# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SOCIETY OF EASTERN VISAYAS CHEMISTRY ALUMNI AND ENTHUSIASTS (SEVCAE) AND THE EVSU DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Introduction

THIS AGREEMENT is made on the 8th day of July 2023.

#### BETWEEN:

- (1) Society of Eastern Visayas Chemistry Alumni and Enthusiasts (SEVCAE) and
- (2) Department of Chemistry, Eastern Visayas State University, Tacloban City

This activity titled "Training Course for Chemistry Alumni and Enthusiasts" was conceptualized based on one of the assessments on the BS Chemistry program's extension activities during the recent accreditation visit in April 20-24, 2021; the accreditors commended to conduct an extension activity. According to one accreditor, "Charity should begin at home". Thus, the main recipients of this activity are the EVSU BSChem and BSChE alumni and from other allied fields qualified to take the Chemical Technician Licensure Exam. The department is likewise open to accept alumni from other universities.

This is a three-month training course covering two major board subjects for Chemical Technician Licensure Examination: Organic Chemistry and Analytical Chemistry. Equitable number of sessions will be allotted for each subject. At the end of the training, a pre-board examination will be administered on the first week of October. A similar design has worked for the prior batches of reviewees for Chemical Technicians.

The department had successfully conducted its first Chemical Technician training course in July 13 to September 29, 2019; it temporarily halted in 2020 due to pandemic; then resumed in 2021 and 2022. In Licensure Exam in 2021, reviewees got topnotch at 5 and 9 spots and in 2022, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places.

### Purpose and Scope

One of the provisions of the Republic Act No. 10657 or the Professional Chemistry Law states that "Only firms, corporations, government agencies, academic institutions duly authorized by the Board of Chemistry, that hold a valid certificate may operate a chemical laboratory or engage in the practice of chemistry or chemical analysis in the Philippines. Only registered Chemists or registered Chemical Technicians holding valid certificates of registration (CRs) and professional identification certificates (PICs) issued by the Board of Chemistry and the Commission can carry out the chemistry practice in the chemical laboratory; can head a chemical analyses laboratory; and certify certificates of analyses." This provision propels the conception of this review program, a review program for Chemists and Chemical Technicians.

Passing the exam will improve the employability of the reviewees, whereas the passing rate can be used by the department in promoting its BS in Chemistry program in the region. Since, the review is an extension activity, reviewees will spend less compared to when they enroll in proprietary review centers. Further, the design of this training course, takes into consideration the schedules of reviewees who work on weekdays, so that classes are scheduled on weekends and after 5PM during weekdays.

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The extension program aims to:

- 1. Establish the sustainability of the department's extension services;
- 2. Improve the board examination performance of the university; and
- 3. Offer a cheaper and a hybrid (online/in-person) review program.

## Responsibilities and Obligations of the Parties

The Department of Chemistry provides the following:

- 1. Enrolment mechanism,
- 2. Training course design, training materials, and schedules
- 3. Assessment and counseling
- 4. Lectures, problem sets, exercises, and mock board examinations.

Whereas the Society of Eastern Visayas Chemistry Alumni and Enthusiasts (SEVCAE) will:

- 1. Set the qualifications of the members of the society,
- 2. Endorse members for the training course, and
- 3. Monitor attendance of members.
- 4. Shoulder a minimal amount for the honoraria/foods of the trainers

#### **Terms of Understanding**

The term of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be for a period of <u>July 8, 2023 to October 20, 2023</u> from the aforementioned effective date and maybe extended upon written mutual agreement of both Parties.

## Amendment or Cancellation of this Memorandum

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended or modified at any time in writing by mutual consent of both parties.

In addition, the Memorandum of Understanding may be cancelled by either party with 30 days' advance written notice, with the exception where cause for cancellation may include, but is not limited to, a material and significant breach of any of the provisions contained herein, when it may be cancelled upon delivery of written notice to the other party.

#### **Dispute Resolution**

The Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding agree that should any dispute arise through any aspect of this relationship, including, but not limited to, any matters, disputes or claims, the parties shall confer in good faith to promptly resolve any dispute. In the event that the parties are unable to resolve the issue or dispute between them, then the matter shall be mediated and/or arbitrated in an attempt to resolve any and all issues between the parties.

The parties agree that any claim or dispute that arises from for through this agreement, the relationship or obligations contemplated or outlined within this agreement, if not resolved through mediation, shall then go and be resolved through final and binding arbitration. Any decision reached by the Arbitrator shall be final and binding and, if required, may be entered as a judgment in any court having jurisdiction.





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#### Agreement

The signatures of duly authorized officers are attached to this document as confirmation of this understanding.

Name: GRECHELLE N. SOCIAS

Organization:

Head, Department of Chemistry

Signature:

Date: July 08, 2023

Name: CHERRY JANE COSTELO

Organization:

Society of Eastern Visayas Chemistry Alumni

and Enthusiasts (SEVCAE)

Signature: Cost

Date: JULY 08, 2023

Witnesses:

Name: FET. PIEDAD

Organization:

**Department of Chemistry** 

Signature:

Date: July 8, 2023

Name: LYNDON MERCADER

Organization:

Society of Eastern Visayas Chemistry Alumni

and Enthusiasts (SEVCAE)

Signature:

ate: July 8, 2023

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Republic of the Philippines Tacloban City

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public for and in Tacloban City, Philippines, this \_\_\_day of 2023, personally appeared

NAME	EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY	DATE ISSUED/PLACE OF ISSUANCE
Grechelle N. Socias	Employee ID T061002FC	Tacloban City
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Known to me before the same persons who executed the foregoing document, consisting of pages including the page on which this acknowledgement is written and they acknowledged to me that the same is their free act and deed.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, at the place and on date first above written.

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ATTY. JET RY S. UY

Notary Public Until December 31, 2023 Appointment Xo. NC 2022-07-36

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