



CALIFORNIA
STATE UNIVERSITY
NORTHRIDGE

CLINICAL PRACTICUM AGREEMENT

This Agreement is between Redlands Unified School District (“Practicum Site”) and The Trustees of the California State University on behalf of California State University, Northridge (“University”), and is effective as of January 22, 2024

A. Clinical Site is a general acute care hospital, medical center, skilled nursing facility, private practice clinic or is an independent or unified school district.

B. University operates a fully accredited program offering a **Master of Science Degree in the field of Speech Language Pathology and a Clinical Doctorate Degree in the field of Audiology (AuD)**. The speech-language pathology graduate program is accredited under the standards of the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). The audiology program has been granted “formal developing status” under the Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education (ACAE) accrediting body. CSUN is accredited by The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

C. The purpose of this agreement is to provide the graduate training for the Master of Science in Communication Disorders and Sciences, the Speech Language Pathology Assistant Fieldwork Program, and/or the Clinical Doctorate degree in Audiology. The parties will both benefit by making a clinical training program (“Program”) available to University students at the Clinical Site.

The parties agree as follows:

I. UNIVERSITY’S RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Student Application. The student shall file an Application for Clinical Privileges. Pertinent information, which shall include the student’s name, address, and telephone number, shall be sent to the clinical site. Clinical Site shall regard this information as confidential and shall use the information only to identify each student.

B. Schedule of Assignments. University shall notify the clinical site supervisor of student assignment, including the name of the student, level of academic preparation, and length and dates of proposed clinical experience.

C. Department Faculty. University shall assign members of the department’s faculty or University’s Clinical Director or University’s Distance Learning Coordinator to provide professional mentoring and advice to the Clinical Site’s Program Supervisor through the term of this agreement in order to assist in the education of the student.

D. Records. University shall maintain all personnel records for its staff and all

academic records for its students.

E. Student Responsibilities. University shall notify students in the program that they are responsible for:

- 1) Complying with Clinical Site's clinical and administrative policies, procedures, rules and regulations;
- 2) Arranging for his/her own transportation and living arrangements;
- 3) Assuming responsibility for personal illnesses, necessary immunizations, tuberculin tests, annual health examinations and other requirements as identified by the Clinical Site;
- 4) Procuring and maintaining in force health insurance coverage throughout the term of the student's practica at the Clinical Site.
- 5) Maintaining the confidentiality of patient information.
 - a) No student shall have access to or have the right to receive any medical record, except when necessary in the regular course of the clinical experience. The discussion, transmission, or narration in any form by students of any individually identifiable patient information, medical or otherwise, obtained in the course of the program is forbidden except as a necessary part of the practical experience.
 - b) Neither the University nor its employees or agents shall be granted access to individually identifiable information unless the patient has first given consent using a form approved by clinical site that complies with applicable state and federal law, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") and its implementing regulations.
 - c) Clinical Site shall reasonably assist University in obtaining patient consent in appropriate circumstances. In the absence of consent, students shall use de-identified information only in any discussions about the clinical experience with University, its employees, or agents.
- 5) Complying with Clinical Site's dress code and wearing name badges identifying themselves as students.
- 6) Insurance requirements. See Section 5, Paragraph B.
- 7) **Requirements under Exhibit A**

F. Payroll Taxes and Withholdings. University shall be solely responsible for any payroll taxes, withholdings, and insurance or benefits of any kind for University's employees, if any, who provide services to the Program under this Agreement. Students are not employees or agents of the University and shall receive no compensation for their participation

in the Program, from the University. For purposes of this agreement, however, students are trainees and shall be considered members of Clinical Site's "workforce" as that term is defined by the HIPAA regulations at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.

II. CLINICAL SITE RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Clinical Experience. Clinical Site shall accept from University the student and shall provide the student with supervised clinical experience, meeting the ASHA/ACAE requirement and any state licensure laws, as applicable.

B. Records and Evaluations. Clinical Site shall maintain complete records and reports on student's performance and provide an evaluation to University on forms the University shall provide.

C. Withdrawal of Students. Clinical Site may request that University withdraw from the program any student whom Clinical Site determines is not performing satisfactorily, refuses to follow Clinical Site's administrative policies, procedures, rules and regulations, or violates any federal or state laws. Such requests must be in writing. Once the University receives the request in writing, the University will take appropriate steps to comply.

D. Emergency Health Care/First Aid. Clinical Site shall, on any day when a student is receiving training at its facilities, provide to that student necessary emergency health care or first aid for accidents occurring in its facilities. Except as otherwise provided in this agreement, Clinical Site shall have no obligation to furnish medical or surgical care to any student.

E. Clinical Site's Confidentiality Policies. As trainees, students shall be considered members of Clinical Site's "workforce," as that term is defined by the HIPAA regulations at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, and shall be subject to Clinical Site's policies respecting confidentiality of medical information. In order to ensure that students comply with such policies, Clinical Site shall provide students with substantially the same training that it provides to its regular employees.

F. Clinical Supervisor Requirements. Clinical Site shall provide the Clinical Supervisor with sufficient and specific time in the work schedule to carry out the supervision duties of the student's clinical practicum. The supervision duties fulfill the requirements of the accreditation of the graduate program so that the student will meet requirements for state license, and certification. The minimum requirements for these duties include:

- 1) Allocation of sufficient time to directly observe a minimum of twenty five (25) percent of treatment and assessment sessions of a client or groups of clients by the student during the supervised practicum.
- 2) Allocation of sufficient time to meet directly with the student for purposes of supervision feedback and discussion periodically during the course of supervision.

3) Allocation of sufficient time for the Clinical Site Supervisor to communicate with the University's Clinical Coordinator or Clinical Course Instructor.

4) Allocation of specific time in order to be present at the clinical site during the period that the student will be providing clinical services under this agreement.

III. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

The parties agree that all students receiving clinical training pursuant to this Agreement shall be selected without discrimination on account of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age or veteran status.

IV. STATUS OF UNIVERSITY AND CLINICAL SITE

The parties expressly understand and agree that the students enrolled in the Program are in attendance for educational purposes, and such students are not considered employees of University for any purpose, including, but not limited to, compensation for services, welfare and pension benefits, or workers' compensation insurance. Students are considered members of Clinical Site's "workforce" for purposes of HIPAA compliance.

V. INSURANCE

A. University Insurance. University shall procure and maintain in force during the term of this Agreement, at its sole cost and expense, insurance in amounts reasonably necessary to protect it against liability arising from any and all negligent acts or incidents caused by University's employees. Coverage under such professional and commercial general liability insurance shall be not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for each occurrence and four million dollars (\$4,000,000) in the aggregate. Such coverage shall be obtained from a carrier rated A or better by AM Best or a qualified program of self-insurance. The University shall maintain and provide evidence of workers' compensation and disability coverage as required by law. Insurance shall provide for not less than thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation to Clinical Site. University shall provide Clinical Site with evidence of the insurance required under this paragraph upon request of the Clinical Site. University shall promptly notify Clinical Site of any cancellation, reduction, or other material change in the amount or scope of any coverage required hereunder.

B. Student Insurance. School shall require that during the term of each student's clinical rotation, each student shall be covered by comprehensive general and professional liability insurance to protect the student, Facility and University against liability arising from any and all negligent acts or incidents caused by the student. Coverage under such insurance shall be with limits not less than \$1 million each claim, \$3 million policy aggregate, on a claim made basis including three (3) years extended reporting period.

C. Clinical Site Insurance. Clinical Site shall procure and maintain in force during the term of this Agreement, at its sole cost and expense, insurance in amounts that are reasonably

necessary to protect it against liability arising from any and all negligent acts or incidents caused by its employees. Coverage under such professional and commercial general liability insurance shall be not less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) for each occurrence and four million dollars (\$4,000,000) in the aggregate. Such coverage is to be obtained from a carrier rated A or better by AM Best or a qualified program of self-insurance. Clinical Site shall also maintain and provide evidence of workers' compensation and disability coverage for its employees as required by law. Insurance shall provide for not less than thirty (30) days' notice of cancellation to University. Clinical Site shall provide University with evidence of the insurance required under this paragraph upon request of the University. Clinical Site shall promptly notify University of any cancellation, reduction, or other material change in the amount or scope of any coverage required hereunder.

VI. INDEMNIFICATION.

A. University agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Clinical Site and its affiliates, directors, trustees, officers, agents, and employees, against all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses of whatever nature, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees, arising out of or resulting from University's sole negligence, or in proportion to the University's comparative fault.

B. Clinical Site agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless University and its affiliates, directors, trustees, officers, agents, and employees, against all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses of whatever nature, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees, arising out of or resulting from Clinical Site's sole negligence, or in proportion to the Clinical Site's comparative fault.

VII. TERM AND TERMINATION

A. Term. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date first written above and shall remain in effect for five (5) years.

B. Renewal. This Agreement may be renewed by mutual agreement.

C. Termination. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by the written agreement or upon 30 days' advance written notice by one party to the other, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that in no event shall termination take effect with respect to currently enrolled students, who shall be permitted to complete their training for any cohort in which termination would otherwise occur.

VIII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Amendments. In order to ensure compliance with HIPAA, the following provisions of this Agreement shall not be subject to amendment by any means during the term of this Agreement or any extensions: Section I, Paragraph E, subdivisions 5.a), 5.b), and 5.c); Section I, Paragraph F, to the extent it provides that students are members of Practicum Site's "workforce" for purposes of HIPAA; Section II, Paragraph E; and Section IV. This Agreement may otherwise be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the parties without additional

consideration, provided that before any amendment shall take effect, it shall be reduced to writing and signed by the parties.

B. Assignment. Neither party shall voluntarily or by operation of law, assign or otherwise transfer this Agreement without the other party's prior written consent. Any purported assignment in violation of this paragraph shall be void.

C. Attorney's Fees. In the event that any action is brought by either party to enforce or interpret the terms of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its costs and reasonable attorney's fees, in addition to such other relief as the court may deem appropriate.

D. Captions. Captions and headings in this Agreement are solely for the convenience of the parties, are not a part of this Agreement, and shall not be used to interpret or determine the validity of this Agreement or any of its provisions.

E. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

F. Entire Agreement. This Agreement is the entire agreement between the parties. No other agreements, oral or written, have been entered into with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.

G. Governing Law. The validity, interpretation, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, in jurisdiction of San Bernardino County.

H. Notices. Notices required under this Agreement shall be sent to the parties by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, at the addresses set forth below.

I. Clinical Site is aware of and informed about the hazards currently known to be associated with the novel coronavirus referred to as "COVID-19". Clinical Site is familiar with and informed about the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) current guidelines regarding COVID-19 as well as applicable federal, state and local governmental directives regarding COVID-19. Clinical Site, to the best of its knowledge and belief, is in compliance with those current CDC guidelines and applicable governmental directives. If the current CDC guidelines or applicable government directives are modified, changed or updated, Clinical Site will take steps to comply with the modified, changed or updated guidelines or directives. If at any time Clinical Site becomes aware that it is not in compliance with CDC guidelines or an applicable governmental directive, it will notify the Communication Disorders and Sciences Program of that fact.

IX. EXECUTION

By signing below, each of the following represent that they have authority to execute this Agreement and to bind the party on whose behalf their signature is made.

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**Attn: Rosie Quezada, Diana Cabral, Sarah Cathcart, Odette Arman,
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EXHIBIT A

Additional Information Specific to District
(if any)

Statement regarding Fingerprint Clearance

That in accordance with PC 11105.3, pre-service teachers and fieldwork candidates will not be placed in fieldwork experiences in the District with unsupervised access to children until a background check by the Department of Justice, including fingerprint clearance, is complete and received by the District. Subsequent arrest records received by the District will be cause for a District review of continued student suitability. The District will be the sole determiner if it is deemed that the student will be removed from the fieldwork assignment.