



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

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DATE: 4/15/2025

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF AN EDUCATION AFFILIATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN TARRANT COUNTY AND UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS
DENTON COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT
OF REHABILITATION AND HEALTH SERVICES**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider an Education Affiliation Agreement between Tarrant County and the University of North Texas (UNT) Denton College of Health and Public Service Department of Rehabilitation and Health Services (RHS) .

BACKGROUND

UNT Denton, through its Public Service Department of Rehabilitation and Health Services program, offers courses of study for different health services programs. A critical component of the program is providing health services students with an opportunity to directly apply knowledge and skills gained in the classroom in a clinical setting.

TCPH and UNT Denton RHS share a mutual interest in providing health services students with clinical care experience and conducting educational activities through observation and supervised training, all of which are essential to the student's achievement of academic and professional goals. In addition, students are exposed to the impact that public health has on the community.

The agreement presented for consideration sets forth the terms for this partnership, and if approved, TCPH and UNT Denton RHS will begin educational collaboration to provide UNT Denton RHS students with the experience outlined above for the term beginning April 2, 2025 and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party with three months notice.

The Criminal District Attorney's Office has reviewed this document as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact with this item.

SUBMITTED BY	Public Health	PREPARED BY:	Gary Collins
		APPROVED BY:	Amanda Campbell

PUBLIC HEALTH-LEARNING EXPERIENCES AGREEMENT

The following represents guidelines for an agreement between the **UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS- DENTON, TEXAS**, on behalf of its **COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND PUBLIC SERVICE: DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION & HEALTH SERVICES**, (hereinafter referred to as “**RHS**”), and **TARRANT COUNTY**, on behalf of **TARRANT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH (TCPH)** (hereinafter referred to as “**FACILITY**”)

PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

This agreement sets forth the terms under which Facility will provide RHS faculty, staff, and program participants access to its facilities consistent with the purpose of this Agreement. This Agreement also established the manner in which RHS will access the Facility so that the wellbeing of the Facility, its staff and patients and population served will not be jeopardized.

A. TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

1. This agreement is effective and fully executed when signed by the last party with signatory authority to execute the agreement. This agreement shall remain in effect until terminated by either party as provided in this agreement.
2. This agreement may be revised or modified by written amendment when both parties agree to such amendment.
3. If either party wished to terminate this agreement, it is understood that written notice of at least three (3) months will be given to the other party, and any student currently participating in internship at the site will be allowed to finish their internship.

B. Responsibilities of RHS:

1. To establish and maintain on-going communication with the Primary Preceptor of Facility on items pertinent to the RHS program, (such communication may include, but not be limited to a description of the curriculum, unit activities, policies, evaluation strategies and major changes in this information). Meetings with the Primary Preceptor may be arranged on an as-needed basis.
2. A specific faculty member at RHS will be appointed to serve as liaison for the internship experience each semester and will be available for conferences and consultation as needed during the internship.
3. RHS will enforce any rules governing program participants that are mutually agreed upon by RHS and the Facility.
4. UNT shall ensure that program participants and employees involved in this affiliation are covered by a commercial policy of professional and general liability insurance with professional liability limits of no less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$3,000,000 in the aggregate and general liability limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 in the aggregate. Upon request, RHS can provide copies of certificates of insurance.

C. Responsibilities of the Facility:

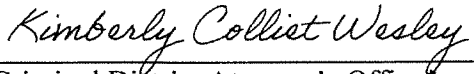
1. To advise the University of any changes in its personnel, operation, or policies which may affect internship.
2. To provide the program participants with a copy of the Facility existing pertinent rules and regulations which the participant is expected to comply.

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O'Hare
County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Criminal District Attorney's Office*

*By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead, those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.