EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY
BILATERAL AGREEMENT
FOR STUDENTS TRANSFERRING CLASSES INTO
EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

THIS BILATERAL AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made as of the date of the last signature below (the "Effective Date") by and between EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina ("ECU") on behalf of its College of Allied Health Sciences ("College"), Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders ("Department") and University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) College of Education ("Agency").

WHEREAS, ECU, through its educational programs, provides degree programs; and,

WHEREAS, Agency, through its educational programs, provides classes identified on Exhibit B, which Exhibit B is defined below in Section 3; and,

WHEREAS, ECU and AGENCY wish to allow students from Agency to be able to obtain academic credit at ECU for classes taken at the Agency that are identified on Exhibit B and to transfer credit for those classes to ECU (the "Program"); and,

WHEREAS, upon successful completion of ECU’s academic requirements, the student shall be awarded a Master’s Degree from ECU (the "Degree Program").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and covenants made each to the other, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The term of this Agreement ("Term") shall begin on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of three (3) years. Either party may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, by providing 30 days written notice to the other party. Additionally, this Agreement may be terminated as outlined herein or because of breach. However, any students who have matriculated at ECU pursuant to this Agreement shall be continued through completion of the Degree Program.

2. Attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out, is "Exhibit A", which "Exhibit A" outlines the academic requirements for acceptance into the Department.

3. Also attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out, is "Exhibit B", which "Exhibit B" contains the transfer course table.

4. ECU and Agency shall each appoint a designated representative to coordinate the Transfer Program.

5. Each party shall keep the other party informed of changes in curriculum, program and staff that may affect the Transfer Program. If courses listed in "Exhibit B" change, the parties will review the changes and, if acceptable, a new "Exhibit B" reflecting those changes may be substituted. The parties shall indicate on the
new “Exhibit B” the effective date of the changes. If the changes are not acceptable to either party then this Agreement may be renegotiated or terminated.

6. Agency shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, age, color, creed, sex, national origin or physical disability.

7. The ECU Bilateral Agreement Committee (“Committee”) shall review the Program biennially to determine its effectiveness. The Committee’s review will be in accordance with the standards set out in Section 3 of ECU’s Regulation No. 02.07.04, Approval and Review of Bilateral Agreements.

8. Agency shall be considered an independent contractor and as such shall be wholly responsible for its work in accordance with this Agreement. Nothing herein is intended or shall be construed to establish any agency, partnership or joint venture between Agency and ECU.

9. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the liability of ECU, as an agency of the State of North Carolina, for any injury or damage arising out of ECU’s, its employees’ or agents’ performance under this Agreement is subject to the limitations of the North Carolina Tort Claims Act, N.C.G.S.§143-291, et. seq. (the “Act”). ECU does not waive any rights or defenses under the Act or the rights and authority of the Attorney General of the State of North Carolina to represent ECU.

10. Personally identifiable information from students’ education records shall be disclosed only in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Information from education records may be used only for the purposes for which the disclosure was made. The parties shall not disclose information from education records to any other party without first having received written consent of the student and having obtained assurances that the other party will fully comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and that no further disclosure by such party shall be permitted.

11. Notices: Any notices or other communications between the parties shall be in writing and shall be given effectively if: posted by certified United States Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested or delivered by an overnight delivery service that keeps proof of delivery. Any notice or communications shall be addressed as follows or at such other address as may be from time to time designated in writing in accordance with this Section 12:

If to ECU:
Director of Master’s Education and/or Chair
Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders
Health Sciences Bldg, Suite 3310, Mailstop 668
600 Moye Blvd
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC 27858-4353
With a copy to: University Attorney  
210 Spilman Building  
East Carolina University  
Greenville, NC 27858-4353  

If to Agency:  
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs  
Office of Academic Affairs  
3211 Providence Dr.  
Anchorage, AK 99508  

12. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and there are no representations, inducement or other provisions other than those expressed herein. All changes, additions or deletions to this Agreement shall be in writing and executed by authorized representative(s) of each party.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement in duplicate originals, one of each which is retained by each of the parties, effective as of the date of the last signature below.

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  

Gregg Givens  
Department Head Printed Name  
Department Head Signature and Date  
Stephen Thomas  
Dean Printed Name  
Dean Signature and Date 6/2/3/14  
Rita Reaves, Chair  
ECU University Bilateral Agreements Committee Printed Name  
Rita Reaves 7/1/14  
ECU University Bilateral Agreements Committee Signature and Date  
Ronald L. Mitchell  
Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Printed Name  
Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Signature and Date  

AGENCY: UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE  

Teresa D. Bunn  
Department Chair Printed Name  
Department Head Signature and Date  
Heather Ryan  
Dean Printed Name  
Dean Signature and Date  
ER Baker  
Provost Printed Name  
Provost Signature and Date

MOA ECU/UAA 5/1/2014 – 5/1/2017
EXHIBIT A

Students may gain admission to the MS degree in Communication Sciences & Disorders by:
1. Completing the online application through the Graduate School.
2. Submitting all required documents by the deadline published on the Graduate School website
   a. GRE scores that are less than 5 years old
   b. Transcripts from all universities ever attended
   c. 3 letters of recommendation
   d. Supplemental application (essay question answers)

Published minimal criteria for admission include:
1. A GPA in the undergraduate degree of at least 3.0.
2. A GPA in speech-language pathology pre-requisite courses of at least 3.2
3. GRE scores in the Verbal and Quantitative subtests that equal or exceed the 30th percentile as reported on the official GRE score report submitted to the university by ETS

Additional information is available at www.ecu.edu/csd year round.

Students take 42 required credits in the ECU MS degree including:
CSDI 6100, 6101, 6103, 6104, 6106, 6108, 6109, 6110, 6112, 6113, 6114, 6121, 6200, 6320, 6321, 6901

Total degree is 54 credits.

42 credits from ECU + 12 credits from Agency (UAA) = 54 credits for the degree from ECU

Key Elements:
1. UAA will assist in recruiting and managing all aspects of the clinical practica/internships. ECU recruits, selects the students for enrollment and offers didactic distance education courses.
2. Neither UAA nor ECU retains any responsibility for the post-graduation requirements and experiences to achieve Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) status.
3. UAA recognizes that ECU has the responsibility to maintain its national accreditation through the Council of Academic Accreditation with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and the UAA agrees to participate in the Program in a manner consistent with ECU’s responsibility. UAA and ECU further agree to terminate the Program immediately upon notice that the Program prejudices ASHA accreditation. UAA agrees to provide documentations and materials necessary to support the accreditation processes including data for annual reports and re-accreditation reports. ECU will ensure that the UAA program coordinator has access to current curricula and clinical forms including any necessary graduation forms for Alaskan students.
4. UAA will provide a program coordinator who will work with the Director of Master’s Education in CSDI at ECU to facilitate recruiting, enrolling, and graduating the Alaskan cohorts. The UAA
program coordinator and the ECU Director of Master's Education will notify the other party should any changes to the program occur (i.e., course changes, substitutions, ASHA requirement changes, personnel changes, etc.)

5. ECU will provide online mechanisms for maintaining records for student progression through the program including documentation of competencies and clinical clock hours. The UAA program coordinator will have full access to any clock hour online or electronic mechanism to approve or amend clock hour accruals by Alaska students.

6. Subject to available financial resources, UAA will pay for a summer visit of one ECU/CSDI faculty member every other year to provide support related to the program for three (3) working days. Subject to available financial resources, ECU will pay for a visit of one UAA faculty member every other year to provide support related to the program for three (3) working days. These visits will be on alternate years.

7. Five student seats will be reserved each academic year for the Alaskan cohort. In the event that there are not 5 Alaskan candidates to fill the reserved seats, ECU/CSDI may choose to fill those slots with other non-Alaskan candidates. In the event that ECU has additional seats available, more Alaskan candidates may be selected.

8. ECU will have at least one faculty member licensed as a speech-language pathologist in the state of Alaska to ensure an ECU faculty member is able to legally participate in telepractice, clinical practice, or clinical supervision in the State of Alaska.

EXHIBIT B

http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/coe/degrees/master-degrees/speech-language-pathology.cfm is the website for the Agency portion of the program.

Graduate students take 12 credits of clinical internships through courses at University of Alaska at Anchorage. UAA handles all clinical internship details including affiliation agreements, placements, grading, and recording of clock hours for student progress. The courses that are transferred into ECU in the final semester of the master's degree are EDSE A614S Beginning Internship in SLP (4 credits), EDSE A620S Advanced Internship in SLP (8 credits total).