

Grand Valley State University

College of Health Professions

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Articulation Agreement

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS Grand Valley State University's College of Health Professions Master's of Public Health Program of Grand Rapids, Michigan, wishes to enter into a formal, articulation agreement, (Agreement), with Northern Michigan University of Marquette, Michigan for the expressed purpose of establishing the pre-admission criteria, performance standards and inter-institutional considerations that will result in the admission of up to five (5) qualified Northern Michigan University students annually to the Public Health Program of the College of Health Professions (CHP); and

WHEREAS Northern Michigan University desires to enter into the Articulation Agreement with Grand Valley State University's Masters of Public Health Program (hereafter referred to as: "MPH Program") and agrees to meet the performance standards set forth in this Agreement for the recruitment and selection of candidates to be admitted via this articulated admission's track;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises, the parties agree as follows:

- 1) **STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT.** The MPH agrees to admit up to five (5) suitably-qualified and enrolled students from Northern Michigan University who satisfy all of the criteria listed below, which may be amended or revised from time-to-time by the mutual, written consent of both parties. The stipulated criteria are:

- a) **FULFILLMENT OF ALL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Students from Northern Michigan University seeking admission to the MPH Program under the terms of this Articulation Agreement must satisfy all admission requirements listed below.

Submit a Completed Application Packet

Students from Northern Michigan University (NMU) must submit a completed application packet to the MPH program on or before March 1 of their senior year. This packet shall include a completed graduate application form, two letters of recommendation (one must be from an NMU faculty member or advisor), and a two-part essay. The MPH program online application can be found on the program's website at www.gvsu.edu/grad/mph. In addition, official transcripts from all institutions of higher education attended must be submitted via email to adm-transcripts@gvsu.edu or postal mail to GVSU Admissions Office, 300 Student Services Building, 1 Campus Drive, Allendale, MI 49401

- i. **Meet Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average Requirement**

To be eligible to apply for admission under the terms of this articulation agreement, a student must have compiled a 3.0 cumulative grade point average for consideration.

- ii. **Degree Conferral Prior to Matriculation**

The student must have graduated from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor's degree prior to matriculation in the MPH Program.

iii. Selection of Students

NMU will select up to five (5) students to apply for admission to the MPH program subject to meeting the admission requirements as published at the time of application. Applications once submitted will be reviewed by the MPH Program Admissions Committee to confirm their application materials meet the requirements as established by the MPH program.

2) RESPONSIBILITIES OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY. Northern Michigan University shall assume responsibility for the following:

a. PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS

i. Marketing of this Articulation Agreement

- NMU will be responsible for announcing this Articulation Agreement as part of its general promotional literature and for marketing the articulated curricula in its promotional literature available to prospective applicants in varied health and exercise science related majors.
- NMU will also be responsible for informing students already enrolled in the university about this Articulation Agreement, the articulated curricula, and the career opportunities available in public health. This information will be shared with all interested NMU students.

ii. Recruiting Qualified Students

NMU will be responsible for making good faith recruiting efforts to attract and retain students annually in sufficient numbers who will meet the terms of this Articulation Agreement. This Articulation Agreement will either commence for the class entering NMU in the Fall of 2020, or sooner for students already enrolled at NMU.

iii. Career Counseling

NMU agrees to provide career counseling and advising activities about the profession of Public Health in a manner commensurate with other services provided to NMU students. The GVSU MPH program agrees to serve as resource for NMU faculty advisors and counselors in terms of providing career counseling and advising about the profession of Public Health.

b. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

i. Notification of Changes

NMU agrees to provide GVSU's MPH Program with timely notification of impending changes within the university that may adversely impact the ability or willingness of NMU to meet the terms of this agreement. Although not an inclusive list, modifications involving the following would be applicable: decline in admissions standards, changes from current institutional grading practices and standards; changes in graduation requirements; a change in the affiliation and/or accreditation status of NMU with the Higher Learning Commission.

3) RESPONSIBILITIES OF GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY'S MPH PROGRAM

The MPH Program shall assume responsibility for the following:

a. PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS

i. Marketing of this Articulation Agreement

The College of Health Professions and the MPH Program will be responsible for announcing this Articulation Agreement with NMU as part of its general and program promotional literature.

ii. Recruiting Qualified Students

The MPH program will be responsible for making bona fide efforts to assist NMU to attract and retain students on an annual basis in sufficient numbers to meet the terms of this Agreement.

iii. Career Counseling

The MPH Program agrees to serve as a resource for NMU faculty advisors and students in terms of providing career-counseling and advising about the profession of Public Health.

iv. Programming

Students will be informed of and invited to attend MPH information sessions offered each semester, online webinars or open houses on the GVSU Health Campus.

v. Specialized Accreditation

The MPH Program is responsible for maintaining its status as an accredited educational program from its specialized accrediting agency, the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). The MPH Program shall be responsible for providing NMU with timely notification of pending accreditation reviews.

b. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

i. Notification of Changes

The MPH Program agrees to provide NMU with timely notification of impending changes within the university that may adversely impact the ability or willingness of the MPH Program to meet the terms of this agreement. Although not an inclusive list, modifications involving the following would be applicable: changes in current admissions prerequisites or requirements; shifts in enrollment projections; notification of a change in CEPH accreditation status of the MPH Program to non-accredited status; and a change in the affiliation and/or accreditation status of GVSU with the Higher Learning Commission. NMU shall reserve the right to terminate this agreement in the event that the MPH Program receives notice that it has lost its status as a CEPH accredited program.

ii. Enactment of this Agreement

The MPH Program shall consider this Articulation Agreement as enacted on the date of execution of all required authorizations from the participating institutions. The initial

enactment shall be to the extent that students presently enrolled at NMU who are deemed qualified will be eligible for non-competitive admission to the MPH Program.

iii. Non-Nominated Student Admissions

Students who are not among the five nominees selected for non-competitive admission via this agreement will be considered for admission through the competitive admissions process open to other applicants.

4) TERM AND TERMINATION

The initial term of this Agreement will be for a period of five (5) years. The Agreement may be renewed for one additional five year term unless either party notifies the other in writing no less than sixty days prior to the anniversary date of the agreement of their intention not to renew. Termination of this agreement can be accomplished by mutual written consent of both parties within a time frame established at the point if and when action is taken by both parties to sever the Agreement. Either party may terminate for no reason at any time however unilateral termination of this Agreement by either party shall require sufficient advance notification so that any student already enrolled is given the opportunity to meet the criteria for non-competitive admission to the MPH Program and complete the program.

a. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE Unilateral severing of this Agreement without the aforementioned advance notification may occur for sufficient cause. Termination for cause may include but is not limited to:

- i. Withdrawal of HLC accreditation to either institution;
- ii. Cancellation of the graduate program in public health by GVSU due to enrollment, financial or other declared exigency.

5) MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

a. ENTIRE AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

This Articulated Agreement, and the attached exhibits hereto constitute the entire agreement between the parties. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations or representations relating the subject matter are not in effect. Except as otherwise provided by federal or state law, any paragraph or provision of this Agreement may be amended only by mutual written consent of the parties.

b. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by, and constructed in accordance with, the law of the State of Michigan.

c. WAIVERS

Any paragraph or provision of this Agreement may be waived only with the prior written consent of the parties and the failure of any party to insist on strict performance of any term or condition of the Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of such terms and conditions in the future.

d. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The maximum liability for any damages whatsoever arising out of this agreement, regardless of the manner in which claimed or the form of action alleged, is limited to the actual damages or \$1,000, whichever is less. In no event shall either party be liable to the other party for, and neither party shall hold the other party harmless of and from any claims for lost profits, and incidental, indirect, special and/or consequential damages, regardless of whether the possibility of the existence of such damages has been communicated to the other party and regardless of whether the other party has or gains knowledge of the existence of such damages.

e. FORCE MAJEURE


Neither party shall be liable for any failure to perform as required by this Agreement to the extent such failure to perform is reasonably beyond such party's control, or by reason of any of the following: labor disturbances or labor disputes of any kind, accidents, failure of any governmental approval required for performance, governmental orders, civil disorders or commotions, acts of aggression or terrorism, floods, earthquakes, acts of God, energy or other conservation measures, explosion, failure of utilities, mechanical breakdowns, material shortages, disease, pandemic, or other such occurrences.


f. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES


Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any person, other than the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, any legal or equitable right, benefit or remedy of any nature under or by reason of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the date and year written below:

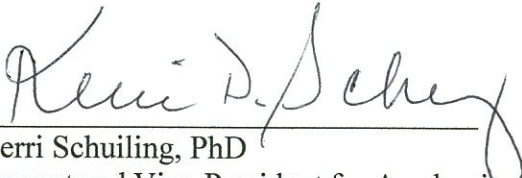
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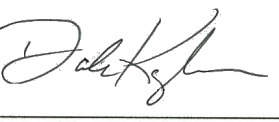
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