



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Agreement is made and entered into as of the execution of the Agreement by both parties by and between Perris Union High School District ("District") located in Perris, California, and Concordia University Irvine ("University") a non-profit religious corporation located in Irvine, California.

### WITNESSETH

**WHEREAS**, the governing board of a school district may enter into agreements with a college or university approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) as a teacher education institution (Ed. Code Section 44227), to provide educational field experiences as may be called for in the requirements of the various authorized credentials for public school service; and

**WHEREAS**, any such agreement may provide for the payment in money or in services for the services rendered by the school district of an amount not to exceed the actual cost to the school district of the services rendered; and

**WHEREAS**, the University operates fully accredited educational programs for its candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, it is to the mutual benefit of the University and the District to make a program of educational fieldwork experiences available to the University's candidates at the District's facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is mutually agreed upon between the parties as follows:

### GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. Term.** The term of this agreement shall commence on **October 22, 2020** and terminate on **October 21, 2023**. (Three year agreement – May be renewed with consent of both parties)
- 2. Termination.** Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, either party may terminate this agreement with thirty (30) days written notice to the undersigned. In the event of early termination of this agreement, candidates who have not yet completed their K-12 Educational field experience assignment in the District may complete their assignment at the discretion of the University. Nothing in this agreement shall limit the right of the University, acting in its sole discretion, to remove a candidate from the K-12 setting at any time.

3. **Amendments.** The provisions of this agreement may be altered, changed, or amended, by mutual written consent of the parties hereto.

4. **Execution.** This agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, all of which shall constitute one and the same document. Counterparts may be exchanged by facsimile or email. Each counterpart, whether an original signature or a facsimile copy, shall be deemed an original as against any Party who signed it.

**5. Insurance.**

a. The District shall maintain minimum insurance coverage for Worker's Compensation, including Employer's Liability, covering its employees. The University shall maintain minimum insurance coverage for Worker's Compensation, including Employer's Liability, covering its employees and candidates.

b. The District shall carry professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per limit and \$3,000,000 in the aggregate, for its employees and agents. The University shall carry professional liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per limit and \$3,000,000 in the aggregate, for its employees, agents, and candidates. The District shall maintain general liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per incident and \$3,000,000 in the aggregate, covering its employees and agents. The University shall maintain general liability insurance coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 per incident and \$3,000,000 in the aggregate, covering its employees, agents, and candidates.

c. The District maintains proof of all insurance coverage and will provide said proof to the University upon request. The University maintains proof of all insurance coverage and will provide said proof to the District upon request.

d. The employment status of candidates and the responsibility for insurance coverage for candidate activities depends upon the status of the candidates as set forth below:

i. Candidates Participating in Unpaid K-12 Educational Field Experience not at Candidate's Place of Employment: If the University's candidates are participating in an unpaid K-12 educational field experience not at his or her place of employment, it is understood that the University's candidates are fulfilling specific requirements for field experiences as part of a degree or credential program requirement, and therefore, the University's candidates do not thereby become employees of the District by virtue of their field experience. The University shall be responsible for providing insurance coverage for such candidates, pursuant to Sections 5.a and 5.b of this agreement.

ii. Candidates Participating in Unpaid K-12 Educational Field Experience at Candidate's Place of Employment: If the University's candidates are participating

in an unpaid internship or field experience at his or her place of employment, it is understood by that the University and the District shall keep the field experience and work duties of the University's candidates strictly separate. The University shall be responsible for providing insurance coverage for such candidates' field experience pursuant to Section 5.a and 5.b of this agreement. The District shall be responsible for providing insurance coverage for such candidates' activities as a District employee pursuant to Section 5.a and 5.b of this agreement.

iii. Candidates Participating in Paid K-12 Educational Field Experience: If the University's candidates are provided with a nominal stipend from the District intended to reimburse them for estimated expenses related to their field experience, the University's candidates do not thereby become employees of the District, and the University shall be responsible for providing insurance coverage for such candidates pursuant to Sections 5.a and 5.b of this agreement; however, the District shall be responsible for issuing a Form 1099 reporting the stipend to the Internal Revenue Service. If, however, the University's candidates are paid by the District for their services, then they become employees of the District, and the District is responsible for all employee obligations and for insuring the activities of such candidates under Section 5.a and 5.b of this agreement.

## **6. Confidentiality.**

a. All verbal and written information exchanges, as well as proprietary information relating to business practices, procedures or methods of the District or the project shall remain strictly confidential and shall not be disclosed without consent of the District. The University agrees to notify candidates that they are responsible for respecting and maintaining the confidentiality of all information with respect to all students of the District.

b. The University and the District agree to comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to regulation of the Department of Education to the end that the rights and privacy of the students enrolled in the District and of their parents are not violated or invaded. This assurance is given to obtain access to individual student data for the purpose of using said data to fulfill assignments or contractual obligations with the District. The provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 include, but are not limited to ensuring that (a) no identification of students or their parent(s)/guardian(s) by persons other than representatives of the University and required persons performing activities mandated by the California Department of Education, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (i.e. auditors) is permitted; (b) the individual student data will be destroyed when no longer needed for the purpose(s) for which they were obtained; (c) no access to individual student data shall be granted by the University to any other persons, agency, or organization without the written consent of the pupil's parent/guardian, except for sharing with other persons within the District or representatives of the University, so long as those persons have a legitimate interest in the information; (d) the District will not disclose the candidate records of the University's candidates except to University and District officials who have a legitimate need for the information consistent with their official responsibilities.

7. **Non-Discrimination.** The University and the District agree to make no distinction among candidates covered by this agreement on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, or status as a veteran.

8. **Transportation of Students.** Neither the University nor the District will provide transportation for candidates between the University and the District school. Each candidate shall be responsible for his or her transportation.

9. **Scope of Authority.** The District shall exercise exclusive control over the administration, operation, maintenance and management of the District and its schools, and the University's candidates while they are in residence at the District. Subject thereto, the University shall exercise control and supervision over the operation, curriculum, faculty and candidates of the University within the prescribed framework.

**10. Indemnification.**

a. The University shall indemnify, save and hold harmless the District, its officers, directors, and employees from and against all obligations, claims and liabilities of any kind under state or federal law (including costs and attorney's fees) that may arise out of negligent acts or omissions of the University, and its trustees, officers, directors, candidates and employees during the course and scope of a University candidate's clinical training.

b. The District shall indemnify, save and hold harmless the University, its officers, directors, and employees from and against all obligations, claims and liabilities of any kind under state or federal law (including costs and attorney's fees) that may arise out of negligent acts or omissions of the District, and its trustees, officers, directors, or employees during the course and scope of a University candidate's clinical training.

**11. Scope of Work.**

**SCHOOL COUNSELING PRACTICUM**

"Practicum" as used herein refers to the hours that a candidate, enrolled in practicum-embedded course(s) in the University program, develops skills learned in previous and current courses under the supervision of a site supervisor working in a K-12 setting.

Practicum is to be completed under the direct supervision of a District employee who currently holds a Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential with an authorization in school counseling and has a minimum of three years full time experience as a School Counselor.

For School Counseling candidates, it is the expectation that candidates are required to meet one-on-one with a client who is 12 to 18 years of age for six 30-minute sessions to gain experience developing counseling relationships through the application of counseling skills. Additionally, candidates should complete direct, as well as, indirect counseling experience in clinical settings working with other clients.

The University will ensure candidates who participate in practicum have met the requirements of a valid CTC document, which includes a fingerprint and background check. Candidates will be informed that a District has the authorization to require additional documentation before beginning their practicum assignment.

The District recognizes the importance of facilitating Practicum placements that will enhance the candidates' confidence as a professional counselor. Settings for School Counselors should build basic counseling skills which include body language, listening, and development of trust with clients.

The University agrees to appoint a faculty member as a University Supervisor to administer the University's responsibilities related to the Program and oversee the candidates' Practicum experience at the District. The University Supervisor shall be responsible for ongoing communication with the District.

The District agrees to assume ultimate responsibility for the counseling services provided to students and the psycho-educational assessments administered to students, as well as, the delivery of results through reports and IEP meetings.

### **SCHOOL COUNSELING FIELDWORK**

"Fieldwork" as used herein refers to the hours that a candidate, enrolled in fieldwork course(s) in the University program, develops and practices skills learned in previous and current courses under the supervision of a university supervisor and a site supervisor working in a K-12 setting.

The District agrees to appoint a District employee as a District Representative to administer the District's responsibilities related to the Program and collaborate with the Fieldwork and Internship Coordinator for School Counseling and implementing the candidate's fieldwork at the District.

The District Representative shall be responsible for on-going communication with the University, as well as the designation of District employees to serve as site supervisors responsible for direct supervision of assigned candidates. District employees designated as site supervisors shall meet the CTC criteria for supervising students. School Counseling site supervisors must have a current PPS credential with an authorization in school counseling and a minimum of three years full-time experience as a school counselor. In the absence of the site supervisors so designated, suitable alternate persons will be designated and available.

The District Representative and site supervisors shall be granted with sufficient time to supervise, plan and implement the fieldwork including, when feasible, time to attend relevant meetings and conferences.

The District shall (a) support continuing education and professional growth and development of those staff members of the District responsible for supervision of assigned candidates; (b)

provide the physical facilities and equipment necessary to conduct the fieldwork; (c) provide assigned candidates, whenever possible, with the use of library facilities, reasonable study and storage space; (d) make available to the University a written description of the planned educational program (including objectives) to be followed during fieldwork; (e) advise the University of any changes in its personnel, operations or policies which may affect the fieldwork; (f) permit inspection by the University of the facilities, services available for learning experiences, candidate records, and other items pertaining to the fieldwork; (g) determine the number of candidates which the District can accommodate during a given period of time and accept only the number of students which the District can accommodate; and (h) provide access to the University and its candidates the applicable District rules and regulations with which they are expected to comply.

The University will provide a valid and reliable assessment that the District will use to assess the candidate's competence, a minimum of twice, at the mid-point and at the conclusion of fieldwork. The completed assessment will be forwarded to the University after each administration of the assessment and upon the conclusion of each candidate's fieldwork. Notice will be provided to the University, as soon as practical and at least by mid-term of a candidate's fieldwork, of any serious deficiency noted in the ability of the candidate to progress toward achievement of the stated objectives of the field experience. The District shall otherwise have the right to terminate any candidate whose health or performance is a detriment to any student's well-being or to achievement of the stated objectives of the candidate's field experience. Prior to such termination, the District shall notify the University's Fieldwork and Internship Coordinator.

The University agrees to appoint a faculty member as Fieldwork and Internship Coordinator to administer the University's responsibilities related to the Program and oversee the candidates' fieldwork at the District. The Fieldwork and Internship Coordinator shall be responsible for ongoing communication with the District.

The University agrees to assume responsibility for assuring compliance with applicable educational standards established by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), and National Association of School Psychologists (NASP).

The University agrees to notify the District, at a time mutually agreed upon, of its planned schedule of candidate assignments, including each candidate's name, level of academic preparation, and length and date of the fieldwork. The University shall refer to the District only those candidates who have satisfactorily completed the prerequisite didactic portion of the curriculum.

The University agrees to advise assigned candidates regarding appropriate health and professional liability insurance. All candidates will be covered by the University's group professional liability insurance as required by the terms of this agreement. The University agrees to require assigned candidates to comply with existing pertinent rules and regulations of the District and all reasonable directions given by qualified District personnel during periods of fieldwork assignment and while on District premises.

The University and the District agree to establish the educational objectives for the Program, devise methods for their implementation, and continually evaluate the Program to determine its effectiveness.

The University will be responsible for students obtaining fingerprint clearance and maintaining all documentation should proof be requested.

In accordance with California Education Code Section 44320, each credential candidate prior to assignment to District must obtain, at their sole expense, a "Certificate of Clearance," which includes a complete Live Scan Service. The University will ensure that students receive a Certificate prior to beginning their assignment in the District or hold a valid document issued by the CTC accounting for fingerprint clearance.

### **SCHOOL COUNSELING INTERN**

The Intern School Counselor is approved to assume the functions authorized by the Pupil Personnel Services School Counseling Intern Credential provided that the Intern's services meet the needs of the participating district, the Intern does not displace other certificated employees in the participating district, and this agreement meets with the District's contractual specifications with certificated employees.

The University shall ensure candidates in the Intern Program hold a Baccalaureate degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education and have satisfied the additional requirement of meeting the California Basic Skills requirement, most commonly met by the passage of the CBEST assessment and are enrolled in internship courses in the University program.

The University shall provide a University supervisor to work cooperatively with the Intern School Counselor and site supervisor.

The University will provide a valid and reliable assessment that the District will use to assess the Intern's competence, a minimum of twice, at the mid-point and at the conclusion of the Internship. The completed assessment will be forwarded to the University after each administration of the assessment and upon completion of the Internship. Notice will be provided by the District to the University, as soon as practical and at least by mid-term of a candidate's Internship, of any serious deficiency noted in the ability of the Intern to progress toward achievement of the stated objectives of the Internship.

The District shall authorize a District employee who currently holds a Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Credential with an authorization in school counseling and has a minimum of three years full time experience as a School Counselor to supervise the Intern candidate. The site supervisor shall be granted with sufficient time to supervise, plan, and implement the Internship, including, when feasible, time to attend relevant meetings and conferences.

The District shall (a) support continuing education and professional growth and development of staff members of the District responsible for supervision of assigned Interns; (b) provide the physical facilities and equipment necessary to conduct the Internship; (c) advise the University of any changes in its personnel, operations, or policies which may affect the Internship; (d) permit inspection by the University of the facilities, services available for learning experiences, candidate records, and other items pertaining to the Internship; and (e) provide access to the University and its candidates the applicable District rules and regulations with which they are expected to comply.

The District shall ensure no Intern School Counselor will have his/her salary reduced by more than one-eighth of the total contracted pay to cover costs of site supervision. The salary of the Intern School Counselor shall not be less than the minimum base salary paid regularly certificated personnel in similar positions.

The District agrees that the Intern School Counselor will remain an employee of the District for the term of the issued Intern Credential or completion of the program, whichever occurs first.

The District shall ensure that the Intern School Counselor does not displace other certificated Pupil Personnel Services employees in the District.

The following signatures hereby indicate approval of this agreement:

Concordia University Irvine

DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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