TERMINATION

This general agreement will commence on the signing date and continue for one (1) year from the signing date and be renewed automatically for successive one (1) year periods unless terminated in writing by either party according to the provisions set forth below.

a. Either party may terminate this agreement with or without cause upon forty-five (45) days advance written notice.
b. If a student is in a placement during the time of termination, s/he will be allowed to complete the full placement.

PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION

The University will direct its students to comply with the policies and procedures of Clinical Site, including those governing the use and disclosure of individually identifiable health information under federal law, specifically 45 CFR parts 160 and 164. Solely for the purpose of defining the students' role in relation to the use and disclosure of Clinical Site's protected health information, the trainees are defined as members of the Clinical Site's workforce, as that term is defined by 45 CFR 150.103, when engaged in activities pursuant to this Agreement. Nevertheless, the students are not and shall not be considered to be employees of the Clinical Site.

Site Representative

Date

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President
University of South Dakota

Date

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Date