

Student Teaching Affiliation Agreement Between GCU and Azusa Unified School District

1. **PARTIES:** This Agreement is entered into on this 7/1/2023 day by and between Grand Canyon University (GCU) and Azusa Unified School District located at 546 S. Citrus Ave, Azusa, CA 91702 Hereafter referred to as the "District".
2. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this non-exclusive Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which students of GCU may participate in Student Teaching Internships, Practicums, and Observations at the schools located in the District.
3. **TERM:** The term of this Agreement begins 7/1/2023 and ends 7/1/26.
4. **COMPLIANCE WITH HANDBOOK AND POLICY:** GCU and GCU's participating students shall comply with all policies of the University and District. Students accepted to the District for clinical training shall be subject to all applicable policies and regulations of the District and GCU. Prior to assignment of students to the District, GCU will advise students of any specific requirements that must be met to participate in the clinical. These specific requirements are outlined in GCU's student teaching manual. Failure to complete the requirements will result in non-placement of students.
5. **COOPERATING TEACHERS:** The District shall provide qualified Cooperating Teachers to provide oversight, feedback and mentoring to GCU's participating students. Quality standards and service expectations for Cooperating Teachers are outlined in Exhibit A. GCU shall pay a \$500 stipend to Cooperating Teachers per each sixteen (16) week session of full-time service. Longer or shorter assignments will be assessed on a pro-rated basis. Compensation will not be provided for practicum courses. The stipends contemplated herein are to be paid directly to Cooperating Teacher. Should stipends be a lesser amount than those of the district, the participating student shall pay the difference. Stipend will be paid upon the completion of the student teaching semester providing all paperwork has been submitted. The relationship between Cooperating Teachers and GCU shall be that of an independent contractor and shall not be deemed to be that of an employer-employee relationship, joint venture, or partnership. Cooperating Teachers shall be solely responsible for the payment of his/her own state and federal income tax and self-employment tax as applicable.
6. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** GCU shall inform each participating student of Federal law governing the confidentiality of District student information, including FERPA. The District shall inform each participating student of any applicable state law governing the confidentiality of student information. The District shall also inform each participating Cooperating Teacher that he/she is bound to maintain in confidence, any documents or other confidential information about GCU to which he/she might have access. Any breach of confidentiality by a participating Student or Cooperating Teacher shall be grounds for immediate termination of the clinical experience.
7. **INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS:** Neither party shall be responsible for personal injury or property damage or other loss except that resulting from its own negligence or the negligence of its employees or others for whom the party is legally responsible. The District will provide participating students with immediate first aid for work-related injuries or illnesses, such as blood or body fluid exposure.
8. **ASSIGNMENT:** The provisions of this agreement shall insure to the benefit of, and shall be binding upon the successors of the parties hereto. Neither this agreement nor any of the rights or obligations here under may be transferred or assigned without prior written consent of the other party.
9. **NOTICES:** Notices under this agreement shall be mailed or delivered to the parties as follows:

Grand Canyon University
Dr. Meredith Critchfield
Dean, College of Education
Grand Canyon University
3300 W. Camelback Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85017

Azusa Unified School District
546 S. Citrus Ave
Azusa, CA 91702

- 10. MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT:** This agreement may be modified only by written amendment executed by all parties.
- 11. TERMINATION:** Either party, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party, may terminate this agreement
- 12. PARTNERSHIP/JOINT VENTURE/EMPLOYEMENT:** Nothing herein shall in any way be construed or intended to create a partnership or joint venture between the parties or to create the relationship of principal and agent between or among any of the parties.
- 13. NONDISCRIMINATION:** The parties shall comply with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 and the regulations related thereto. The parties will not discriminate against any individual including but not limited to employees or applicants for employment and/or students because of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status or national origin. This section shall not apply to discrimination in employment on the basis of religion that is specifically exempt under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000 e).
- 14. RESPONSIBILITIES OF GCU:**
- A. To promptly and thoroughly investigate any complaint by any participating student of unlawful discrimination or harassment at the FIELDWORK SITE or involving employees or agents of the FIELDWORK SITE, to take prompt and effective remedial action when discrimination or harassment is found to have occurred and to promptly notify the District of the existence and outcome of any complaint of harassment by, against or involving any participating student.
 - B. GCU agrees to comply with all federal, state and local statutes and regulations applicable to the operation of the Agreement, including without limitations, laws relating to the confidentiality of student records.
 - C. GCU requires that all students who must enter a FIELDWORK SITE provide us with a current and clear copy of a background check. Students will be prohibited to move forward until this document is received.
 - D. GCU will maintain in full force and effect, at its sole expense and written by carriers:
 - i. Commercial General Liability (Minimum Requirements):
Limits of Liability:
\$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit
\$2,000,000 General Aggregate
\$1,000,000 Products Aggregate
\$1,000,000 Personal Injury
\$5,000 Medical Payments
Coverage:
Premises/Operation Liability
Medical Payments Liability
Contractual Liability
Personal Injury Liability
Independent Contractors
 - ii. Professional Liability, as related to Educational Services
Limits of Liability:
\$1,000,000 each wrongful act
\$1,000,000 aggregate
 - iii. Certificates of Insurance:

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by their respective officials thereunto duly authorized as of the date first above written.

Grand Canyon University

By: 
Signature

Name: Dr. Meredith Critchfield

Title: Dean, College of Education

Date: March 30, 2023

Azusa Unified School District

By: _____
Signature

Name: Jorge A. Ronquillo

Title: Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources

Date: