



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

PROGRAM LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CENTER FOR LEARNING INNOVATION

This Program Letter of Agreement ("PLA"), effective 11/01/15 through 10/31/20, is entered into between Northwestern Health Sciences University ("Site") and University of Minnesota Center for Learning Innovation (CLI) Rochester ("School") pursuant to the Master Agreement of Institutional and Program Affiliation entered into between Northwestern Health Sciences University ("Site") and the Regents of the University of Minnesota, effective November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2020 ("Master Agreement").

1. Pursuant to the Master Agreement and this PLA, the parties agree that the School will place students from its Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (BSHS) program ("Program") at the Site in its Master of Acupuncture program.
2. The maximum number of students from the Program that will be placed at the Site will be determined by School and Site after determining the number of qualified students from the pool of applicants.
3. Additional specific details governing the training of the Program students at the Site *that are not addressed in the Master Agreement*, if any, are as follows (if none, so state):
 - a. This agreement will define preparatory course work to be completed at the University of Minnesota Rochester (UMR) for students intending to matriculate into Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWH SU); this agreement will articulate the special terms for admission into NWH SU to earn a Master of Acupuncture, and the distinctive criteria for the awarding of the BSHS degree to participating students from UMR.
 - b. At the request of either institution, a meeting or conference will be held to resolve any problems, monitor the progress, and develop any improvements in this dual degree program.
 - c. Beginning with the fall semester of the 2016-2017 academic year, a dual degree program leading to a BSHS degree from the University of Minnesota and a Master of Acupuncture degree from NWH SU will be available to qualified students. This dual degree program will require approximately three years of attendance at UMR followed by a minimum of two and three-quarter consecutive years at NWH SU. Students must complete and meet all NWH SU graduation requirements in order to graduate with a Master of Acupuncture degree.

d. Students who express an interest in the dual degree program must meet all the requirements for the BSHS program, including courses and credits to be transferred from NWHSU to UMR. NWHSU requires 60 semester credits from UMR in prerequisite courses for the Master of Acupuncture degree at NWHSU.

e. UMR students will be accepted for admission to NWHSU under this dual degree program upon:

1) Meeting the prerequisite requirements for admission to NWHSU.

2) Attaining a minimum of 2.5 cumulative grade point average in UMR coursework.

3) Receiving a positive recommendation from one of the following at UMR: Academic Administrator of the BSHS program or a faculty member on the Pre-Health Committee.

4) Timely submission of all application materials to NWHSU.

f. Upon successful completion of the first year of studies at NWHSU, a maximum of 28 NWHSU credit hours may be transferred toward completion of the BSHS program at UMR. It is the student's responsibility to apply for graduation at UMR and to have an official transcript sent from NWHSU to UMR.

g. Students who successfully complete the dual degree program will be eligible to participate in appropriate commencement ceremonies for the BSHS at UMR and Master of Acupuncture at NWHSU at the time each degree is conferred.

h. Recruitment of students for this program will be the responsibility of UMR with the cooperation of NWHSU. UMR and NWHSU both agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this joint degree program through advisement and dissemination of information. The Capstone Office at UMR will make every effort to maintain a list of students actively pursuing the program with the intent to enroll at NWHSU and will periodically inform the Admissions Office at NWHSU of the current list. Both institutions agree to develop an annual communication calendar and promote the program in their recruitment activities and literature and to refer prospective students, when appropriate, to the other's admission office.

i. A Student Success Coach (advisor) at UMR shall be assigned and be responsible to advise students regarding their academic preparation for admission to NWHSU and for their ultimate goal of acupuncture licensure. In addition, NWHSU will provide advisement during the enrollment process and throughout the program to ensure students have a clear understanding of the sequence of courses and graduation requirements for their program.

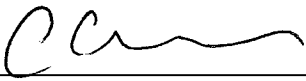
4. Pursuant to Section 4. of the Master Agreement, financial arrangements, if any, between School and Site are as follows (if none, so state): Under the terms of the Program Letter of Agreement, neither institution is obligated to make any payments of any kind to the other institution.

5. This PLA is subject to the Master Agreement and any terms that conflict with the Master Agreement shall be void.

The authorized representative(s) of the parties hereto execute this PLA as follows:

**NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY**


**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA'S
Rochester Campus**

By: 

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Sc.D., M.P.H.

Title: President and Chief
Executive Officer


Date: 10-14-15

By: 

Name: Lori Carrell
Title: Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
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Date: 10/19/15

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

By: 

Name: Stephen Lehmkuhle
Title: Chancellor

Date: 10-19-15