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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 \$891.00 as follows:

Institution:	Southern New Hampshire University PO Box 55008 Boston, MA 02205-5008
Course Title(s):	Perspectives in Humanities
Course Date(s):	Begin: 10/28/2024 End: 12/22/2024
Employee:	Shaun Runyon
Funding Source:	05-95-95-953010-56770000-066-500544
Total Cost of Course(s):	\$891.00
State Share:	\$891.00
Source of Funds:	Employee Training, 20% Federal, 80% General

EXPLANATION

This education will benefit the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Shaun Runyon by improving the overall efficiency of the employee's work. Shaun will enhance knowledge of differing cultures, the human conditions, mental health, suffering and illness within our society. Completing this course is also part of Shaun's longer-term goal of obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Information Technology.

This course, *Perspectives in Humanities*, explores fundamental aspects of human culture that inform personal assumptions, beliefs, and values using evidence from cultural artifacts and systems. Additionally, Shaun will investigate major developments in the humanities for informing critical questions related to fundamental aspects of human culture, the values, and impact on contemporary issues focusing on how humans generate unique meanings.

Shaun Runyon has been employed by the Department of Health and Human Services for ten (10) years, two (2) years in the current position of 15-1250 Developer and Programmer-2 with the Information Systems Department at New Hampshire Hospital. This employee is tasked with several ongoing projects to improve the electronic health record by ensuring the data required is captured accurately, while at the same time developing ways to reduce the amount of time the clinical staff spend on documentation.

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. Successful completion of the courses will add to the overall strength of the Department to perform its mission to the residents of New Hampshire.

This course will not be taken on State time.

Attached is a fully executed Tuition Agreement for your review.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori A. Weaver
Commissioner



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
EDUCATIONAL TUITION AGREEMENT

Agreement dated this 29 day of August 20 24 by and through the Department of Health and Human Services (hereinafter referred to as the "State") and Shaun Runyon

(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 \$ 891.00 which monies shall be used for the purpose of enrolling the Recipient in: Perspectives in Humanities (course name), which course is being offered by: Southern New Hampshire University and which course shall commence on October 28 20 24 and terminate on December 22 20 24.
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

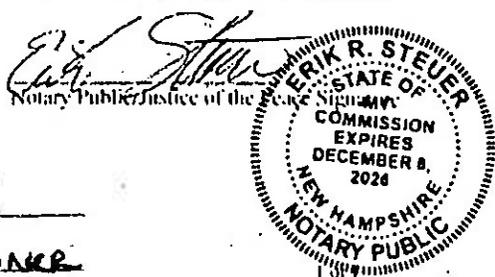
(signature) [Signature] (printed name) Shaun Runyon

NOTARY State of New Hampshire, County of Belknap:

On this the 29th day of August 2024, before me, Erik Steuer the undersigned officer, personally appeared,

Shaun Runyon (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.



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DHHS Commissioner or Designee Signature [Signature]

(printed name, title) Ann Landry, Assoc. Commissioner

(date) 9/25/24