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June 26, 2012

Dr. Randall J. Webb, President
Northwestern State University of Louisiana
ATTN: Department of Criminal Justice, History
And Social Sciences
NSU P.O. Box 5273
Natchitoches, LA 71497

Dear Dr. Webb:

The Bush School of Government and Public Service, a college within Texas A&M University, looks forward to collaborating with Northwestern State University of Louisiana (NSU) to enhance educational opportunities for students at both institutions. The program suggested by your Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences, will allow students to complete the Bush School Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security (CHLS) and transfer all credit hours to be applied to the NSU Master in Science degree in Homeland Security. The attached Appendix lists CHLS courses approved for transfer credit for partial fulfillment of degree requirements for the Master of Science Degree.

Both universities have full-time, tenure track faculty with advanced academic and field experience credentials. The Bush School also employs highly qualified online adjunct faculty to staff our certificates. Extensive support resources (i.e., library, online access, service courses, and adequate administrative – faculty – staff backup) are available at both institutions. And both institutions have excellent online instructional capabilities. NSU has the Master of Science Degree in Homeland Security available via the internet. The Bush School has the Graduate Certificate in Homeland Security available online. NSU has a partial tuition exemption for students employed full-time as public safety officers.


This partnership is mutually beneficial to both institutions for several reasons. Some Bush School CHLS students have indicated a desire to have the opportunity to complete a graduate degree after completing their certificate. This agreement will provide the opportunity for such students to continue their studies at NSU. The Bush School agrees to offer its regular inventory of CHLS courses each year during the spring, summer and fall semesters, contingent on sufficient enrollment. Sufficient enrollment for a single course is defined as 12 qualified students who have been accepted, admitted, and registered into the online CHLS program. Additionally, the Bush School agrees to provide credentialed and qualified faculty to teach each CHLS online course offered and jointly publicize and promote with its CHLS students the NSU master's program, encouraging CHLS students to apply.

It is our understanding that NSU agrees to accept into its MS in Homeland Security Bush School students who have completed the CHLS, provided the student meets the NSU minimum qualifications for admissions into its graduate program. Bush School students meeting the NSU admissions requirements will be required to submit an application for NSU admission.

This agreement will be effective on the date when you consent and return a signed copy of this letter to my office. Two copies have been provided. Please sign and date both copies, retaining one original for your records. It will remain open-ended until either party of this agreement notifies the other in writing of a request for cancellation. The initiating party's request for cancellation notice must be received one full academic semester prior to the start of the next academic term.

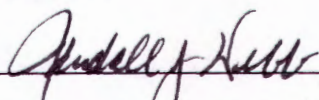
The Bush School looks forward to collaborating with the Northwestern State University of Louisiana to enhance educational opportunities in homeland security.

Sincerely,



Samuel A. Kirkpatrick
Executive Associate Dean

The Northwestern State University of Louisiana agrees with the terms of this understanding as indicated below:

Signed  Date 7/03/12
Name Randall J. Webb
Title President

xc: Danny W. Davis, Director, CHLS
Jenny Jopling, Director, Extended Education

**Letter of Agreement
between
Northwestern State University
and
The Bush School
Texas A & M University**

Appendix

TAMU COURSE	NSU COURSE
INTA 656	HS 5050 (Elective)
INTA 602	HS 5000
INTA 612	HS 5300
INTA 614	Elective
INTA 619	Elective
INTA 639	HS 5100
INTA 657	HS 5150
INTA 679	Elective
INTA 608	Elective
INTA 605	Elective
PSAA 607	HS 5200
PSAA 689	HS 5400 or HS 5550

- Courses highlighted will transfer directly to the corresponding NSU course.
- The Master of Science in Homeland Security has either 3 or 6 free electives depending on which option is chosen.