Memorandum of Understanding Arkansas Tech University and University of the Ozarks International Student Transition to Graduate Studies

Arkansas Tech University and University of the Ozarks agree to an academic collaboration that facilitates the transition of University of the Ozarks international undergraduate students to graduate studies at Arkansas Tech University. This agreement will benefit University of the Ozarks undergraduate international student recruitment efforts and support Arkansas Tech University graduate program enrollment.

Establishing this relationship, Arkansas Tech University and the University of the Ozarks agree to the following:

- Arkansas Tech University will conditionally accept University of the Ozarks international students into its MATESOL program in their final semester of undergraduate coursework with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA. Conditional acceptance may be granted in earlier semesters with the approval of the ATU English and World Languages Department Head and Dean of the ATU Graduate School.
- 2. Conditional admission restrictions will be removed when students have met Arkansas Tech's unconditional admissions requirements for the MATESOL graduate program which currently are as follows:
 - a. Applicants must pay a \$75 nonrefundable application fee to International and Multicultural Student Services (IMSSO).
 - b. Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college verified by an official transcript.
 - c. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or at least a 3.00 GPA on the last 30 hours of undergraduate work or hold a graduate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
 - d. Applicants must submit a complete undergraduate official transcript from their bachelor's awarding institution that shall be sent directly to IMSSO: International and Multicultural Student Services, Arkansas Tech University, 1507 North Boulder Avenue, Tomlinson 029, Russellville, AR 72801.
 - e. Applicants must meet all other admission requirements of the Arkansas Tech University graduate program.
- 3. University of the Ozarks students admitted to the ATU MATESOL program will have the opportunity to complete the 30 graduate credits required for the MATESOL degree in one calendar year.
- 4. Students will pay tuition and fees separately to each university for courses taken at that respective university. The parties acknowledge and agree that failure of a student to make the requisite payments may result in the student's removal from the graduate program.
- 5. University of the Ozarks will have the opportunity to advertise to potential international students a 4+1 year program that combines a U of O undergraduate degree with the ATU MATESOL graduate degree.
- 6. The contents of this agreement and relevant alterations of its provisions requires that both parties concur. The agreement will go into effect on the date that it is signed by both parties. The agreement will be effective for two years. Termination of the agreement may be made by

either party at any time, but shall require a 6-month written notification. Additionally the parties understand and agree that should such notice be given, students already in the graduate program will be permitted to complete the graduate program under the terms of this agreement.

- 7. The parties acknowledge that if, after the date this agreement is signed, Arkansas Tech University amends or modifies the admission requirements, curriculum, tuition, fees or costs for its graduate program, the terms of this agreement will automatically be amended to reflect those new, modified or additional terms without the need to amend or modify this agreement.
- 8. Students admitted into the Arkansas Tech University graduate program shall, for purposes of that program, be subject to the terms and conditions of the Arkansas Tech University Student Code of Conduct.

Graduate programs in addition to the MATESOL may be added to this agreement with the mutual consent of both parties.

In agreement with the above terms, the following signatures are affixed:

President Arkansas Tech University

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President University of the Ozarks

Appendix:

MA-TESOL Courses:

Under current requirements, students will take 10 courses (30 credit hours) to earn the MATESOL degree:

Four prescribed core requirements:

ENGL 5023 Second Language Acquisition

ENGL 5703 Teaching English as a Second Language

ENGL 5713 ESL Assessment

ENGL 5723 Teaching People of Other Cultures

Add six electives from the courses listed below:

ENGL 5083 Seminar in the English Language

ENGL 6013 Structure of the English Language

ENGL 6023 Composition Theory and Practice

ENGL 6033 Rhetoric

ENGL 6083 Seminar in Linguistics

ENGL 6863 TESL Practicum

TESL 6003 Linguistics for ESL Teachers

TESL 6023 Language and Society

TESL 6063 Instructional Strategies in Content Areas

TESL 6143 Reading for English Language Learners

MATESOL graduate program requirements are subject to change. Students will be subject to the curriculum listed in the graduate catalog at the time of their admission to ATU.