



George
Williams
College
of Aurora University



Gateway Technical College and George Williams College of Aurora University

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Human Services to Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

This Agreement is made and entered into on the signing date, by and between Aurora University and Gateway Technical College.

NOW, THEREFORE, Gateway Technical College (Gateway) and Aurora University (AU) agree as follows:

The Social Work Partnership Agreement is a unique partnership that provides an efficient pathway for students, who have been admitted to Gateway's AAS in Human Services program, to pursue direct admission into AU's Bachelor of Social Work program. Students have the opportunity to complete the AAS in Human Services and prerequisites for the BSW program by completing 66 credits of coursework at Gateway and then move seamlessly into AU's BSW program. This pathway initiative is identified as the **Social Work Partnership Program** in this document.

1. To qualify for and to continue participation in the social work partnership, students must:
 - a. Be admitted to and working toward the AAS in Human Services degree at Gateway
 - b. Complete the application to the **Social Work Partnership Program**
 - c. Earn prerequisite course grades as defined in the Aurora University BSW admission requirements, D grade not accepted
 - d. Possess a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale at Gateway
 - e. Participate in an Early Entrance Admissions Interview with Aurora University BSW program faculty member

2. Aurora University will notify students who are admitted to the **Social Work Partnership Program** and communicate with them on a regular basis of their responsibility for meeting the following requirements in order to be recommended for admission into the BSW completion program:
 - a. Complete the AAS in Human Services and all required prerequisite courses at Gateway and meet all minimum grade requirements
 - b. Meet all AU BSW minimum admission requirements
 - c. Complete all remaining admission requirements, including the successful outcome of a criminal background check. Students will be responsible for funds used to pay for the criminal background check.

- d. Complete the application for admission to the BSW program at George Williams College of Aurora University.
3. Students in the **Social Work Partnership Program** will be invited to participate in social work program events while enrolled at Gateway.
4. Upon successful completion of AU's BSW program, students in the **Social Work Partnership Program** will be invited to continue their education in the AU Master of Social Work (MSW) program as an "advanced standing" student. Therefore, while this agreement focuses on providing a pathway to the BSW for those working toward the AAS in Human Services at Gateway, students will have the opportunity to pursue the MSW at AU as long as MSW admission requirements are met.
5. Students may voluntarily withdraw from the **Social Work Partnership Program** with AU at any time.
6. AU and Gateway will share data to measure effectiveness in achieving the goal of increasing the number of students who complete their AAS and BSW degrees. AU will be responsible for requesting signed release forms, allowing Gateway and AU to share data. Data will also help inform preparedness for employment and acceptance to graduate studies.
7. AU and Gateway will collaborate in designing marketing materials to support the **Social Work Partnership Program**.
8. AU and Gateway will maintain regular communication once students begin their BSW education. In particular, AU will:
 - a. Provide aggregate performance data on foundation courses
 - b. Meet with Gateway officials annually to review the program results and discuss future participation in the **Social Work Partnership Program**
9. Students in the **Social Work Partnership Program** will work with staff in AU's social work program to finalize admission to the AU BSW program.
10. Students must adhere to each institution's standard policies and procedures, including, but not limited to, those dealing with admission, enrollment in courses, transfer credits, financial aid, student accounts, student conduct and discipline, the NASW Code of Ethics, academic probation, dismissal, and re-entry.
11. Each institution warrants that it shall not discriminate against any applicant or participant on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, or physical ability.
12. Both parties agree that failure to maintain regional accreditation will be grounds for termination of the agreement. Failure to maintain accreditation required by the specific academic program(s) referenced in this agreement will be grounds for exclusion of that program from the agreement.

13. Agreement shall begin on the date of the signing of the agreement and will be reviewed annually. It shall automatically renew until either party terminates the Agreement by providing at least one hundred eighty (180) days written notice to the other party.


The Agreement may also be cancelled at any time by mutual agreement of the parties. In the event of termination, no additional students will be admitted to the **Social Work Partnership Program**. In the event of termination, any students already participating in the **Social Work Partnership Program** will continue with the privileges specified under this Agreement as long as they continue to meet all program requirements.

14. Both parties agree that failure to maintain regional accreditation and social work program accreditation will be grounds for termination of the agreement as described in paragraph 13.
15. Gateway agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold AU, its affiliates, trustees, directors, officers, faculty, employees, and agents, past or present, harmless from and against all claims, causes of action, fees, liabilities, damages, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) and costs relating to or arising from or based upon the negligent or willful acts or omissions of Gateway, its employees or its agents.
16. AU agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold Gateway, its affiliates, trustees, directors, officers, faculty, employees, and agents, past or present, harmless from and against all claims, causes of action, fees, liabilities, damages, expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) and costs relating to or arising from or based upon the negligent or willful acts or omissions of AU, its employees or its agents.
17. In the performance of this Agreement, AU and Gateway are at all times acting as independent contractors and neither of them nor their respective employees shall claim to be employees, partners, joint ventures, or agents of the other.
18. This Agreement is intended to be non-exclusive. It shall not prevent either party from entering into similar agreements with other institutions.
19. This agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by law, including the laws of the State of Illinois and State of Wisconsin. If any portion of this agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
20. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes social work partnership agreements, understandings, covenants, representations or warranties, oral or written, not incorporated herein. It may not be modified, amended, supplemented, or otherwise changed, except by a writing signed by both parties

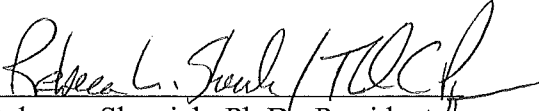
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Aurora University and Gateway Technical College have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written below.

GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

AURORA UNIVERSITY



Bryan Albrecht, Ed.D., President,



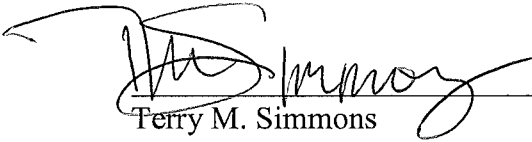
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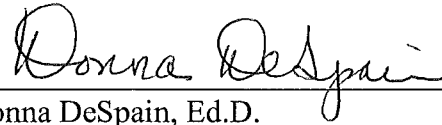
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Terry M. Simmons
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Donna DeSpain, Ed.D.
Senior Vice President for Enrollment

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