



## NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

### STUDENT TEACHING AND PRACTICUM AGREEMENT

This agreement, effective on June 14, 2018, made by and between National University, a California non-profit public benefit corporation (the "University") and Imperial Unified a public entity (the "District"), with reference to the following facts:

#### **ARTICLE 1** **RECITALS**

1.1 Section 35160 of the California Education Code provides that the governing board of any school district may initiate and carry on any program or activity, or may otherwise act in any manner which is not in conflict with, or inconsistent with, or pre-empted by, any law and which is not in conflict with the purposes for which school districts are established.

1.2 An agreement by a school district to provide student teaching or practicum experience to students enrolled in an education credential program offered by an institution of higher education approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (the "Commission") is not inconsistent with the purposes for which schools districts are established.

1.3 The University is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and its education credential programs have been approved by the Commission.

1.4 The University desires that the District provide student teaching to students enrolled in the University's teacher training curricula and/or practicum experience to students enrolled in the University's student counseling and other credential curricula. The District agrees to provide such student teaching and/or practicum experience on the terms and conditions specified in this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLES 2** **DEFINITIONS**

2.1 "Student" shall refer to a student enrolled in a program at the University which is approved by the commission and which leads to an education credential

2.2 "Master Teacher" shall refer to an employee of the District holding a valid, clear teaching credential issued by the Commission typically with three or more years teaching experience.

2.3 "Student Teaching" shall refer to the active participation by a Student in the duties and functions of classroom teaching under the direct supervision and instruction of one or more Master Teachers.

2.4 "Student Teaching Assignment" shall typically refer to a full day of Student Teaching, five days a week for 12 to 18 weeks, dependent upon program. Student Teaching Assignments shall satisfy all requirements of the Commission.

2.5 "Practicum Supervisor" shall refer to an employee of the District holding a valid Pupil Personnel Services or other credential issued by the Commission or equivalent certification recognized by the District typically with three or more years experience as a school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, or other education specialist.

2.6 "Practicum" shall refer to the participation by a Student in the duties and functions of a school counselor, school psychologist, school social worker, or school attendance worker under the direct supervision and instruction of one or more Practicum Supervisors.

2.7 "Practicum Assignment" shall consist of between 90 and 600 hours of Practicum depending upon the specific program requirements.

2.8 "Quarter Unit" shall refer to the amount of academic credit earned by a Student through the successful completion as determined by the University of approximately 25 hours of Student Teaching or between 20 to 40 hours of Practicum.

2.9 School Site-employed supervisors must complete an orientation to the program's expectations to be knowledgeable regarding program curriculum and assessments, including the TPEs and the California Teaching Performance Assessment (CAL TPA). School Site employed supervisors are required to complete a minimum of 10 hours of initial orientation provided through National University on the program curriculum, effective supervision approaches such as cognitive coaching, adult learning theory, and current content-specific pedagogy and instructional practices, program curriculum and assessments, including the TPEs and the CAL TPA.

2.10 School Site with Student Teachers must have a fully qualified administrator.

2.11 University may request use of video capture for candidate reflection and CAL TPA completion to reflect to the extent possible Student Teacher's knowledge, skills, and abilities to instruct TK-12 students while meeting state-adopted academic standards for their program. School Site shall inform Credential Student Teachers of video recording policies in place for the CAL TPA task video capture requirement.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

3.1 Student Teaching or Practicum. The District shall provide University students with Student Teaching and/or Practicum in schools and classes of the District under the direct supervision and instruction of a Master Teacher or Practicum Supervisor. The University and the District from time to time shall agree as to the number of students assigned to the District for Student Teaching and/or Practicum.

3.2 District Determination. The District at their sole discretion may refuse to accept, or may terminate, any Student assigned to the District for Student Teaching or Practicum based upon its good faith determination that the Student is not performing to the standards of the District. Upon written notification by the District, the University shall promptly terminate the Student's assignment to the District.

3.3 University Determination. The University shall determine the number of units of

Student Teaching or Practicum each Student shall receive. Students shall be able to be eligible for more than one Student Teaching Assignment and/or Practicum Assignment at the District.

3.4 District Reimbursement. University shall reimburse the District for supervision of Student Teaching or Practicum at the completion of each semester or quarter, based on the number of units earned by the student teacher or by a predetermined amount. The university determines the rate, as set forth in "Exhibit A". The University will make such payment directly to the District. District acknowledges University Payment to Master Teachers depends on the length of supervision where long and/or short assignments are assessed on a pro-rated basis, as set forth in "Exhibit A". District shall submit an invoice based on generated report received from the University Honorarium Specialist. Stipend paid to Master Teachers is based on the amount set forth in "Exhibit A" for supervision of University Student Teachers. The total stipend amount for supervision per student shall not exceed six hundred (\$600). Upon receipt of invoice correlating to the University's Honorarium Specialist report, University shall pay the District at earliest convenience following the date the District's invoice is received.

3.5 Insurance. The District will obtain and maintain a broad form commercial general liability insurance policy with coverage of at least \$1,000,000 (one million) for each occurrence and \$2,000,000 (two million) in the aggregate, with no exclusion for molestation or abuse. The District will provide the University with proof of such insurance upon execution of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, each of the District and the University will provide workers' compensation insurance coverage for their own employees, and Students are not employees of either the District or the University.

University agrees to maintain at least \$1,000,000 (one million) per occurrence and \$2,000,000 (two million) in General Aggregate Liability Insurance coverage, with no exclusion for molestation or abuse. University agrees to provide District with a Certificate of Insurance including an Endorsement/Additional Covered Party Amendatory Endorsement/Additional Insured naming Imperial Unified as an additional insured party in conjunction with this Student Teaching and Practicum Agreement.

University agrees that all Students are not employees of the District and are not entitled to benefits of any kind or nature normally provided employees of the District and/or to which employees are normally entitled, including but not limited to, State Unemployment Compensation or Workers' Compensation. Students' primary coverage for Student injuries shall be Students' personal medical insurance.

3.6 Termination of Assignment. In the event a Student Teaching Assignment or Practicum Assignment is terminated before it is completed, the District shall receive reimbursement of costs at the rate provided in Article 3.4 pro-rated to the nearest completed Quarter Unit.

3.7 Representations. The University represents that all Students assigned to the District for Student Teaching or Practicum are validly enrolled in a University credential program approved by the Commission. The University makes no other representation, express or implied, about, or assumes any responsibility for, the Student's fitness or qualification to participate in the Student Teaching or Practicum. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a delegation by the District to the University of any of the District's duties and responsibilities for operation or supervision of the schools or classes of the District.

3.8 Certificate of Clearance. In accordance with California Education Code Section 44320, each credential candidate prior to assignment to District must obtain at their sole expense a “Certificate of Clearance,” which includes a complete Live Scan Service. The University will ensure that student’s receive a Certificate prior to beginning their assignment in the district or hold a valid document issued by the CTC accounting for fingerprint clearance.

3.9 Tuberculosis Clearance. In accordance with California Education Code Section 49406, each credential candidate prior to assignment to District must obtain at the candidate’s sole expense an examination by a licensed physician or surgeon within the past 60 days to determine that he or she is free of active tuberculosis, prior to beginning the candidate’s assignment in the District.

3.10 Video Assessment. District and University agree the use of video recording equipment on any District property, including but not limited to, District classrooms, is solely for the purpose of assessing student teachers as part of the credentialing process. The District shall provide University Site Support Providers with any or all applicable rules, regulations, and instructions relating to the assessment of student teachers. The University and District agree no video recording of any student teacher will occur without prior written notification of the name of the student teacher as well as date, time, and location of the video recording to the principal of the school where the video recording is to take place. Principal of the school within the District shall provide written approval of said recording; subject to the parent/guardian authorizations set forth in section 3.12 of this agreement.

3.11 Control, Supervision, Evaluation of Video Recording. The control, supervision, evaluation, and/or direction of all student teachers and any other University personnel in connection with the assessment of the student teachers, including, but not limited to, all classroom video recording of the student teachers, shall be at the University’s sole discretion.

The University and District agree no video recording of any District student shall be permitted to occur without the express written approval and authorization from the students’ parent/guardian.

3.12 Confidentiality of Student Records. For purposes of this Agreement and any University Program Agreement, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), University designates District and its Facilities/Educational Sites as having a legitimate educational interest in the educational records of any student who participates in the Student Teaching and Practicum experience to the extent that access to the records is required by District programs or facilities to which the student is assigned to carry out the relevant educational experience. District and its organizational components (i.e., programs) agree to maintain the confidentiality of each Student’s educational record in accordance with the provisions of FERPA.

3.13 Confidentiality of District Pupil Records. No Student will have access to or have the right to receive any District pupil records, except to the extent necessary in the regular course of assisting in providing services to pupils as part of the Student Teaching or Practicum experience. The discussion, transmission, or narration in any form by Students of any individually identifiable pupil information, educational, medical or otherwise, which is obtained in the course of the Student Teaching or Practicum experience, is forbidden except as a necessary part of the practical experience. To the extent a Student is given

access, they are subject to the privacy regulations outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 C.F.R. Part 99, as amended ("FERPA"). Otherwise, Students shall use de-identified information only (and not personally identifiable pupil information) in any discussions about the Student Teaching or Practicum experience with University, its employees, agents or others.

3.14 Publicity. Neither University nor District shall cause to be published or disseminated any advertising materials, either printed or electronically transmitted, which identifies the other party or its facilities with respect to this Agreement, without the prior written consent of the other party. In addition, neither party may use the names, logos, or trademarks of the other party without its prior written consent.

#### **ARTICLE 4** **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

4.1 Term. This Agreement shall commence as of the date hereof and shall continue until such time as either party gives the other party 30 days' written notice of its intent to terminate the Agreement. The termination of the Agreement shall be effective upon the date specified in such written notice. Provided, however, all Students receiving Student Teaching or Practicum from the District as of the date of such notice shall be permitted to complete their Student Teaching Assignment or Practicum Assignment so long as said student is not the cause of the termination of the agreement.

4.2 Attorney's Fees. In the event any party hereto commences litigation for the interpretation, specific performance, or damages for the breach of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to a judgment or award against the other in an amount equal to reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred, together with all other appropriate legal or equitable relief.

4.3 Notices. All notices, demands, or other communications given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given as of the second business day after mailing by United States mail, postage pre-paid addressed to the addresses on page four hereof, or to such other address or to such other person as any party hereto shall designate to the other for such purposes in the manner hereinabove set forth. Personal delivery of such notice, demand, or communication may also be made to the above-described addressees and shall be deemed given as of the date of such delivery.

4.4 Integration Clause. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties relating to the transactions contemplated hereby and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, representations, and statements, whether oral or written, are merged herein. No modification, waiver, amendment, discharge, or change to the Agreement shall be valid unless the same is in writing and signed by the party against which the enforcement of such modification, waiver, amendment, discharge, or change is or may be sought.

4.5 General Provisions. This Agreement (i) shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit and be enforceable by the parties hereto and their respective legal representatives, successors, or assigns, (ii) may be executed in any number of counter-parts, each of which may be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument, (iii) shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and (iv) has been executed at San Diego, California as of the last date set forth below.

4.6 Mutual Indemnification. University shall defend, indemnify and hold District, its Board, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers harmless from and against any and all liability, loss, expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) or claims for injury or damages arising out of the performance of this Agreement but only in proportion to and to the extent such liability, loss, expense, attorneys' fees, or claims for injury or damages are caused by or result from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of University its Board, officers, agents, or students.

District shall defend, indemnify and hold University, its Board, its officers, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all liability, loss, expense (including reasonable attorney's fees) or claims for injury or damages arising out of the performance of this Agreement but only in proportion to and to the extent such liability, loss, expense, attorneys' fees, or claims for injury or damages are caused by or result from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of District, its Board, officers, agents, employees or volunteers.

4.7 Arbitration. In the event of any dispute, claim, question, or disagreement arising from or relating to this agreement or the breach thereof, the parties hereto shall use their best efforts to settle the dispute, claim, question, or disagreement. To this effect, they shall consult and negotiate with each other in good faith and, recognizing their mutual interests, attempt to reach a just and equitable solution satisfactory to both parties. If they do not reach such solution within a period of 60 days, then, upon notice by either party to the other, all disputes, claims, questions, or differences shall be finally settled by arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with the provisions of its Commercial Arbitration Rules.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, a California  
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**Imperial Unified**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Dave C. Lawrence  
Vice Chancellor, Finance

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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School of Education  
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By \_\_\_\_\_  
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Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## EXHIBIT A

### Student Teaching & Practicum Programs

**District and University** wish to partner to support the following Student Teaching & Practicum Programs:

Teacher Education Credential  
 Special Education Credential  
 Preliminary Administrative Services Credential  
 Pupil Personnel Services Credential – School of Counseling  
 Pupil Personnel Services Credential – School of Psychology

### Honorariums:

University shall reimburse District a predetermined amount for supervision of each student teaching or practicum course. Rate is determined by periods supervised (Attachment A). Total stipend amount per student shall not exceed six hundred (\$600) dollars. District must submit an invoice based on generated report received from University Honorarium Specialist. Upon receipt of invoice, University shall pay District one month following invoice date.

Honorariums are based on amount of supervision. Student Teaching and Practicum courses each carry a stipend amount of \$300 per course. A maximum of \$600 can be earned for each student. See breakdown below:

Traditional Setting			Block Setting		
One Period	25%	$\$300 \times .25 = \$75$	One Period	33%	$\$300 \times .33 = \$99$ rounded to \$100
Two Periods	50%	$\$300 \times .50 = \$150$	Two Periods	66%	$\$300 \times .66 = \$198$ rounded to \$200
Three Periods	75%	$\$300 \times .75 = \$225$	Three Periods	100%	3 periods = \$300
Four or More Periods	100%	4 periods or more = \$300	*****	*****	*****

Honorariums for Practicum courses of Educational Counseling and School Psychology programs are \$150.00 each. See breakdown below:

Traditional Setting			Block Setting		
One Period	25%	\$37.50	One period	33%	\$50.00
Two Periods	50%	\$75.00	Two Periods	66%	\$100.00
Three Periods	75%	\$112.50	Three Periods	100%	\$150.00
Four Periods	100%	\$150.00	*****	*****	*****