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May 23, 2016

Erin Kahn, Director of Admissions
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Dear Ms. Kahn,

Enclosed please find the preferred admissions agreement between Black Hills State University and Northwestern Health Sciences University. We are pleased to enter into this agreement with NWHSU and to be able to provide an opportunity for our students to earn a Doctor of Chiropractic degree!

Please obtain Dr. Cassirer's signature on the enclosed agreement, return the original to BHSU and retain a fully executed copy for your records.

Please contact the BHSU program representative, Dr. Craig Triplett or contact my office for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Rod Custer, PhD
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



PREFERRED ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT BETWEEN BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY AND NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

INTRODUCTION

Created upon a mutual regard for the integrity of parallel academic programs and in an effort to better serve students preparing to pursue a career in chiropractic, Black Hills State University and Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHHSU) enter into an agreement for preferred admissions program. This agreement will define preparatory course work to be completed at Black Hills State University for students intending to matriculate into NWHHSU; this agreement will articulate the special terms for admission into NWHHSU to earn a Doctor of Chiropractic degree to participating students from Black Hills State University.

OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to foster a spirit of cooperation between these two educational institutions.
2. It is agreed and understood that each institution has the right and responsibility to make changes to its curricula and enrollment standards to maintain its academic integrity and meet accreditation standards.
3. At the request of either institution a meeting or conference will be held to resolve any problems, monitor the progress, and develop any improvements in this preferred admissions program.
4. Neither institution will discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, physical or mental disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status, status as a U.S. military veteran per federal guidelines 41 C.F.R. 60-300.5(a) and 41 C.F.R. 60-741.5(a.), parental status, and pregnancy in the selection and participation of students. With respect to a disability, a qualified student with a disability is an individual who (with or without reasonable accommodations-academic adjustments) meets the legitimate standards and criteria that are rationally related to the stated goals or purposes of each institution's educational program.
5. Beginning with the first semester of the 2016/2017 Black Hills State University academic year, a preferred admissions program for a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from NWHHSU will be available to up to 5 qualified

students per year. This preferred admissions program will require approximately three and one third consecutive years at NWHSU. Students must complete and meet all NWHSU graduation requirements in order to graduate with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree.

6. Black Hills State University students will be accepted for admission to NWHSU under this preferred admissions program upon:
 1. Meeting the prerequisite requirements for admission to NWHSU.
 2. Attaining a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average in Black Hills State University coursework.
 3. Receiving a positive recommendation from the program director at Black Hills State University and/or the pre-health coordinator at Black Hills State University.
 4. Timely submission of all application materials to NWHSU. It is highly recommended that students apply 9-12 months prior to the anticipated date of matriculation.
 5. Conditional acceptance will be offered upon successful completion of one half of the prerequisite course work and full acceptance will be offered upon successful completion of all entrance requirements.
7. Recruitment of students for this program will be the responsibility of Black Hills State University with the cooperation of NWHSU.
8. Under the terms of this Agreement, neither institution is obligated to make any payments of any kind to the other institution.
9. This Agreement will, in no way, be interpreted as creating an agency or employment relationship between the institutions, or as giving rise to a joint venture or partnership between the institutions.
10. This Agreement is intended to solely benefit the institutions, and is not intended to create rights in any third party. Students participating in the program, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, will not be considered third party beneficiaries of the Agreement.
11. This Agreement may be terminated by either institution by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other institution at the address hereinafter set forth.

MUTUAL PROMOTION OF THE PROGRAM

Black Hills State University and Northwestern Health Sciences University both agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this preferred admissions program through advisement and dissemination of information. Both Institutions agree to develop an annual communication calendar and promote the preferred admissions program in their recruitment activities and literature and to refer prospective students, when appropriate, to the other's admission office.

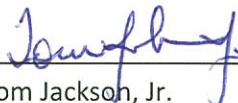
STUDENT ADVISEMENT

An appropriate faculty member at Black Hills State University shall be assigned and be responsible to advise students regarding their academic preparation for admission to Northwestern Health Sciences University and for their ultimate goal of chiropractic licensure. This advisement shall include attention to special requirements for licensure in some states, such as completion of the baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation in a chiropractic college. In addition, NWHSU will provide advisement during the enrollment process and throughout the program to ensure students have a clear understanding of the sequence of courses and graduation requirements for their program.




APPROVALS

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