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THE UNIVERSITY OF
TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE

July 1, 2018

Dr. Belle S. Wheelan
President
SACS Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033

**Re: Bachelor of Science in Audiology and Speech Pathology Joint Degree
Program Renewal**

Dear Belle,

Please find attached the agreement renewing an existing 3+1 joint Bachelor of Science degree program in Audiology and Speech Pathology between The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) and The University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC), effective July 1, 2018.

Please contact me with any questions you may have regarding this agreement.

Sincerely,

Heather G. Hartman
Liaison

Attachment

Cc: Dr. John Zomchick, Interim Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor, UTK
Dr. Robert J. Hinde, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, UTK
Dr. Jeff Fairbrother, Interim Associate Dean, College of Education, Health, and
Human Services, UTK

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK)

and

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC)

Collaborative 3+1 Program

Bachelor's Degree (BS) in Audiology and Speech Pathology

CIP code: 51.0204

The purpose of this agreement is to provide a path for undergraduate students to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Audiology and Speech Pathology (BSASP) by completing three years of study at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) and then transferring to the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) College of Health Professions to complete fourth-year courses in Audiology and Speech Pathology.

1. Students will complete their general education and pre-major required coursework at UTK. The coursework may include transfer or other earned credit (such as AP or CLEP) as long as a minimum of 25% of the total credits applied to the degree are taken through instruction offered by UTK. Students may then apply to, and if admitted, enroll in the College of Health Professions at UTHSC to complete 30 credit hours of Audiology and Speech Pathology coursework. Students must complete the 30 credit hours of ASP coursework through instruction offered by UTHSC and reflected on the UTHSC transcript.
2. Students who take Audiology and Speech Pathology (ASP) courses offered by UTHSC and taught by UTHSC faculty members, regardless of the institution (UTK or UTHSC) at which they are enrolled, must be in the UTHSC student information system so that the credits will be listed on the transcript as UTHSC courses per the SACSCOC policy [Agreements Involving Joint and Dual Academic Awards](#). For a limited number of courses (including AUSB 300), UTK will offer the instructors a joint (courtesy) appointment so that the course may be offered as a UTK course. In these cases, students who have not been admitted to the BSASP program, and who have no plans to do so, may take these courses as UTK courses. Students who have not been admitted to the BSASP program, but desire to be admitted to the BSASP program, should take these courses by enrolling at UTHSC as non-degree students so that these courses appear on the transcript as UTHSC courses. Students who have been admitted to the BSASP program should take all ASP courses as degree-seeking UTHSC students.
3. Satisfaction of general education requirements at UTK will be accepted by UTHSC as completion of those requirements. Substitutions of pre-major course requirements will be discussed with ASP faculty prior to approval.
4. Students seeking admission to the BSASP program must submit all transcripts to UTHSC.

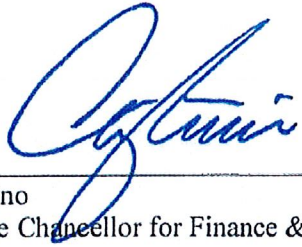
5. Upon successful completion of all requirements for the BSASP at both institutions, students will receive a joint degree from UTHSC and UTK. UTK's requirement that the last 30 credit hours of a bachelor's degree must be completed in residence at UTK will be waived. However, students must complete a minimum of 25% of the required credits through instruction offered by UTK.
6. The tuition exchange system will be maintained so students pay tuition and fees only to the institution at which they are currently active (BSASP students who have been admitted to UTHSC will pay tuition and fees to UTHSC, while UTK students who have not been admitted to UTHSC but are nevertheless taking ASP courses will pay tuition and fees to UTK). The institutions will then transfer appropriate portions of the tuition and fees to the other institution.
7. Curriculum changes that include only the ASP portion of the program (i.e., the UTHSC courses) will be approved through the normal UTHSC procedure. Curriculum changes made by ASP that include the pre-major requirements will be approved through both UTHSC and UTK procedures. Changes in pre-major requirements made by UTK will include consultation with the ASP faculty. In either case, the institution making the changes will communicate those changes to the appropriate personnel at the partner institution.
8. Students admitted to UTHSC in the BSASP program will be in residence on the UTK campus. They will be afforded all the rights and responsibilities of UTK students, including but not limited to access to counseling, disability services, tutoring, health care, libraries, facilities, and activities.
9. This MOU, and the attached Addendum, will become effective July 1, 2018 and will remain in effect until June 30, 2023. The Addendum will be reviewed annually and modified when necessary to ensure that the program is in compliance with the standards and policies of SACSCOC, UT System, and THEC. Either institution may advise the other of its desire to cancel or modify the MOU or the addendum at any time subject to 180 days' notice.
10. Procedures specific to this program are detailed in the Addendum.

APPROVALS

 for

John Zomchick
Interim Provost & Senior Vice Chancellor
UTK

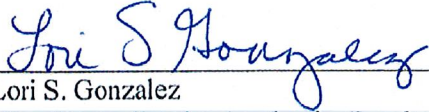
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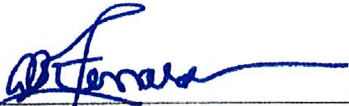
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