

## **AFFILIATION AGREEMENT**

This Agreement entered into this 2nd day of October, 2025 is by and between The Ohio State University, on behalf of its Department of Speech and Hearing Science (hereafter referred to as "OHIO STATE") and Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center (hereafter referred to as "FACILITY")

WHEREAS, FACILITY is a health institution interested in participating in research and education to supplement its Audiology program and believes its program will be enriched by affiliation with OHIO STATE; and

WHEREAS, OHIO STATE is responsible for the educational program of students in the Department of Speech and Hearing Science and desires to provide practicum experiences for graduate level student; and believes it can complement its own facilities and enrich its educational program through affiliation with the;

NOW THEREFORE, FACILITY and OHIO STATE agree to the following provisions:

1. OHIO STATE shall:
  - a. Be responsible for the educational program of students assigned to FACILITY and for the selection and assignment of students to be assigned to in accord with agreed-to schedules and work assignments.
  - b. Notify FACILITY of all OHIO STATE holidays and vacations and other periods during which there will be no students assigned to FACILITY.
  - c. Observe the autonomy of FACILITY as an independent institution.
  - d. Assure that the program mission for the student is the educational experience.
  - e. Ensure that the students assigned to FACILITY will have professional liability insurance coverage.
2. FACILITY shall:
  - a. Provide patients, the physical facilities, supplies, and the equipment which is mutually agreed to for the management of the clinical experience.
  - b. Promptly request OHIO STATE to withdraw a student from the experience assigned when his/her behavior is disruptive of detrimental to FACILITY and/or its patients.
  - c. Promptly complete forms requested by OHIO STATE, such as student evaluation reports, etc.
  - d. Only use information received from Ohio State regarding any student for purposes of performing its obligations under this Agreement and only in accordance with applicable provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") (20 U.S.C. 1232g). FACILITY shall not disclose or make such information available to any third party except as specifically permitted by FERPA.

- e. In the event any student requires emergency medical care in the course of the clinical experience or is exposed to blood or other fluids from a patient who is a carrier of a contagious or infectious disease or who is reasonably at risk of being a carrier of a contagious or infectious disease, FACILITY shall, with the consent of the student, administer immediate precautionary treatment consistent with current medical practice and make other emergency medical care available to the extent of its capabilities.
  - f. Maintain responsibility for the appropriate supervision of the professional, clinical, and administrative services related to patient care within FACILITY.
  - g. Provide necessary orientation as to all FACILITY policies and procedures relating to the conduct of the clinical experience.
  - h. Provide appropriate supervision based on the knowledge and skill of the student and the complexity of the patient population and in accordance with guidance from OHIO STATE.
3. STUDENT shall be informed by OHIO STATE that under the terms of this Agreement, he or she shall be responsible for:
- a. Providing his or her own transportation to and from FACILITY and assuming responsibility for all other personal expenses related to the clinical experience.
  - b. Wearing an identification badge which identifies the individual by name, and the fact that he or she is a student at OHIO STATE.
  - c. Complying with all applicable administrative and clinical rules, regulations and policies of FACILITY.
  - d. Keeping confidential any medical information entrusted to them by patients and following the provisions of the Federal Privacy Act.
  - e. Using the information gained from any conferences and discussions about or with patients only for the purpose of maintaining or administering better patient care.
4. MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES:
- a. Neither party shall unlawfully discriminate against any student in performing its obligations under this Agreement.
  - b. The number of students assigned will be subject to the availability of patients and enrollment levels at OHIO STATE.
  - c. Acceptable schedules and work assignments are to be developed that will not interfere with the primary mission of FACILITY.
  - d. An annual review of the program and related policies will be conducted and mutually agreed to by both parties.
5. GENERAL PROVISIONS:
- a. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party, one month in advance of the next training experience.

b. The relationship between the parties is that of independent contractors, and shall not be construed for any purpose to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship other than independent contractors.

c. This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist with regard to this relationship.

d. This Agreement is non-exclusive and both parties have the right to enter into similar agreements with other institutions.

e. This Agreement may not be assigned without the prior written consent of the other party.

f. It is understood and agreed that the parties hereto may review or modify this Agreement by written amendments whenever mutually agreed upon.

g. The term of the Agreement shall be three (3) years, and is renewable, unless terminated under 5(a) above.

d. The Liaison Representative for FACILITY shall be:

The Liaison Representative for OHIO STATE shall be:

e. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Any legal actions, claims, or demands shall be handled in a court of competent jurisdiction within the State of Ohio.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the duly authorized representative of the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first appearing above.

**FOR THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

**FOR THE FACILITY**

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Eric Bielefeld, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Speech and Hearing Science

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