



## **PREFERRED ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN ELMHURST COLLEGE AND NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Created upon a mutual regard for the integrity of parallel academic programs and in an effort to better serve students preparing to pursue a career in chiropractic, Elmhurst College and Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHSU) enter into an agreement for preferred admissions program. This agreement will define preparatory course work to be completed at Elmhurst College for students intending to matriculate into NWHSU; this agreement will articulate the special terms for admission into NWHSU to earn a Doctor of Chiropractic, and the distinctive criteria for the awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Health Science Technology to participating students from Elmhurst College.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT**

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to foster a spirit of cooperation between these two educational institutions.
2. It is agreed and understood that each institution has the right and responsibility to make changes to its curricula and enrollment standards to maintain its academic integrity and meet accreditation standards.
3. 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 preferred admissions program.
4. Neither institution will discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, physical or mental disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status, status as a U.S. military veteran per federal guidelines 41 C.F.R. 60-300.5(a) and 41 C.F.R. 60-741.5(a.), parental status, and pregnancy in the selection and participation of students. With respect to a disability, a qualified student with a disability is an individual who (with or without reasonable accommodations-academic adjustments) meets the legitimate standards and criteria that are rationally related to the stated goals or purposes of each institution's educational program.

5. Beginning with the first semester of the 2016-2017 Elmhurst College academic year, a preferred admissions program for a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from NWHHSU will be available to qualified students. This preferred admissions program will require approximately three and one third consecutive years at NWHHSU. Students must complete and meet all NWHHSU graduation requirements in order to graduate with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree.
6. Elmhurst College students will be accepted for admission to NWHHSU under this preferred admissions program upon:
  1. Meeting the prerequisite requirements for admission to NWHHSU.
  2. Attaining a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average in Elmhurst College coursework (including any credit transferred into Elmhurst).
  3. Receiving a positive recommendation from the chair of the Biology Department (which houses the Health Science Technology major) at Elmhurst College and/or the pre-health coordinator at Elmhurst College.
  4. Timely submission of all application materials to NWHHSU. It is highly recommended that students apply 9-12 months prior to anticipated date of matriculation.
  5. Conditional acceptance will be offered upon successful completion of one half of the prerequisite course work and full acceptance will be offered upon successful completion of all entrance requirements.
7. Recruitment of students for this program will be the responsibility of Elmhurst College with the cooperation of NWHHSU.
8. Under the terms of this Agreement, neither institution is obligated to make any payments of any kind to the other institution.
9. This Agreement will, in no way, be interpreted as creating an agency or employment relationship between the institutions, or as giving rise to a joint venture or partnership between the institutions.
10. This Agreement is intended to solely benefit the institutions, and is not intended to create rights in any third party. Students participating in the program, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, will not be considered third party beneficiaries of the Agreement.
11. This Agreement may be terminated by either institution by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other institution at the address hereinafter set forth.

## **MUTUAL PROMOTION OF THE PROGRAM**

Elmhurst College and Northwestern Health Sciences University both agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this preferred admissions program through advisement and dissemination of information. Both Institutions agree to develop an annual communication calendar and promote the preferred admissions program in their recruitment activities and literature and to refer prospective students, when appropriate, to the other's admission office.

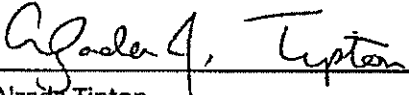
## **STUDENT ADVISEMENT**

An appropriate faculty member and pre-health advisor at Elmhurst College shall be assigned and be responsible to advise students regarding their academic preparation for admission to Northwestern Health Sciences University and for their ultimate goal of chiropractic licensure. This advisement shall include attention to special requirements for licensure in some states, such as completion of the baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation in a chiropractic college. 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.




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