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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, to enter into an educational tuition agreement and to pay said costs in an amount of \$1,500.00 as follows:

Institution:	University of Florida S113 Criser Hall PO Box 114050 Gainesville, FL, 32611
Course Title(s):	VME6766 – Laboratory Quality Assurance/Quality Control
Course Date(s):	Begin: 01/9/2023 End: 04/26/2023
Employee:	Kristin Wolfe
Funding Source:	05-95-95-953010-56770000-066-500544
Total Cost of Course(s):	\$1,832.25
State Share:	\$1,500.00
Source of Funds:	Employee Training, 20% Federal, 80% General

EXPLANATION

This course, Laboratory Quality Assurance/Quality Control, will benefit the Department and the employee as it will increase Ms. Wolfe's knowledge of the appropriate control and standardization procedures required in order to ensure accurate laboratory test results are produced and high quality output is maintained. This course will explain how this can be achieved by holding the facility to strict standardization guidelines set forth by the FDA, EPA, and ISO regulations. By learning these practices, Ms. Wolfe can apply appropriate quality measures to the unit in which she works to ensure quality results continue to be produced by the Molecular Diagnostics unit within the Public Health Laboratories.

Kristin Wolfe, a Laboratory Scientist IV, has worked for the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health in the Molecular Diagnostics Unit of the Public Health Laboratory for over ten (10) years. She previously worked in the Virology and Special Testing unit for an additional eight (8) years. She is responsible for maintaining whole genome sequencing analysis certification through routine submission of bacterial genome sequences to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's foodborne disease surveillance program as well as provide molecular diagnostic support by performing polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing and analysis on various infectious viruses.

By completing a Master's in Pharmacy, Ms. Wolfe will expand her knowledge beyond her biological understandings to gain a deeper appreciation of the chemical aspects of public health surveillance and their biological applications. Broadening her knowledge base will enable her to be a scientifically well-rounded and valuable employee who can apply the skills gained across multiple disciplines within the Public Health Laboratories.

The Department of Health and Human Services encourages and supports employees who wish to further their professional growth through continuing education in disciplines that are mutually advantageous.

This course will not be taken on State time.

Attached is a fully executed Tuition Agreement for your review.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Weaver
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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
EDUCATIONAL TUITION AGREEMENT

Agreement dated this 22 day of November 2022 by and through the Department of Health and Human Services (hereinafter referred to as the "State) and Kristin Wolfe (hereinafter referred to as the "Recipient"). The State and the Recipient do hereby mutually agree as follows:

- 1. The State shall pay to the named institution the sum of \$1500.00, which monies shall be used for the purpose of enrolling the Recipient in: VME6766 - Laboratory Quality Assurance/Quality Control, which course(s) is being offered by the University of Florida and which course(s) shall commence on January 09, 2023 and terminate on April 26, 2023.
2. The Recipient shall complete and achieve a passing grade in each course named in paragraph 1.
3. Should the Recipient fail to complete or achieve a passing grade in each course named in paragraph 1, the Recipient shall pay to the State the sum set forth in paragraph 1, provided, however, that if more than one course is named in paragraph 1, the amount which shall be paid to the State shall be calculated on a pro rata basis)
4. Upon the satisfactory completion of the courses named in paragraph 1, the Recipient shall continue in the employ of the State in his/her current position (or in such other position, at equal or greater compensation, to which he/she may be assigned) for a period of six (6) months.
5. The Recipient shall work in any area of the State to which he/she may be assigned, provided that such assignment will not constitute a severe hardship to said Recipient.
6. Should the Recipient breach any of the conditions set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5, the Recipient shall pay to the State a sum equal to all monies previously paid by the State for the Recipient pursuant to the Agreement, provided, however, that the Recipient shall receive a credit for each month in which he/she is employed by the State subsequent to the date upon which the named course(s) are satisfactorily completed, the value of said credit to be calculated on a pro rata basis.
7. The Recipient shall not raise any setoff or counterclaim against the State in any action brought by the State to collect any amount due under this agreement.
8. Should any amount be found to be due the State in any action brought against the Recipient pursuant to this Agreement, the State shall, in addition to said amount, be entitled to an award of costs and a reasonable amount in "attorney" fees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the representatives of the State, in his/her official capacity only, and without personal liability, and the Recipient, have hereunto set their hands on the date first above written.

RECIPIENT (signature) [Handwritten Signature] (printed name) Kristin Wolfe

NOTARY State of New Hampshire, County of Merrimack :

On this the 22 day of Nov., 2022, before me, Melissa Guenther, the undersigned officer, personally appeared, Kristin Wolfe, (recipient) known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes herein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

[Handwritten Signature] Notary Public, Melissa Guenther, State of New Hampshire, My Commission Expires September 29, 2026

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE (signature) [Handwritten Signature] (date) 12-7-22 (printed name, title) Lori Weaver, Deputy Commissioner