



**PROGRAM SPECIFIC AGREEMENT FOR A
MASTER OF SCIENCE (MS) IN HEALTH SCIENCE NUTRITION PROGRAM**

Between

**BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
BY AND ON BEHALF OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND ITS
BYRDINE F. LEWIS COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
ATLANTA, GEORGIA, U.S.A.**

And

**HANGZHOU MEDICAL COLLEGE
HANGZHOU, CHINA**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University and its Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions, Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America ("Georgia State") and Hangzhou Medical College, Hangzhou, China ("HMC") agree to institute a collaborative graduate student program in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement ("Agreement").

Georgia State and HMC hereby agree to the following:

1. Description of Program

This Agreement is established to enhance graduate student research and training and faculty research collaboration in medical and health sciences between Georgia State and HMC.

For students, there will be two pathways and two options of this program available to them. **Pathway 1:** Select (top performing) undergraduate students (any major) with Bachelor's degrees from HMC to apply to Georgia State as Master's level students. Admitted students may opt to take GSU's online program at HMC or attend Georgia State for a 2-year onsite program leading to a Master of Science in Health Science Nutrition Concentration degree granted by Georgia State. **Pathway 2:** Select (top performing) undergraduate students (any major) approaching their 4th year at HMC to apply and transfer to Georgia State's online MS Health Science in Nutrition program to take graduate courses in their 4th year. These students will pay out-of-state tuition or e-tuition rates (should those e-tuition rates be approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia). After graduating from HMC, these students may either transfer to Georgia State (onsite) to complete their MS Health Science in Nutrition degree or opt to complete all their graduate course work online. HMC students who attend onsite and who qualify, will be granted a graduate student assistantship, which will stem from research funds that HMC will provide to Georgia State for each of its students.

For faculty. HMC faculty may also participate in professional development and mentorship opportunities through scholar visits and research opportunities. Optionally they may also engage in mentoring, language, research and teaching activities through the Faculty Mentoring Program at Georgia State as part of this program.

2. Term and Academic Years

This Agreement becomes effective on the date it is duly signed by representatives of both institutions. The term of the Agreement shall commence on the effective date and shall be in effect for five (5) years, unless earlier terminated by either party pursuant to Section 9 below. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the term of this Agreement shall not extend beyond one academic year if Georgia State assumes any financial obligations by entering into this Agreement. This Agreement may be renewed for additional academic year or five (5) year renewal terms, as applicable, upon the advance written agreement of both parties.

The academic year at Georgia State consists of two regular semesters: Fall semester begins in August and ends in December, and the Spring semester begins in January and ends in early May. In addition, there is a Summer semester and an abbreviated Maymester. Graduate students from HMC may attend any semester.

3. Number of Students

Starting in Fall 2018, up to ten (10) new Master-level students from HMC will be invited to apply to Georgia State's Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions.

4. Units Involved in Program

Participants in the program can be drawn from all schools at HMC. The program at Georgia State will include participation from the Department of Nutrition in the Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions.

5. Graduate Student Research Program

A. Admission Requirements for Students to Participate

As described in section 1 above, HMC will select outstanding undergraduate students with Bachelor's degrees from their programs to receive training, participate in collaborative research, and earn a Master's degree from Georgia State. The HMC students will fulfill all application requirements, including the submission of a graduate application and other supplemental materials. The Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions agrees to waive the GRE requirement. Application / transfer to the MS Nutrition program will follow GSU's normal process for either pathway.

HMC students are required to submit TOEFL iBT (minimum 79/120) or IELTS (minimum 6.5/9) scores in order to prove English language proficiency. HMC students admitted to Georgia State will also take the GSTEP (Georgia State Test of English Proficiency) upon arrival. The GSTEP results will include the outline of mandatory coursework in Georgia State Intensive English Program. If students are required to take courses simultaneously in the Intensive English Program, they are responsible for paying full tuition and fees for that program.

HMC may select outstanding students in their 4th year of undergraduate studies to take graduate courses offered by Georgia State (online or onsite). Georgia State Nutrition faculty will verify that these students have the prerequisites for graduate courses before students are authorized to register.

HMC students will pay out-of-state tuition and fees for these graduate courses before they are admitted to the Georgia State graduate program and offered research assistantship. E-tuition rates will apply if and when they are approved by Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

HMC students admitted to Georgia State will complete all degree requirements. At the end of each semester or academic term, students will follow appropriate procedures at Georgia State to ensure academic records/transcripts from Georgia State are sent to HMC. Students may choose to complete the thesis or non-thesis options of the Master's degree.

Students will be required to comply with the standard rules, regulations, and enrollment restrictions of Georgia State in the selection of courses, including requirements of language proficiency and health documentation.

Georgia State has final authority over decisions regarding admission of students to its courses.

B. Student Responsibilities and Expenses – Onsite Pathway

HMC agrees to provide HMC students studying onsite in this program with MS stipends and supply funds. The funds will be transferred directly to Georgia State through the Georgia State Research Foundation. With the guarantee of these funds, Georgia State's Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing and Health Professions will grant each student from HMC a graduate research assistantship. The students will participate in research in the Department of Nutrition throughout the academic year.

HMC students are responsible for tuition and mandatory fees of the Program not covered by the Georgia State research assistantships. These charges include but are not limited to books, health insurance, and applicable lab fees. Georgia State University tuition and fees must be paid in full by the published fee payment deadline.

HMC students must submit immunization documentation, including but not limited to Measles, Mumps and Rubella or MMR, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Varicella, and Hepatitis B for enrollment. Each graduate assistantship is \$6,000 per calendar year (Fall, Spring and Summer).

Barring additional negotiations, each year, HMC will provide \$10,000 in stipend and supply funds per student per year to be deposited at Georgia State as a special sponsored project; the exact total amount will be dependent on the availability of funds and, the number of students from HMC. Stipend and Supply funds totals will be agreed upon at the start of each academic year.

C. Visa Requirements

The respective Georgia State academic department will forward all necessary international student data received from HMC students choosing the onsite MS program option to Georgia State's International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) office to enable processes needed for participating students to obtain an F-1 visa. Data will include documentation of sufficient financial resources in the United States, Forms will be provided by Georgia State.

The above information must be received at Georgia State approximately five (5) months preceding the international student's arrival to the U.S. This documentation enables Georgia State to sponsor the students as part of this Agreement but does not commit the institution to any financial support.

D. Insurance Requirements for Students

Personal health, hospitalization and accident insurance, including a repatriation and medical evacuation plan, as well as liability coverage, is required for all international students studying onsite at Georgia State. Students who already have insurance must submit proof of such coverage to the Georgia State's International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) for approval. Students from HMC who do not have appropriate insurance must obtain, at their own cost, Georgia State's international students' insurance policy.

E. Housing for Students

The Georgia State Housing Office will provide HMC students information about university housing. HMC students are responsible for negotiating leasing agreements with the Georgia State Housing Office or off-campus housing as appropriate. Housing space at Georgia State is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. HMC students who wish to live in Georgia State housing must complete the application process at least four (4) months preceding their arrival. When provided by Georgia State, payment of housing and board costs are due by the published deadlines.

F. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

HMC students will be subject to the rules and regulations of Georgia State, and the laws and procedures of the United States. Georgia State will assume no responsibility for a student's conduct or lack of compliance with any of the U.S. laws. Furthermore, Georgia State reserves the right to require a student to withdraw from the program at any time if the student's academic performance or personal misconduct warrants such action, provided, however, that Georgia State will, absent extenuating circumstances, attempt to consult with HMC before implementing such action. The dismissal of a student shall not abrogate this Agreement, or the arrangements regarding other students.

6. Faculty Mentoring Program

To support this program, identified faculty from HMC may attend Georgia State on paid sponsorship as short-term scholars under its Faculty Mentoring Program. This will allow HMC faculty to be paired with Georgia State faculty to facilitate professional development and training activities. HMC faculty may be paired with their Georgia State counterparts to engage in activities that include developing and revising curriculum, co-teaching, classroom observation, language enhancement and pedagogy (if desired), and cross-cultural activities. Negotiation for this program may be initiated under a separate agreement by contacting partnerships@gsu.edu.

7. Research

Upon the approval of Georgia State University, select HMC faculty can serve on thesis or non-thesis committees of students from HMC. Georgia State University faculty will serve as committee chairs. The Committees determine the location of thesis research, including Hangzhou and Georgia State University campus.

To the extent allowable by law, the parties may engage in joint research, conference participation, publication of research results and other research-related activity. The parties understand and agree that national laws regulating the export of technologies may prohibit participation by visiting students, faculty, and researchers on specific research projects in the host country. The parties

further understand and agree to secure all university and other required approvals prior to conducting research activities and to abide by all policies and procedures governing such activities.

If students participate in research funded by a third-party sponsor, the parties agree that such research activities will abide by the terms of the sponsorship agreement. If students receive third-party confidential information for research purposes that was provided under a written nondisclosure or confidential disclosure agreement, the parties agree that the students will be bound by the confidentiality and nondisclosure terms of such agreement. Students pledge to disclose any intellectual property developed as a result of joint research to both Georgia State and HMC unless such disclosure is unlawful under the laws of the United States and China. If valuable intellectual property is created as a result of joint research, ownership of such intellectual property shall be determined in accordance with the law of inventorship or authorship of the country in which the research occurred and Georgia State University's policies. The parties agree that Georgia State University will evaluate the intellectual property, in consultation with the other party, to determine whether formal patent, copyright, or other protection is desirable.

8. Equal Opportunity

Both parties to this Agreement subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity, and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin, or disability.

9. Modification, Termination, Renewal of Agreement

This Agreement may be modified, revised, or renewed but only upon the mutual consent of the parties in writing. Either party may terminate this Agreement by written notice submitted at least 90 days in advance of the next academic semester. Termination will not affect approved students in the program. Unless renewed by mutual written consent, this Agreement will conclude at the end of the specified academic term or year (as defined in Section 2 above).

10. Primary Contacts / Program Directors

The Primary Contacts/ Program Directors will ensure that the terms of this Agreement are carried out. They will serve as the contact persons at each institution, ensure the general welfare of program participants, ensure that necessary approvals are in place, and have administrative oversight of the program.

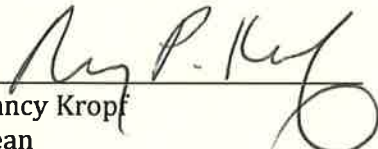
The primary contacts for the parties to this Agreement are the following:


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WHEREFORE the parties to this Agreement signify their acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein by signing in the spaces below.

**Board of Regents of the University
System of Georgia by and on behalf
of Georgia State University and its
Byrdine F. Lewis College of Nursing
and Health Professions**

Hangzhou Medical College

By: 
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