
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COLUMBIA, U.S.A.
AND
NANJING MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA

To promote educational excellence, academic ties and international cooperation, the University of South Carolina (USC), Columbia, U.S.A. and the Nanjing Medical University (NMU), Peoples Republic of China have agreed to establish academic and scholarly collaboration in areas of mutual interest. This agreement describes and defines specific activities between the Arnold School of Public Health (ASPH) at USC and the NMU to be initiated in 2019 or later.

1. General Principles

For purposes of this agreement, the degree programs proposed here will be referred to as dual degree programs. Under this agreement, the programs defined include two distinct degrees, an undergraduate degree given by NMU (BA in Health Administration) and a master's degree given by USC (either the HSPM MPH or the HSPM MHA). Each institution confers its own degree for work done to meet the graduation requirements for the specific degree of that institution. Each student must satisfy all the requirements to complete each of the degrees. Each institution will be the sole judge of whether a student has met the progression requirements for its degree. Each institution may change the requirements for its degree according to its own governance process and give notification to the partner institution and to students in the program. If a student does not meet the requirements for the award of one institution's degree, the other institution reserves the right to award its own degree to the student.

Students from China participating in USC degree programs will pay tuition and fees at the nonresident rate unless a student satisfies requirements to become eligible for resident tuition. In addition to tuition, students will pay regular fees assessed by the University, School, and Department. Information on current fees and tuition can be found at the website <https://sc.edu/bursar/fees.shtml> .

Students are responsible for the costs of travel, books and educational supplies, transportation, accommodation, living expenses and appropriate health insurance. Students are responsible for obtaining adequate health insurance for their entire studies, as required by USC.

2. THREE PLUS TWO PROGRAM FOR NMU STUDENTS

Undergraduate Health Management students at NMU may apply to either the MPH or the MHA

program offered by the Department of Health Services Policy and Management (HSPM), University of South Carolina. The NMU Health Management undergraduate students in their junior year will submit their application for non-degree undergraduate admission to the University in consultation with the Dean's office in NMU. These students would then be approved for the accelerated program to allow them to enroll in courses for graduate credit for a minimum of 18 hours in the MPH program, and for a minimum of 19 hours in the MHA program during the first year of residence in Columbia, SC. Simultaneously, these students would be enrolled in an NMU project course for which they would earn credit toward their undergraduate degree. None of the NMU courses will count as credit toward the USC Master's degree.

During their first year at USC students will complete the undergraduate thesis for the NMU bachelor's degree under the joint supervision of a faculty member from USC and a faculty member from NMU. After successfully completing the undergraduate thesis, NMU will award the students the bachelor's degree. During this first year at USC, NMU students will also take master's level classes and must submit an application for graduate program admission to the Graduate School of the University. NMU students must satisfy the progression requirements (overall GPA in 18 credit hours of USC courses taken in the first year not less than 3.25, and satisfactory scores on TOEFL or IELTS) to qualify for full, unconditional admission to the MPH or MHA program. NMU students unable to satisfy the stated progression standards will not be allowed to continue as graduate students at USC.

Admission requirements: For non-degree admission prior to completion of the NMU bachelor's degree, NMU students interested in participating in this program should have a cumulative GPA equivalent to a 3.5 on a 5.0 scale as documented on an official transcript, and demonstrate evidence of English proficiency either through submission of TOEFL (minimum 80) or IELTS (minimum 6.5) score or through telephone or skype interview with USC faculty members. For unconditional graduate program admission, NMU students must additionally submit (a) a personal statement of educational and career goals, (b) an official transcript documenting completion of the NMU bachelor's degree, and (c) arrange three letters of recommendation. Students interested in the 3+2 program should submit their application by February 28 (for an August start in the same calendar year).

Curriculum: The credit hour requirements of the MPH degree program in HSPM Department is 45; the MHA program requires 58 credit hours including the supervised residencies to be completed in China.

After the completion of course work and any other degree requirements, students will be awarded the master's degree from USC. Therefore, within the five-year time frame, students should be able to complete their baccalaureate program from NMU as well as the MPH from

USC. The MHA program will require an additional six months for a total of 2.5 years at USC.

3. FACULTY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

As part of faculty and scholar exchange between these two Universities, the University of South Carolina will welcome visiting faculty members from NMU on a regular basis. Visiting faculty appointment may be of duration varying from one month to one year depending upon individual faculty member's academic objectives and mutual interests of faculty members involved from both the institutions. Interested faculty members from NMU will contact HSPM department of the Arnold School of Public Health to initiate the visiting faculty appointments. As visiting faculty, NMU faculty members will have access to university libraries and other university facilities. USC will assist the visiting faculty members to access off-campus housing and other logistics.

Faculty members from USC also will be encouraged to visit and spend time on campus at NMU. Interested faculty members will initiate discussions with NMU to organize the visit. As visiting faculty, faculty members from USC will have access to NMU university libraries and other university facilities. The visiting faculty members are encouraged to get involved in teaching at NMU, such as giving an intensive workshop or offering an elective course (1-3 credits) at graduate or undergraduate levels during their stay. The visiting faculty position can be for a time period of two weeks to six months.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- This Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective upon approval and signature by both parties.
- Termination may occur by mutual agreement or at the request of one party with six months' written notice. If no activity or additional agreements as described herein materialize within five years, the agreement will be considered terminated.
- Some collaborative initiatives may require additional written agreements executed by signed mutual consent.
- This agreement is written only in English.
- The parties agree to consult periodically concerning the status of these mutually agreed-upon arrangements and other relevant matters.
- The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the USC accrediting body, requires inclusion of the following statement: "The University of South Carolina is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral degrees. Nanjing Medical University is not accredited by SACS Commission on Colleges and the accreditation of the University of South Carolina does not extend to or include Nanjing Medical University or its students. Further, although the

University of South Carolina agrees to accept certain course work from Nanjing Medical University to be applied toward an award from the University of South Carolina, that course work may not be accepted by other colleges or universities in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from the University of South Carolina. The decision to accept course work in transfer from any institution is made by the institution considering the acceptance of credits or course work.”

While no specific commitment is made by either party, we support and sign this Memorandum of Understanding in recognition of our mutual interests.

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