

Partnership Agreement

Between

**The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of
Valdosta State University**

And

Berks County Intermediate Unit located in Reading, PA.

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Valdosta State University through its Dewar College of Education and Human Services (hereinafter "Dewar College of Education and Human Services") and Berks County Intermediate Unit agree to enter into this Partnership Agreement for the establishment and maintenance of a mutually beneficial partnership. The parties agree that while we recognize that each partnership is unique, the following common principles are intended to facilitate all work associated with this agreement:

Shared purpose in collaborating for improved learning for all stakeholders; focusing on continuous school/system/agency improvement and student achievement.

Reciprocity whereby the school/system/agency and program provider equally benefit from having candidates and program faculty participate in the school/system/agency environment through mutually valuable opportunities such as preparation of candidates, ongoing professional development for all educators, research and inquiry into improving practice, and other functions as agreed upon by the school/agency and program provider.

This agreement will be reviewed five years from the signature year. Amendments or revisions of this partnership agreement must be approved in writing by the designated school administrator and the dean of the college. Either party (the school or Dewar College of Education and Human Services) may request a review of or withdraw from participation in this agreement at any time.

Any approved and signed addenda to this partnership agreement are attached.

The undersigned accept the terms of this agreement as presented herein:

Michelle Reinhard-Huff, Assistant Director
Administrator, School/System/Agency Title

Date: 11/17/2016

Administrator, School/System/Agency Title

Date: _____

Lynn C. Minor
Dr. Lynn C. Minor
Interim Dean, Dewar College of Education and Human Services

Date: 11-21-16

Brian Gerber
Dr. Brian Gerber
Interim Provost and V.P. of Academic Affairs, Valdosta State University

Date: 11/29/16

Please mail the signed agreement to:
Dewar College of Education and Human Services, Office of the Dean
1500 N. Patterson St.
Valdosta, GA 31698-0085

FIELD EXPERIENCE AND CLINICAL PRACTICE AGREEMENT

Addendum to P-12 School Partnership Agreement

The Board of Regents of the University of Georgia by and on behalf of Valdosta State University through its **Dewar College of Education and Human Services (hereinafter "COEHS")** and **Berks County Intermediate Unit** (hereinafter "P-12") located in Reading, PA agree to the following:

A. Placements of Students

COEHS students presenting themselves at the school for any of the activities identified below will do so only upon written request of the COEHS Office of Clinical Experiences and Certification. The type of work in which the university students are to engage while at the partner school, the duration of the placement, and the school personnel under whose guidance the work is to be done will be agreed upon by the associated COEHS academic program in cooperation with the Office of Clinical Experiences and Certification and the P-12 partner school administrator. Students are not to begin placements without the written approval of the appropriate school administrator and the COEHS Office of Clinical Experiences and Certification.

B. Criminal Background Checks

The P-12 and/or school system will request a current criminal background check for each COEHS student who is scheduled to participate in observation, field experience, student teaching/internship, and/or graduate field work. Based on the results of the criminal background check, the school and/or school system may then decide whether or not to allow the COEHS student to participate in the requested experience.

C. Observations

COEHS students enrolled in educator preparation programs will be permitted to observe in P-12 classrooms as well as observe other activities within the school as agreed upon by the school and the COEHS. Necessary adjustments in the time and place of observations in the schools may be made by the appropriate school administrator and the COEHS program personnel to meet specific conditions in the school.

D. Field Experiences

COEHS students enrolled in educator preparation programs may be assigned to specific P-12 teachers or other school professionals for field experiences in settings that provide them with opportunities to observe, practice, and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions delineated in institutional, state, and national education standards. Emphasis will be placed on experiences that provide active professional practice or demonstration and that include substantive work with P-12 students or P-12 personnel as appropriate for the areas in which the students are being prepared.

E. Student Teaching/Internships (Clinical Practice)

COEHS students enrolled in educator preparation programs will be engaged in student teaching or an internship in appropriate placements as approved by the appropriate school administrator, P-12 mentor

of any material changes in such coverage, and

- b. Notify the other as soon as possible and cooperate with the other in the investigation and/or settlement of any loss or damage or potential loss or damage arising out of this agreement.
3. Each party accepts students without regard for race, sex, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, marital status, handicap, Vietnam-era status, height, weight, or sexual orientation in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia and of the United States.
- I. This Agreement shall commence as of the 29 day of November, 2016 and shall continue until terminated by either party. Should written notice of termination be given, students assigned to the P-12 shall be allowed to complete any previously scheduled assignment then in progress at the P-12. Notice of termination to the P-12 shall be directed to:
- 1. (P-12 person in charge of the Field Experience program)

- 2. Notice of termination to the COEHS shall be directed to:

Office of Clinical Experiences and Certification
 1500 N. Patterson Street
 Valdosta, Georgia 31698
 Office: (229) 253-2998

- J. This Agreement shall be governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

This addendum will be reviewed at the time the partnership agreement is reviewed. Amendments or revisions to this addendum must be approved in writing by the designated school administrator and the dean of the college. Either party may request a review of, written amendment to, or withdrawal from participation in this agreement at any time.

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