



NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY AND TULSA EDUCARE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 2014 by and between Northeastern State University College of Education, 1001 North Grand Avenue, Tahlequah, OK 74464, Federal Identification Number _____ (hereinafter referred to as "NSUCOE") and George Kaiser Family Foundation, 7030 S Yale Ave, Tulsa, OK 74136 (hereinafter referred to as "GKFF").

Both parties hereto mutually promise to the other, agree and understand as follows, to wit:

Obligations of NSUCOE

The Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Education:

1. Will place senior level early childhood teacher candidates who have met all admission requirements to teacher education and met all requirements for acceptance into the Education Professionally Immersed Co-teaching (EPIC) program in Educare Pre-K/Early Childhood/Four-Year-Old classrooms under the direct supervision of qualified Early Childhood clinical faculty.
 - a. Qualified Early Childhood clinical faculty will be certified in Early Childhood Education and have three or more years of teaching experience.
2. EPIC will span one academic year (fall/spring & spring/fall) 27-30 credit hours (14 hrs. internship, 13-16 hrs. coursework requisite of major).
3. Candidates will follow the same daily schedule of the assigned clinical faculty for the duration of the academic year; 1st day to last day.
4. Candidates will spend a minimum of 3 days per week with the assigned clinical faculty for weeks 1 through 18.
5. Candidates will spend a minimum of 4 days per week with the assigned clinical faculty for weeks 18 through 22.

6. Candidates will spend 5 days per week with the assigned clinical faculty for weeks 23 through 32.
7. During the course of the EPIC experience, an assigned university coordinator will complete the following:
 - Four *Lesson Observations*; one each quarter (two per semester) via Chalk & Wire.
 - Document candidate progression and performance end of each quarter (paper).
 - Discuss candidate progression and performance with clinical faculty and candidate at the end of each quarter.

Obligations of GKFF

- The George Kaiser Family Foundation will provide a scholarship for \$5000 to each early childhood teacher candidate who meets the above requirements on or before the first day of the semester in which they begin the EPIC program.
- The scholarship for each candidate will be paid to the Northeastern State University Foundation and dispersed to the candidate by the Foundation.
- There is a limit of 10 scholarships per year.

General Provisions

1. Marketing endeavors initiated by NSUCOE and/or Tulsa Educare that promotes the EPIC program internship at Tulsa Educare and mentions both NSUCOE and Tulsa Educare will be developed in a coordinated fashion by the two organizations.
2. This MOU shall be governed by, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the United States and the laws of Oklahoma. If it should appear that any of the MOU terms are in conflict with any rule of law or statutory provision of the United States or the State of Oklahoma, such conflicting term(s) shall be deemed inoperative and null and void insofar as it may be in conflict with such rule of law or statutory provision, and shall be deemed modified to conform to such rule of law or statutory provision. However, such conflict shall not operate to nullify or avoid the entire MOU.
3. This MOU contains the complete expression of the parties' agreement with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall bind the parties, their successors and assigns. There are no previous or contemporary understandings, representations, or warranties not set forth herein. No subsequent amendment or modification of this MOU shall be of any force or effect unless in writing and signed by the parties to be bound thereby. No provision of this MOU shall be considered waived by either party unless such waiver is in writing and signed by both parties. No such waiver shall be a waiver of any past or future default breach or modification of any of the provisions of this MOU unless expressly stipulated in such waiver. The parties further state, to the best of their knowledge, no employee of either party who

exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the performance hereunder has any personal interest, direct or indirect, in this MOU. This MOU shall supersede any and all written or oral statements, agreements, and/or representations of the parties made prior to or contemporaneously with the execution thereof. The parties agree their respective performances hereunder shall be governed by an obligation of good faith.

4. This MOU may be terminated by either party, with or without cause, upon ninety (90) days written notice by certified letter. No change or modification of the terms and conditions of this MOU shall be effective unless reduced to writing and executed by both parties hereto.

5. All notices required hereunder shall be sent via US mail, postage paid as follows:

a. To NSUCOE: Northeastern State University College of Education
Bagley Hall
717 N Grand Ave.
Tahelquah, OK 74464

b. To GKFF: George Kaiser Family Foundation
7030 S Yale Ave
Tulsa, OK 74136

Steve Turner, Ph.D., President

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Date

Deborah Landry, Ed.D., Dean

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Date

Caren Calhoun, Tulsa Educare

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Date

Larry Adair, Chair Northeastern State University Foundation, Inc.

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Date