

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into on the date of the last signature below by and between Fort Hays State University, hereinafter referred to as the "Institution," and the undersigned Kansas community colleges, hereinafter referred to as the "Partners."

### **1. PURPOSE**

The FHSU Clinical/School Psychology Community College (CC) Pathways program aims to establish a cooperative relationship between FHSU and CC partners to create a pathway for students earning an associate degree with an emphasis in psychology at a Kansas community college to qualify for the bachelor's in psychology and the master's in clinical/school psychology programs at FHSU.

### **2. GUARANTEED ADMISSION**

**2.1.** Subject to the terms of this MOU, the Institution agrees to provide guaranteed admission to students who have successfully completed an associate degree with an emphasis in psychology from a Kansas community college, possess relevant applied experience, and meet all admission requirements.

**2.2.** The Partners agree to promote awareness of this program, identify and recommend eligible students for guaranteed admission to the BA/BS to MS program at the Institution, and facilitate the admission of such students as set forth herein or as otherwise reasonably requested by the Institution.

### **3. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**3.1.** Students enrolled at a Kansas Community College (CC) partner institution must apply for the pathway program by the third semester in the associate degree program and meet the standard admission requirements of the Institution's BA/BS program. To qualify for guaranteed acceptance to the MS in Clinical/School Psychology program, students must meet the following criteria:

- **3.1.a.** Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) at both the associate and bachelor's levels must be greater than or equal to 3.5.
  - Students who do not meet the cumulative GPA requirement of 3.5 or higher at both levels are still eligible to apply for the MS in Clinical/School Psychology program but are not guaranteed acceptance.
- **3.1.b.** Students must meet university requirements for any transfer credits.
- **3.1.c.** International students with an F1 or F2 visa are not eligible for the School Psychology program.

**3.2.** The Institution reserves the right to deny or revoke admission to any student who does not meet the applicable admission criteria or otherwise fails to comply with applicable university, departmental, or program-specific policies and procedures. The Institution reserves the right to limit the total number of applicants or admissions through the guaranteed admission pathway based on Institution or program capacity.

#### **4. APPLICATION PROCESS**

**4.1.** The Partners will inform eligible students of the pathway program and assist them in applying for the program by the third semester in the associate degree program.

**4.2.** The Institution will give priority consideration to applicants recommended by the Partners pursuant to this MOU.

#### **5. SUPPORT SERVICES**

**5.1.** The Institution intends to provide its standard support services to admitted students to facilitate their successful transition into the BA/BS then MS program.

**5.2.** The Partners may collaborate with the Institution to offer additional support services, such as academic advising, mentoring, or professional development opportunities, to enhance the success of admitted students.

#### **6. DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

This MOU shall commence on the effective date and remain in effect until terminated by any party hereto, with or without cause, with a written notice of ninety (90) days. Such termination shall be without penalty or expense to any party, and any termination by less than all of the Partners shall be effective only with respect to the terminating Partner(s) and the Institution.

#### **7. AMENDMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS**

This MOU may be amended by mutual written agreement of the parties and shall be modified as needed for any changes regarding relevant degree plans or academic/admission requirements.

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as restricting the Institution from enforcing all applicable policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and requirements, whether related to student admissions, academics, fiscal issues, conduct, or other matters.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the date first above written.

Fort Hays State University

By: Tisa Mason  
Tisa Mason, President

Date: 1/16/25

Partner Institution: **Allen CC**

By: John A. Masterson

Name: Interim President  
Allen Community College

Partner Institution: **Coffeyville CC**

By: MARLON THORNBERG

Name: PRESIDENT

Title: 1/16/25

Partner Institution: **Barton CC**

By: Marcus Garstecki

Name: MARCUS GARSTECKI

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By: Jacqueline A. Vietti

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