Scope of Work
Nova Southeastern University and
University of West Florida
Speech and Language Pathologist
Distance Learning Masters Programs

Below is a list of points to be discussed as part of a partnership agreement for a distance education graduate program to train speech-language pathologists between the University of West Florida (UWF), NOVA Southeastern University (NSU), and West Florida Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (WF-CSPD). The proposed distance education program would be offered to Bachelor’s level speech-language personnel working in the WF-CSPD region, the Panhandle of Florida. The program will be marketed as collaboration between UWF and NSU with students enrolling at NSU, all fees going to NSU, and the degree awarded by NSU.

The distance learning Masters speech and language program will be designed to meet the needs of speech language clinicians with a Bachelor’s degree in the Panhandle region. The first cohort group will begin fall semester August 2002 and will be completed August 2005. Students will be able to take two classes each semester completing Nova Southeastern University’s 52 credit program. With new cohort groups beginning each semester or year as new students are recruited.

Purpose of the Partnership

The purpose of this partnership is to develop a long-term solution to the demand for speech/language pathologist in the Panhandle region. The first stage of this proposal will be at a minimum a two-way audio and video connection to the Pensacola campus. The members of the partnership expect the program to expand to include distance learning labs to the Fort Walton Beach and Marianna centers.

Nova Southeastern University will be responsible for:

- Provide and pay instructors.
- Provide and pay for instructional materials other than textbooks.
- Will employ a facilitator who will work with UWF to facilitate classroom activities, assist with the marketing efforts, coordinate clinical site visits, and find clinical placements for students. This person will be an NSU employee,
- Will develop camera-ready promotional material for the program.
- Co-host an open house to recruit students into the program.
- Providing a video-bridge with multi-connect for multi-point conferences or rent the connection time (If wanting to provide access outside of Pensacola).
- NSU’s technology department will work with Dave Dawson at UWF on equipment compatibility.
• NSU will initiate calls to Pensacola for the classes and will pay phone costs.
• Students belonging to the UWF Pensacola Cohort group will be charged a tuition equivalent to the out-of-state graduate tuition costs charged by UWF (at this time $573 per credit hour.).
• NSU will consider delivering courses partially online depending on availability of off campus two-way audio and visual learning labs are available.
• NSU will work with the students in obtaining forgivable loans to off set tuition cost.
• Provide permission to use NSU logo on promotional materials.

**Nova Southeastern University will receive:**
• FTE associated with the students enrolled in the program.
• Fees earned through students enrolled in the courses.

**The University of West Florida will provide:**
• Use of the distance learning two-way audio and visual lab for one night a week from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Central time on the Pensacola Campus.
• UWF develop a plan in conjunction with Chipola Community College and The Fort Walton Beach Centers.
• Dave Dawson at UWF will work with NSU’s technology department on compatibility issues.
• Office space for one support person.
• Co-host an open house to recruit students into the program.
• Provide permission to use UWF logo on promotional materials.

**The WF-CSPD is offering the following to support this partnership:**
• WF-CSPD will assist in off setting tuition cost depending on grant funds availability up to 3 years.
• The WF-CSPD will develop the criteria for disbursement of funds.
• Funds related to tuition costs will be distributed directly to the student.
• Will assist in soliciting students for the program across the WF-CSPD region.
• Act as a liaison between the two Universities in program development.
• Will pay for printing cost and distribution of promotional materials (brochures) developed by NSU.
• Will assist in distribution of brochures to schools in the eight county region using the FDLRS network.
• Will assist in distributing public service announcements through the FDLRS network.

Projected Beginning Date: Fall 2002
Projected Ending Date: Summer 2005
Clauses to Proposal:

1. Future partnerships with NSU will need to be renegotiated.
2. Development of introductory survey courses could become part of the UWF curriculum for student enrolled at UWF but taught by NSU faculty. A revenue share for the faculty teaching costs will be renegotiated.