



GEORGIA REGENTS UNIVERSITY

AUGUSTA

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
& LANIER TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia  
on behalf of Georgia Regents University

Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

This is a Joint Institutional Agreement on the part of (on behalf of Georgia Regents University Lanier Technical College (LTC) to formally establish an educational partnership between the two institutions. This Agreement is made between Lanier Technical College and its associate degree Dental Hygiene program and GRU and its College of Allied Health Sciences baccalaureate degree completion Dental Hygiene program. In this Agreement, GRU and LTC are collectively referred to as the Parties.

(GRU)  
and  
LTC

The objectives of this Agreement are to facilitate access to a BS degree completion program in dental hygiene and increase the number of dental hygienists who are eligible for advanced careers in education, research, management, and public health. Purpose(s) of the Agreement are to:

- Create a seamless pipeline for AS prepared Dental Hygiene students through a BS degree completion program
- Facilitate the transfer of all viable college courses as required in the University System of Georgia Core Curriculum
- Facilitate the transfer of 30 credit hours of courses of the associate degree program into the BS degree in dental hygiene
- Establish communication network to oversee any collaborative efforts within the departments and offices of academic admissions/advising at each institution

The Agreement provides opportunities for qualified students to achieve the goal of earning both an AS and BS degree in a seamless coordinated curriculum. The parties will work to identify, recruit and select students who clearly demonstrate academic and personal competencies required to function as successful students and future health professionals.

The 60 hours of general education core curriculum and career degree program in dental hygiene are provided at LTC and students receive an Associate of Science degree upon completion. GRU awards 30 hours of professional credit towards the BS-DH degree from hours completed in the dental hygiene career degree program. Students complete an additional 30 hours of the online BS-DH curriculum for a total of 120 hours to receive a Bachelors of Science degree in Dental Hygiene.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Encourage students to consult with an academic counselor from both institutions as early as possible to plan course work that will best meet their individual educational goals.

2. Maintain regional accreditation standards (SACS) and professional organization accreditation regulations.
3. Unless otherwise provided by this Agreement, neither party will, without prior written consent of the other party, use in advertising, publicity, or otherwise, the name, trademark, logo, symbol, or other image of the other party or that party's employee or agent.
4. LTC students have executed an *Authorization for Release of Records and Information*.
5. An advisory group composed of Institution faculty and administrators will provide oversight for the collaborative program. The Advisory Committee consists of the following members:

**From Lanier Technical College:**

Dr. Linda Miller Barrow, Vice President of Academic Affairs  
David Byers, DMD, Dental Hygiene Department Chair  
Sue Cronin, Director of Admissions  
Sandi Baker - Registrar


**From Georgia Regents University:**


Douglas Keskula, PT, PhD, ATC, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
Ana Thompson, RDH, MHE, Dental Hygiene Department Interim Chair  
Katherine Sweeney, Director of Admissions  
Heather Metress, Registrar

6. The following individuals will respectively serve as the faculty/staff representative(s) for the Institution and the contact person:
  - A. **Program: Lanier Technical College**  
Dr. Linda Miller Barrow, Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Lanier Technical College  
2990 Landrum Education Drive  
Oakwood, Georgia 30566  
(770) 531-6331
  - B. **Program: Georgia Regents University**  
Douglas Keskula, PT, PhD, ATC, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
College of Allied Health Sciences  
EC-3423  
987 St. Sebastian Way  
Augusta, GA 30912  
(706) 721-2621
7. In the event that an Institution's contact person changes, the Institution hereby agrees to promptly notify the other party of such change.
8. This agreement shall not be interpreted to guarantee admission of LTC students into GRU. LTC students must apply for admission to GRU consistent with other applicants. Requirements for admission into the BS degree completion program at GRU include:

- A. Completion of the Associate degree in dental hygiene.
  - B. Completion of the core curriculum for a Bachelor of Science degree as stipulated by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.
  - C. An overall GPA of 2.5 of all course work as determined by the Office of Admissions at Georgia Regents University.
  - D. Recommendation by the Dental Hygiene faculty at Lanier Technical College.
9. This agreement is valid starting with the date of execution of both parties and remains in effect until terminated in writing by either institution. If the program is terminated, students already admitted to the program will be allowed to complete the program.


**Agreed to by Lanier Technical College by and on behalf of its members:**

 1-15-13  
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Signature Date  
Dr. Linda Miller Barrow  
Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Lanier Technical College

 1/15/13  
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Signature Date  
Mr. Russell Vandiver  
President  
Lanier Technical College

**Agreed to by** Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia  
on behalf of Georgia Regents University

**members:**

 2/1/2013  
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Signature Date  
Andrew Balas, MD, PhD  
Dean College of Allied Health Sciences  
Georgia Regents University

 3/7/13  
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Signature Date  
Gretchen B Caughman, PhD  
Executive Vice President and Provost  
Georgia Regents University