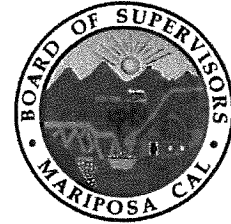




MARIPOSA COUNTY

Health and Human Services · (209) 966-2000



RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-271

MEETING: May 21, 2019
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Chevon Kothari, Health and Human Services Director
RE: Walden University Affiliation Agreement

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve an Affiliation Agreement with Walden University to Allow a Bachelor's of Science Registered Nurse Student Work Practicum Public Health Hours at the Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency; and Authorize the Health and Human Services Director to Sign the Agreement.

The Field Practicum allows nursing students to gain valuable experience in the Health and Human Services setting under the supervision of the Public Health Nurse Manager. The Field Practicum is a standard requirement of university education programs. The availability of student interns is beneficial in developing future nurses and developing workforce for the Agency and the community.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

This is a new activity and there are no previous Field Practicum Agreement with Walden University.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

If this Agreement is not approved, students from Walden University will not be place at Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency and the Agency will not benefit from their assistance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact to the County General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

Walden University Agmt - Wcsignature (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

SECONDER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey

U.S. FIELD SITE AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the date of the final signature below by and between WALDEN UNIVERSITY, LLC, located at 100 Washington Avenue South, Suite 900, Minneapolis, MN 55401 ("Walden") and County of Mariposa located at 5362 Lemee Lane, P.O. Box 99, Mariposa, California 95338 ("Field Site").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Walden offers undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate programs in the fields of nursing, social work, counseling, psychology, health sciences, and interdisciplinary studies (the "Programs") and seeks to partner with field sites for educational field experiences for Walden students (the "Students");

WHEREAS, field experiences shall include the Field Site's student education program conducted at the Field Site ("Field Experience Program");

WHEREAS, the Field Site is willing to make available its educational and professional resources to such Students; and

WHEREAS, Walden and the Field Site mutually desire to contribute to the education and professional growth of Walden Students.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants hereinafter set forth it is understood and agreed upon by the parties hereto, as follows:

I. TERM AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall commence on May 1, 2019 (the "Effective Date") and shall continue for a period of five (5) years (the "Initial Term"). Upon expiration of the Initial Term of this Agreement, this Agreement and the Term shall renew for successive one (1) year periods (each a "Renewal Term"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason or no reason, upon thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice to the other party. In the event of termination or expiration of this Agreement before any participating Student(s) has completed the then-current term, such Student(s) shall be permitted to complete the then-current term subject to the applicable terms of this Agreement, which shall survive until the date of such completion.

II. WALDEN RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Walden shall be responsible for the assignment of Students to the Field Site. Walden agrees to refer to the Field Site only those Students who have completed the prerequisite course of study as determined by Walden.

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B. Walden shall provide a field education coordinator (the "Walden Coordinator") who will act as a liaison between Walden and the Field Site and coordinate the Field Experience Program with the Field Site. The Walden Coordinator will be responsible for maintaining communication with the Field Site including, but not limited to:

(1) Confirming any contact information for Students to the Field Site Coordinator, as defined below, prior to the Student assignment; and

(2) Supplying the Field Site with information regarding each Student's current level of academic preparation as may be required by the Field Site.

C. Walden shall provide an instructor (the "Walden Supervisor") who will serve as the academic course instructor and field experience instructor for the educational experience. The Walden Supervisor will have responsibilities including, but not limited to:

(1) Communicating with the Field Site Supervisor relating to each Student's educational experience at the Field Site;

(2) Evaluating student academic and Field Site work relating to the educational experience at the Field Site.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties understand that Walden is an online institution; therefore, there will be no on-site faculty presence from Walden on Field Site premises.

D. Walden shall provide the Field Site with information regarding the particular requirements relating to Field Experience Programs including required hours and supervision requirements.

E. Walden maintains professional liability insurance with a single limit of no less than Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) per claim and Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) annual aggregate and general liability insurance with a single limit of no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) annual aggregate, with umbrella liability coverage in amounts no less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000). Such insurance policies shall provide additional coverage to Walden's Students. Walden shall provide the Field Site with proof of coverage upon request.

III. FIELD SITE RESPONSIBILITIES

A. When available, the Field Site shall assign a staff member to serve as the coordinator for the Field Experience Program at the Field Site (the "Field Site Coordinator"). The Field Site Coordinator shall be responsible for:

(1) Planning and coordinating the education arrangements between the Field Site, the Students and Walden;

(2) Serving as a liaison between the Field Site and Walden; and

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(3) Developing and administering an orientation program for Student which will familiarize the Students with the Field Site and all applicable policies and procedures.

B. The Field Site shall assign a qualified staff member having the appropriate and required credentials to serve as the preceptor or supervisor (the "Field Site Supervisor") for each Student. The Field Site shall provide planned and regularly scheduled opportunities for educational supervision and consultation by the Field Site Supervisor. The Program requires supervision specifically by the Field Site Supervisor, and such supervision may not be delegated. Field Site Supervisors are responsible for providing, as applicable to the Program, role modeling, direct patient or client supervision, and professional interactions, and sharing expertise and experience. Field Site Supervisors are expected to voice concerns when student behaviors are in question or patient safety is of issue. Field Site Supervisors shall provide instruction and services in accordance with applicable laws and shall educate Students as to the requirements of the applicable laws. The Field Site Supervisor shall work with the Walden Supervisor to review and evaluate the Students in the field experience program.

C. The Field Site shall provide learning experiences for the Students that are planned, organized and administered by qualified staff in accordance with mutually agreed upon educational objectives and guidelines.

D. Where applicable, the Field Site shall provide the Students with an orientation familiarizing students with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations as they pertain to practice at the Field Site, which may include those pertaining to Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information (the "Privacy Rule") issued under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), which govern the use and/or disclosure of individually identifiable health information.

E. The Field Site shall ensure that the Students practice within the guidelines of any applicable professional ethics codes. The Field Site shall provide resources to Students for exploring and resolving any ethical conflicts that may arise during field training.

F. The Field Site Supervisor shall complete, with the Walden Supervisor and Student, all written evaluations of the Students' performance according to the timeline established by Walden. Evaluations will be submitted to the Walden Coordinator.

G. The Field Site reserves the right to dismiss at any time any Student whose health condition, conduct or performance is a detriment to the Student's ability to successfully complete the Field Experience Program at the Field Site or jeopardizes the health, safety or well-being of any patients, clients or employees of the Field Site. The Field Site Coordinator or assigned Field Site Supervisor shall promptly notify the Walden Coordinator and/or Walden Supervisor of any problem or difficulty arising with a Student and a discussion shall be held either by telephone or in person to determine the appropriate course of action. The Field Site will, however, have final responsibility and authority to dismiss any Student from the Field Experience Program.

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orientation or other legally protected status. Field Site and Walden will comply with all applicable non-discrimination laws in providing services hereunder.

F. Field Site represents that it has policies in place that are consistent with applicable laws to prevent and report instances of sexual harassment, sexual discrimination, and sexual misconduct and it will comply with these policies during its participation in the Field Experience Program. In the event that Field Site does not have such policies in place, it shall abide by Walden's Code of Conduct located at <https://www.waldenu.edu/-/media/Walden/files/legal/title-ix-policyfor-codeof-conduct-waldenfinal10915.pdf?la=en> with regard to Walden's Students.

G. The terms and conditions of this Agreement may be amended by written instrument executed by both parties.

H. This Agreement is nonexclusive. The Field Site and Walden reserve the right to enter into similar agreements with other institutions.

I. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota.

J. Any notice required hereunder shall be sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested and shall be deemed given upon deposit thereof in the U.S. mail (postage prepaid). Notices to Walden shall be sent to the Walden Coordinator at Walden University, LLC; 100 Washington Avenue South, Suite 900; Minneapolis, MN 55401; with a copy to: Walden University, LLC; Attention: Assistant Divisional Counsel; 650 South Exeter Street; Baltimore, MD 21202. Notices to Field Site shall be sent to P.O. Box 5, Mariposa, CA 95338

K. Each party agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other from all losses or liabilities resulting from the negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnifying party and/or its employees or agents arising under this Agreement, except to the extent such losses or liabilities are caused by the indemnified party's negligence or willful misconduct.

L. This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties hereto and supersedes any and all prior agreements, arrangements and understandings, oral or written, of any nature whatsoever, between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement and any amendments hereto may be executed in counterparts and all such counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. The parties agree that delivery of an executed counterpart signature hereof by facsimile transmission, or in "portable document format" (".pdf") form, or by any other electronic means intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, will have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing the original signature.

M. Each person signing this Agreement on behalf of a party represents to the other party that the execution and performance of this Agreement is duly authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the party and that this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding agreement of such party, enforceable according to its terms.

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N. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement, effective the date first above written:

WALDEN UNIVERSITY, LLC

FIELD SITE

By: Brandi DeHuis
(signature)

By: Chevon Kothari
(signature)

Name: Brandi DeHuis
(Print name)

Name: Chevon Kothari
(Print name)

Title: Director of Operations

Title: Director, Health and Human

Date: 4-3-19

Date: 3-20-19

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Steven W. Dahlem
STEVEN W. DAHLEM
COUNTY COUNSEL