

Draft Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The College of Arts & Science, University of Saskatchewan
And
Saskatchewan Home-Based Educators Inc.
On Prerequisite Policies for Home-Schooled Students

Whereas, the College of Arts and Science, as an academic and administrative body within the University of Saskatchewan, has the authority to offer academic programming and set standards for admission to, and prerequisite requirements of, those courses and programs.

Whereas, Saskatchewan Home-Based Educators Inc. is a recognized association providing practical and educational guidance to independent home-based educators.

Whereas, Saskatchewan Home-Based Educators Inc. promotes evaluation processes that are of the highest standard, it is recognized that all evaluation processes may not offer a direct equivalency to those normally acceptable to the College of Arts & Science as prerequisites for courses it offers.

Further, the College of Arts & Science recognizes that standard means of evaluating high-school preparedness for University-level courses, and corresponding course prerequisites, may not be suitable for all home-schooled students.

Therefore, this agreement between the College of Arts & Science and Saskatchewan Home-Based Educators Inc. is intended to address prerequisite policies associated with home-schooled students.

Further, the College of Arts & Science and Saskatchewan Home-Based Educators Inc. are committed to providing opportunities for home-schooled students to pursue University study in Arts & Science programs.

Therefore, the College of Arts & Science will accept an authorized statement of prerequisite preparation from home-based educators for the purpose of evaluating whether a given home-schooled student satisfies high-school prerequisite(s) requirement(s) for Arts & Science courses.

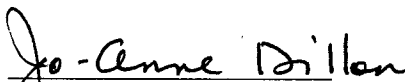
Saskatchewan Home-Based Educators Inc. recognizes that it is in the best interest of home-schooled students to have adequate preparation for University-level study, and understands that high-school prerequisite achievement, or equivalency, alone is not a guarantee of success in University-level courses. All students undertaking University-level courses through the College of Arts and Science are subject to evaluation processes as outlined by the College of Arts & Science, individual Departments and instructors.

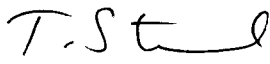

Further, Saskatchewan Home-Based Educators Inc. is aware that "Providing false or misleading information or documentation to gain admission to the University or any University Program" is defined as an act of academic dishonesty by the University of Saskatchewan. Alleged cases of academic dishonesty are subject to committee evaluation and can result in disciplinary sanctions including, but not limited to, revocation of permission to attend courses.


A statement of prerequisite preparation shall be submitted for each student who desires to undertake courses in the College of Arts & Science to the Arts & Science Coordinator of Student Academic Services **after** a home-schooled student has been offered admission to the College of Arts & Science **and** prior to the student's registration in any Arts & Science classes which have high-school prerequisites. The statement of prerequisite preparation will be signed by the home-based educator, copied to the student, and will become part of the official College of Arts & Science student academic record. To comply with privacy and confidentiality regulations, the statement must be accompanied by a signed letter from the student authorizing the home-based educator to release a statement of prerequisite preparation to the College of Arts & Science (an example statement of prerequisite preparation appears in Appendix A, and an example student letter in Appendix B).

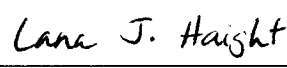
Saskatchewan Home-Based Educators Inc. has the authority to communicate this agreement and its associated responsibilities with its membership and other Home-Based Educator organizations in Saskatchewan. Requests for additions to this document, from parties other than Saskatchewan Home-Based Educators Inc., require additional consultation and negotiation.

This agreement will be reviewed by both parties on an as needed basis or, failing such need, after five years time.


Jo-Anne Dillon, Dean
College of Arts & Science
Date: 14 Nov 06



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Date: 14 Nov. 2006


Doug Schmuland, President
Saskatchewan Home-Based Educators Inc.
Date: 14 Nov 06

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Appendix A: Sample Statement of Prerequisite Preparation

1 September 2006

Ms. Gloria Brandon, Coordinator of Student Academic Services
College of Arts & Science
University of Saskatchewan
Room 235 Arts
9 Campus Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A5

Re: Statement of Prerequisite Preparation for Jane Doe

As the home-based educator for Jane Doe, I certify, based on my knowledge of the Saskatchewan Learning curriculum, that Jane has achieved competence equivalent to the following 30-level subjects listed below, and is therefore prepared to study courses in the College of Arts & Science at the University of Saskatchewan for which these subjects are prerequisites.

- Math A30, B30, C30
- English A30, B30
- Chemistry 30

Sincerely

Home-Based Educator

cc: Jane Doe

Appendix B: Sample Student Letter

1 September 2006

Home-Based Educator
Address

Re: Authorization to Release Statement of Prerequisite Preparation

I received an offer of admission to the College of Arts & Science at the University of Saskatchewan. Please submit a statement of my prerequisite preparation to:

Ms. Gloria Brandon, Coordinator of Student Academic Services
College of Arts & Science
University of Saskatchewan
Room 235 Arts
9 Campus Drive
Saskatoon, SK S7N 5A5

Sincerely,

Jane Doe