

# **ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

**Florida State University College of Medicine Sarasota Regional Campus and The Office of Undergraduate Advising and Outreach Programs Articulation Agreement between Florida State University College of Medicine Sarasota Regional Campus, Florida State University College of Medicine Undergraduate Advising and Outreach Programs, and Barancik Foundation in partnership with Sarasota County Schools.**

This agreement, when duly executed and approved by the Florida State University College of Medicine Sarasota Regional Campus (FSUCOM-SRC), Barancik Foundation (BF), and Sarasota County Schools (SCS) authorizes implementation of the SSTRIDE Program to students attending McIntosh Middle School and Sarasota High School in the Sarasota County School (SCS) district. The FSUCOM and SCS will share responsibility for the academic venture for a period of five years to be renewed contingent upon annual funding and annual satisfactory review of the program by BF, SCS and FSUCOM.

FSUCOM, SCS, and Barancik Foundation have a mutual goal of providing educational enrichment programs in science and math and therefore will provide hands-on learning opportunities, guest speakers, advance science course electives, course materials, program mentors and/or tutors, educational supplies, and middle and high school performance incentives directly relating to the SSTRIDE Program.

## **PURPOSE OF OUTREACH EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

The partnership between FSUCOM Sarasota Regional Campus SSTRIDE program, BF, and SCS is designed to address the problem of the shortage of minorities and rural students in science, healthcare and medicine and the underlying need of increasing student's critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and writing skills.

The SSTRIDE program will stimulate students' interest in science by providing students with hands-on activities and experiential projects, guest speakers, professional development, service learning, clinical shadowing experiences, educational trips, academic advising, and intervention and enrichment programs. In addition, SSTRIDE is designed to promote active learning and positive experiences to empower students, build self-confidence, and broaden horizons for rural and minority students who might not otherwise pursue a health-care career or medicine.

## **GOALS**

- 1) To increase the number of rural and minority students choosing science, math and medical careers by developing, coordinating, overseeing, and evaluating in-school, after-school, summer institute, and enrichment programs designed to encourage and stimulate interest and pursuit of medical and health careers.**
- 2) To foster high academic performance and achievement through an integrated curriculum, structured in-school elective class, after-school tutoring program, mentoring, professional development, and an innovative blend of hands-on and enrichment activities.**

- 3) To provide a mechanism for supporting and tracking student participants along the educational pathway to scientific or medical careers.
- 4) To create partnerships within the public school systems, community colleges, universities, hospitals, science centers, local health organizations, and other interested parties.

## **AGREEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **FSUCOM Sarasota Regional Campus and FSUCOM Office of Undergraduate Outreach and Advising (main campus) agrees to the following:**

- Conduct the SSTRIDE education program at McIntosh Middle and Sarasota High schools which consists of an elective science course in Grades 8 and 9 the first year, in Grades 8, 9, and 10 the second year, in Grades 8, 9, 10, and 11 the third year, in Grades 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 in the fourth year, and sustain the program in the fifth year as well as subsequent years as funding becomes available.
- Provide mentors in the classroom to serve as teaching assistants and after-school to serve as tutors.
- Oversee the supervision of the SSTRIDE Program and continuously provide assessments and program evaluation.
- Purchase classroom supplies and coordinate training in CPR and ACT Prep.
- Provide guest speakers relating to health science topics discussed in the classroom.
- Coordinate educational activities pertaining to curriculum or program enhancements.
- Provide mentorship from the FSUCOM Sarasota Regional Campus Medical Student body, and undergraduates from University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee, New College of Florida and Suncoast Technical College through the SSTRIDE Connection Program.
- Provide formative and summative evaluations via surveys and other assessment methods for all program components.
- Assure that all of its volunteers, employees, or agents who will be present on school grounds will be fingerprinted and have their backgrounds checked pursuant to Florida law. FSUCOM volunteers, employees, and agents will coordinate with SCS to arrange a mutually convenient time to accomplish the fingerprinting which will be paid for by SCS. SCS has the right to refuse entry onto its school grounds to any individual whose background check does not meet the requirements established by SCS pursuant to Florida law. Like other visitors to school grounds, FSUCOM volunteers, employees or agents will also be subject to RAPTOR screening on school campuses. Additionally, individuals must sign in and out of SCS's Volunteers Count! database each time they are on campus.

### **Sarasota County Schools agrees to the following:**

- Work collaboratively with the FSUCOM staff and their associated staff for the benefit of the students at McIntosh Middle and Sarasota High schools.
- Commence the offering of the SSTRIDE Program in cooperation with the FSUCOM.
- Provide classroom space for the SSTRIDE Program at McIntosh Middle and Sarasota High School for one class period each day and any after-school activities necessary to meet the goals and objectives of the program for the academic school year.
- Provide one SSTRIDE classroom teacher for Grades 8 and 9 the first year, in Grades 8, 9, and 10 the second year, in Grades 8, 9, 10, and 11 the third year, in Grades 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 in the fourth year, and for Grades 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 in the fifth year as well as for subsequent years as funding becomes available to teach the SSTRIDE curriculum at each of the hosting schools that will provide active hands-on learning, emphasize problem solving and critical thinking in math and the sciences.
- Provide arrangements for immediate emergency care in the event of a student's accidental injury or illness.
- Permit the FSUCOM Executive Director of Advising and Outreach, Project Director, and Sarasota County SSTRIDE Coordinator (to be hired), and associated staff (evaluation team) to visit SSTRIDE classes and activities for purposes of determining that the SSTRIDE Program's educational objectives for each student are being met.
- Assist the project director and SSTRIDE coordinator in addressing situations immediately in the event academic or behavioral problems arise related to a student participating in the SSTRIDE Program. In the event a resolution cannot be achieved, the FSUCOM Executive Director of Advising and Outreach, Project Director, and the Sarasota County SSTRIDE Coordinator reserves the right to reasonably deny the continuation of the student in the SSTRIDE Program whose academic performance and/or behavior is not in full accord with the program's standards.

### **TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

The Sarasota County Schools is the entity that will provide an educational setting in which students may participate in SSTRIDE Program activities.

The SSTRIDE outreach program will operate during regular school days for the entire academic year. The program will consist of pre-selected students. Periodic reviews of academic programs and policies will be conducted as necessary under the auspices of the Florida State University College of Medicine.

This is a non-exclusive Affiliation Agreement and therefore, the FSUCOM has the right to enter into agreements regarding similar pre-college educational programs with other counties within the South Florida region.

There will be no cost to SCS for FSUCOM providing services hereunder.

Any party to this Agreement may terminate it, without cause, by giving 180 days written notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, effective on the date of signature by all parties.

**FSU College of Medicine**

Dean of Sarasota Regional Campus

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Signature Date

Associate Dean of Graduate and Undergraduate Programs

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Signature Date

Executive Director of Undergraduate Outreach and Precollege Programs (SSTRIDE)

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Signature Date

Project Director for Collier-Sarasota

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Signature Date

**Sarasota County Schools**

School Board of Sarasota County, Florida

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Caroline Zucker, Date  
Chair

Approved for Legal Content,  
May 11, 2017, by Matthews Eastmoore,  
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of Sarasota County, Florida  
Signed: ASH