

Memorandum of Cooperation

**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION
AGREEMENT**

Between

COHEHRE

**'Consortium of Institutes of Higher Education in Health and
Rehabilitation in Europe'**

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and

NACNAH

**'Networking the Americas Consortium of Nursing and Allied Health
for International Cooperation'**

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This **INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT** “the Agreement” provides a mechanism for collaborative activities in health, social care and related education and research between:

- [1] **COEHRE** and
- [2] **NACNAH**

for the purpose of developing and drawing upon the strengths of the two organisations for the benefit of both as well as their respective communities and nations.

The core purpose of the cooperation is to Facilitate, enable, encourage.

1. Faculty Exchange

- 1.1 Faculty of each member institution may be exchanged for collaboration in research and education and service at under-graduate, graduate and post-graduate levels following agreement in advance after proper consultation.
- 1.2 Subject to the conditions set out in clause 5, faculty may observe clinical and/or community health, social care or other activities related to their field of research or study.
- 1.3 Appointments, titles, and qualifications, if any, will be negotiated in advance, after appropriate consultation.
- 1.4 Unless otherwise agreed by the organisation, faculty members will continue to be paid their regular salary and any additional allowances by the sending Institution, or otherwise by arrangement between the faculty member and the sending Institution. The member institute or individual is responsible for health & travel insurance.

2. Student Exchange

- 2.1 Student at under-graduate, graduate, post-graduate levels of education provided by the Institutions belonging to the organisation may be exchanged following agreement in advance after proper consultation.
- 2.2 Student exchange for the purpose of clinical practice/placement can only be organised in bilateral agreements by individual member institutions.
- 2.3 Students may or may not be exchanged for the purpose of clinical practice placement experience. (Individual member institutions need to agree to this.)
- 2.4 Subject to the conditions set out in clause 5, students may observe clinical and/or community health, social care or other activities related to their field of research or study.

NB Faculty and students must be registered with their home institution.

NB Such activity will be cost neutral to COEHRE and NACNAH

3. Literature, Information and Learning Resources - development

- 3.1 The associates will use their best endeavours to:
 - a keep the other informed with respect to literature, research, learning resources, and conferences in areas of specified and common interest;
 - b provide the other with information on available research projects, mentors, contact persons and courses offered within the exchange programme
- 3.2 Both organisations will cooperate through web-site development in order to achieve the above.

- a The web-masters of both associations will encourage member institutions to draw a profile of themselves and post it on the web.
- b The profile will identify opportunities for exchange and mutual interest.
- c Institutions interested in exchange with USA institutions will state clearly what their criteria and interest are and post welcome letters to encourage cooperation and development.

NB: Thereby a profile of interests will be assembled.

- 3.3 The two associations will work together to draw-up a work plan of activities. The work plan could feature conferencing and other events aimed at encouraging knowledge and learning exchange in the field of teaching and learning for health professionals.
- 3.4 The association will seek sponsorship and patronage for its activities together.
- 3.5 The two associations will act as facilitators for the member institutions to enable resource exchange and development eg clearing house for exchange.
- 3.6 The respective web-masters and President will communicate regularly with each other in order to stimulate and develop the cooperation between the associations.

4 Costs

- 4.1 The costs of faculty and student exchange are the responsibility of the participants and the sending Institution as members of the organisations unless otherwise negotiated and agreed in advance by both associations. These costs may include but without being limited to travel expenses, accommodation and any other living expenses.

5 Liability, Indemnity and Insurance

- 5.1 The alliance and the two associations are not responsible for any liability, indemnity or insurance requirement or insurance requirement with regard to student and faculty exchange activities.

6 Accommodation

- 6.1 The receiving association will be responsible for assisting visiting council members from the two associations to find appropriate low-cost accommodation, as well as providing any advice necessary in securing such accommodation if the two councils decide to meet.
- 6.2 The cost of such accommodation will be the responsibility of the visiting faculty and students unless otherwise agreed in advance by both associations.

7 Implementation

- 7.1 Either association may initiate proposals for activities under this Agreement.
- 7.2 Each organisation will:
 - a appoint a coordinator with responsibility for liaison between the two organisations and other appropriate contact persons for the development and management of activities, and their names and contact information will be set out and exchanged from time to time.
 - b Project development will be open to members from both associations.
 - c members of both associations will pay members fees for access to various events and activities

d Both executive councils will promote cross Atlantic cooperation and development.

8 Duration

- 8.1 Following ratification by all signatories the Agreement will come into effect from for an initial period of four (4) years.
- 8.2 Unless otherwise agreed by both organisation, the Agreement will be automatically renewed on the first anniversary and each subsequent anniversary for four(4) further years at a time.
- 8.3 The Agreement may be cancelled by mutual agreement at any time.
- 8.4 The Agreement may be cancelled by one organisation giving written notice to the other Institution at any time, in which event the Agreement will expire on expiration of the appropriate two-year term determined by clauses 8.1 and 8.2 above.

9 Signatories

For and on behalf of
NACNAH

For and on behalf of
COHEHRE

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