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Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

For consideration on the Consent Calendar, authorize the Department of Health and Human Services, to enter into an educational tuition agreement and to pay said costs in an amount of \$2000.00 as follows:

Institution: Granite State College  
25 Hall Street  
Concord NH 03301

Course Title(s): Research Methods  
Abnormal Psychology

Course Date(s): Begin: 01/09/2017  
End: 03/31/2017

Employee: Eric Pearson

Funding Source: 05-95-95-953010-56770000-066-500544

Total Cost of Course(s): \$2475.00

State Share: \$2000.00

Source of Funds: Employee Training, 66% General, 34% Federal

### EXPLANATION

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.

The employee has been employed by the Department for four (4) years as a Mental Health Worker II at New Hampshire Hospital. The employee currently works in the Inpatient Stabilization Unit which includes interaction with patients, other division personnel, and partner agencies. His work is focused on patient admission, direct care, and ensuring treatment plans are closely followed to maximize the patient's health, safety, and recovery.

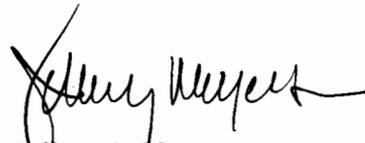
The course entitled Research Methods focuses on investigating methods, assumptions, constructs and principles in the social/behavioral sciences and education. This introductory course will provide depth and context through the consideration of research terminology, conception, design, implementation, and analysis.

The course entitled Abnormal Psychology focuses on the societal definitions of abnormal and deviant behavior, and what may be considered mental illness. It deals with major disorders and personality syndromes considered to be abnormal or deviant and examines the various etiologic factors known or believed to play a role in each of the disorders, considering them from varying perspectives such as psychoanalytic, cognitive behavioral, biological, and humanistic. Differences in recognition and treatment of mental illness in varying cultures will also be considered.

These courses are part of the employee's broader goal of completing a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services. A degree in this program of study will further build his skill and expertise through increasing his understanding of how to work more effectively with patients who suffer from mental illness and to better assist doctors, nurses, and other staff at New Hampshire Hospital.

The employee will be completing the course on his own time. A fully executed tuition agreement is attached.

Respectfully submitted,



Approved by: Jeffrey A. Meyers  
Commissioner



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
EDUCATIONAL TUITION AGREEMENT

Agreement dated this 28th day of November 2016 by and through the Department of Administrative Services (hereinafter referred to as the "State) and Eric Pearson (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 2,000.00, which monies shall be used for the purpose of enrolling the Recipient in: Research Methods and Abnormal Psychology (course name), which course(s) is being offered by Granite State College, 55 Hall Street, Concord NH and which course(s) shall commence on January 9, and February 20 2017 and terminate on March 31 2017.
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) Eric Pearson

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
(signature) [Signature]
(printed name, title)

State of New Hampshire, County of Merrimack

On this the 28 day of November, 2016, before me, Eric Pearson, the undersigned officer, personally appeared, Barbara McCann (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.

[Signature]
Notary Public/Justice of the Peace

