



College of Health Professions
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Articulation Agreement

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS **Grand Valley State University's** (GVSU), College of Health Professions, Master of Public Health Program in Grand Rapids, Michigan, wishes to enter a formal, articulation agreement, (Agreement), with **Lake Superior State University** (LSSU), in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan for the expressed purpose of establishing the pre-admission criteria, performance standards, and interinstitutional considerations that will result in the admission of up to five (5) qualified Lake Superior State University students annually to the Public Health Program of the College of Health Professions (CHP); and WHEREAS Lake Superior State 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 Master of Public Health Program at GVSU agrees to admit up to five (5) suitably qualified and enrolled students from Lake Superior State University undergraduate programs who satisfy all the criteria listed below. These criteria 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 Lake Superior State University seeking admission to the Grand Valley State University MPH Program under the terms of this Articulation Agreement must satisfy all admission requirements listed below:

Submit a Completed Graduate Application

Students from Lake Superior State University (LSSU) must submit a completed graduate application to the GVSU MPH program on or before March 1 of their senior year. This packet shall include a completed graduate application, two letters of recommendation (one must be from an LSSU faculty member or advisor of support), resume, and a two-part written 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 the undergraduate institution 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 a 3.0 undergraduate cumulative grade point average for consideration.

ii. Degree Conferral Prior to Matriculation

The student must have graduated from Lake Superior State University with a Bachelor's degree prior to matriculation into the Grand Valley State University MPH Program.

iii. Selection of Students

LSSU will advise and support up to five (5) students to apply for admission to the GVSU 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 and the articulation requirements between both institutions.

2) RESPONSIBILITIES OF LAKE SUPERIOR STATE UNIVERSITY

Lake Superior State University shall assume responsibility for the following:

a. PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS:

i. Marketing of this Articulation Agreement

- LSSU will be responsible for announcing this formalized articulation agreement as part of its general promotional literature and for marketing the articulated curricula in its promotional literature is available to prospective applicants in varied health and exercise science-related majors.
- LSSU will also be responsible for informing students already enrolled in the university about this formalized articulation agreement, the articulated curricula, and the career opportunities available in public health. This information will be shared with all interested LSSU students.
- LSSU will support the GVSU Program Director and faculty in recruitment strategies to attract qualified LSSU students into the articulation agreement.

ii. Recruiting Qualified Students

LSSU 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 LSSU in the Fall of 2022, or sooner for students already enrolled at LSSU.

iii. Career Counseling

LSSU agrees to provide career counseling and advising activities about the profession

of Public Health in a manner commensurate with other services provided to LSSU students. The GVSU MPH program agrees to serve as a resource for LSSU 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

LSSU 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 LSSU 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 LSSU 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 LSSU 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 LSSU to attract and retain students on an annual basis in sufficient numbers to meet the terms of this Articulation Agreement.

iii. Career Counseling

The MPH Program agrees to serve as a resource for LSSU 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, recruitment tailored specifically for LSSU, or in-person open houses offered 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 LSSU with timely notification of pending accreditation reviews.

b. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

i. Notification of Changes

The MPH Program agrees to provide LSSU 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. LSSU 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 LSSU 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

The 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 another 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 to 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 parties 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 written below:

Grand Valley State University

By: 

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Academic Affairs

Lake Superior State University

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