

Advanced Graduate Certificate in Optometry Business Management

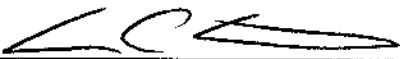
Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement is to establish the terms for the development of an *Advanced Graduate Certificate in Optometry Business Management*, a **jointly registered program** between SUNY College of Optometry (Optometry) and SUNY Empire State College (ESC), **in which ESC would grant the certificate.**

The following points will guide the development of this certificate program:


1. The certificate will require 18 credits from courses at both institutions (6 credits from Optometry, 12 credits from ESC)
2. A Tuition Plan for determining the costs and collection mechanisms for the credits offered by ESC will be finalized prior to offering the program
3. Transcripts will be jointly maintained by Optometry & ESC to assure credits earned in the program will be applied appropriately within each institution
4. Dual academic coordinators, one from Optometry, one from ESC will be responsible for implementation and oversight
5. Admissions will be by application through Optometry's Office of Student Affairs and acceptance determined by ESC/SGS Admissions Office
6. Students successfully completing the certificate program will be allowed admission to the ESC MBA program; all accrued credits will be applicable toward the MBA degree.
7. The target start date for this certificate program is Fall 2013
8. This agreement will be reviewed prior to the implementation of the certificate program and will be subject to modification
9. This agreement can be cancelled by either party at any time, however, any student who had been admitted to the program and who has begun their studies will be allowed to complete the program
10. After the initiation of the Certificate Program, conversations between ESC and the College of Optometry will continue about a possible development of an articulated OD/MBA Program

AGREED:



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Date: 10 January 2013



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Date: 28 January 2013