



PROGRAM MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
GREAT PLAINS INTERACTIVE DISTANCE EDUCATION ALLIANCE (GREAT PLAINS IDEA)

FOR THE  
Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences - option in Dietetics DEGREE PROGRAM

The Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (hereinafter called the Great Plains IDEA) is comprised of academic colleges offering baccalaureate and higher degree programs.

This memorandum of agreement is entered into by Oklahoma State University,  
College of Human Sciences

regarding the creation of the Great Plains IDEA inter-institutional distance education program in  
Dietetics

The Great Plains IDEA institutions (alliance member, academic affiliate, or institutional affiliate) initiating this memorandum and agreeing to these terms and conditions include:

- Colorado State University
- Iowa State University
- Kansas State University
- North Dakota State University
- Oklahoma State University
- South Dakota State University
- University of Nebraska
- University of Kansas Medical Center

It is understood that additional parties may be invited to join this cooperative effort either as Alliance members, or program affiliates as outlined in the Great Plains IDEA policies and procedures manual.

Oklahoma State University will participate in this inter-institutional program by granting a Master's Degree in Nutritional Sciences (Dietetics Option) to students who successfully complete the inter-institutional program.

Oklahoma State University agrees to provide distance education courses for students admitted to the program by other partnering institutions, to incorporate approved courses offered by other Alliance members, academic affiliate, or institutional affiliates into its appropriate degree and certificate, to admit fully qualified program applicants and to advise graduate students in the inter-institutional program.

Oklahoma State University agrees to respect the academic standards and quality of the academic departments involved in this joint program. Faculty members of the partnering institutions who provide instruction in this program must meet qualifications for teaching graduate courses at their employing institution; further documentation or approval will not be required by the other partnering institutions.

Oklahoma State University retains the right to:

- 1) Uphold its established university admission processes and admission standards for students entering the inter-institutional program as Oklahoma State University students.
- 2) Monitor academic performance, enforce standards, including disciplinary policies and procedures, and adherence to all other graduate school policies for students admitted to study at the institution.
- 3) Conduct graduation audits to assure compliance with university requirements.
- 4) Follow its established university review processes for approval of and modification to the curriculum.
- 5) Implement its university processes for course and program assessment.
- 6) Assign to the student's graduate committee approval oversight for courses applied to the student's program of study.

Institutional courses designated as Alliance courses will be:

- 1) Taught by faculty members approved by the partnering institutions that provide the instruction.
- 2) Taught according to the published schedule and at the enrollment capacity agreed upon by the inter-institutional program faculty.
- 3) Priced to all students enrolled in the Alliance section of the course at the current Alliance credit hour price for the program as approved by the Great Plains IDEA board of directors.
- 4) Open to other qualified students on a space-available basis.

Each partnering institution has the following responsibilities related to the inter-institutional program:

- 1) Actively recruit and admit students into the program in which it participates.
- 2) Support the development and delivery of courses taught by its faculty.
- 3) Provide student services and Internet-based program information to support the Alliance program.
- 4) Provide web-based information about the Alliance program and maintain links to the Alliance website for purposes of marketing the program and providing information to students and the public.
- 5) Support faculty participation in inter-institutional program faculty meetings and faculty development workshops.
- 6) Offer the courses it is assigned to teach according to the published schedule and provide the agreed-upon enrollment capacity for each course.
- 7) Comply with the Common Price and revenue distribution agreements negotiated for Great Plains IDEA inter-institutional programs.
- 8) Consider this document a financial aid consortium agreement and that each Great Plains IDEA member will comply as follows:
  - a. The admitting institution will be the home institution. The remaining institutions will be considered the secondary (host) institutions.
  - b. The host institutions will provide information and assistance to the home institution in order to assure compliance with all applicable financial aid regulations.
  - c. The host institution shall assist in the verification of attendance (including the last date of contact for students who have unofficially withdrawn) and shall provide the student's grades, Common Price, and other relevant information to the home institution.
  - d. Assist each other in compliance with existing financial aid regulations or new regulations that emerge subsequent to the signing of this document.

- 9) Notify the appropriate academic board if it wishes to withdraw from the program. Such intent must be announced to the academic board a full twelve months in advance of the date of withdrawal and provisions made to allow admitted students to complete program requirements.

If the decision is made to discontinue the program, every effort will be made, in accordance to the Alliance member's policies, to allow Alliance students who are currently admitted to the program to complete the program within four years and no students will be allowed to take more than five years from the dissolution date to complete their program.

By affixing the appropriate signatures to this document,

the College of Human Sciences at  
Oklahoma State University

indicates its *intent or desire* to participate in the Dietetics

inter-institutional distance education program of the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance and to adhere to the terms of the memorandum of agreement.

Signed the 27th day of July, 2012.

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