



**HIGHER EDUCATION
JOINT EDUCATION PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION
AGREEMENT**

**Between
Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University
(Niğde, Republic of Turkey)
and
Kh. Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University in Kazakhstan
(Atyrau, Republic of Kazakhstan)**

Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University, hereinafter referred to as NOHU, represented by **Rector, Prof. Dr. Hasan Uslu**, acting on the basis of the Regulations of NOHU according to the Law of Higher Education Council of Türkiye, on the one hand, and **Kh. Dosmukhamedov Atyrau University** in Kazakhstan, hereinafter referred to as AU, represented by **Rector, Prof. Salamat Idrissov**, acting on the basis of the Charter of AU, on the other hand, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties", in order to strengthen cooperation and expand ties in the field of education, scientific research between both Parties on the basis of the principles of equality, mutual benefit and efficiency, have agreed as follows:

1. Subject of the Agreement

The subject of this Agreement is the joint development by the Parties of **Joint Educational Programs** of higher education (bachelor degree.), hereinafter referred to as **JEP**, in the specialties in demand in the labor market of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the implementation of measures aimed at ensuring the recruitment of applicants from the 2023/2024 academic year for training according to JEP.

2. National Skills Framework

Qualification level	Knowledge (scientific capacity of professional activity)	Skills and abilities (complexity of professional activity)	Competences (scope of authority, responsibility and independence)	Ways of achieving to the appropriate level of skill
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1 st Cycle	Advanced knowledge in the field of labor or education, including a critical understanding of theory and the most important principles	Advanced skills confirming that have acquired the innovations needed to solve complex and unexpected problems in a specialized field of work or study. Evaluation of activities, methods and their results.	Managing complex technical and professional types of activities that require responsibility at the decision-making level in the unexpected context of work or study. Taking responsibility for individual and collective development.	Higher education, practical experience.
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3. Areas of cooperation and implementation of joint educational programs

3.1. When implementing the JEP, the Parties will cooperate in the following areas:

3.1.1. Exchange of teaching staff, administrative and scientific workers for the purpose of conducting educational and methodological work, performing scientific research, as well as advanced training;

3.1.2. Exchange of graduates for training and performing scientific work;

3.1.3. Joint development and writing of textbooks, educational and methodical manuals, monographs;

3.1.4. Publications in scientific journals of NOHU and AU;

3.1.5. Participation in scientific conferences, seminars, meetings and other events dedicated to the development of science and education of both universities;

3.1.6. Organization and holding of international events (symposiums, conferences, seminars, meetings and official receptions);

3.1.7. Attracting teachers and researchers to participate in joint educational and scientific programs and projects;

3.1.8. Joint preparation of projects for the development, implementation and development of educational programs, research and development and technological work, and filing applications for joint participation in international competitions and funds;

3.1.9. Exchange of experience and advanced training of employees in various areas of activity of the Parties;

3.1.10. Exchange of scientific information and materials, scientific and educational literature, including periodicals;

3.1.11. Implementation of state standards, curricula, master's programs;

3.1.12. Other forms of cooperation that do not contradict the legislation of the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

3.2. The number of admitted students to study at the stage of higher education according to the JEP is carried out within the framework of the recruitment quota agreed by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan of the Republic of Kazakhstan. Enrollment in the JEP is made in accordance with the admission rules approved by the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Turkey. The admission plan is agreed by AU and NOHU in the prescribed manner.

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3.3. Training is conducted on the basis of the curriculum approved by each university in the framework of the JEP. Upon completion of training, a person is awarded a bachelor's degree diploma.

4. Rights and obligations of the parties

4.1. AU undertakes to properly organize the educational process:

4.1.1. Equip classrooms with the necessary educational and office furniture, computer and office equipment.

4.1.2. Conduct advertising campaigns to ensure the recruitment of students for the preparatory department.

4.1.3. To carry out recruitment for training in the 2nd cycle of higher education within the framework of the JEP;

4.1.4 Organize work on publishing in a typographical way (on the basis of AU) educational and methodological materials developed by NOHU, including jointly with AU, for the implementation of the JEP.

4.1.5 Provide visa support and ensure the registration of graduates arriving to study in the Republic of Kazakhstan;

4.2. NOHU undertakes:

4.2.1. Develop (together with AU) relevant curricula and programs.

4.2.2. Send, by agreement of the parties, the teaching staff of NOHU to ensure the educational process according to the JEP;

4.2.3. Provide the necessary educational, methodological and handout materials and literature for their subsequent publication based on AU by joint authors.

4.2.4. Provide visa support and ensure the registration of graduates arriving to study in the Republic of Turkey;

4.2.5. Enroll in NOHU in the order of transfer of AU graduates to continue their education in JEP.

5. Name of specialties and order of training

5.1. Training of specialists of the 1st cycle of higher education (bachelor's degree) according to JEP is carried out in the following specialty of AU and specialty of NOHU:

Department of AU	Department of NOHU
6B01703 - Foreign language two foreign language	English language teaching

5.2. The students can apply to the program after completing their freshman year and they have to complete their senior year at the home University that is registered.

5.3. The parties can send up to 10 students each year and the academic average of the chosen student should not be under 2.20 out of 4.00.

5.4. Education according to the JEP at the 1st cycle of higher education is carried out in English in two stages in accordance with the curricula and programs developed and agreed upon in the prescribed manner between NOHU and AU. Training is provided on a paid basis. The registration fee to be determined by Niğde Ömer Halisdemir University for foreign students will be valid.

5.5. JEP training for bachelor's degree is implemented in two stages:

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- 5.5.1. The first stage - training of specialists is implemented at AU during the 2 years of study on the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- 5.5.2 Students who choose joint educational programs are implemented at NOHU from the 2 years of study on the territory of the Republic of Turkey and ends with the final certification with the award of a bachelor's degree and the issuance of a NOHU certificate of the established form.
- 5.6 Students who choose joint educational program to continue their studies at NOHU, graduates who have successfully completed the first stage of study at AU are transferred. Transfer to NOHU is carried out in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Turkey.
- 5.7. The final certification in the implementation of the first cycle of higher education is carried out by NOHU. Representatives of the AU are included in the composition of the State Examination Commissions (as agreed by the parties).
- 5.8. Citizens from different countries of the world can study according to the JEP who are students of both sides.
- 5.9. During the joint educational program, students must complete between 60 and 120 ECTS credits.

6. Procedure for assessing students' knowledge

- 6.1. Students' knowledge is assessed on the basis of credit-module system. The parties shall carry out the assessment procedure on the basis of the assessment criteria established by the legislation.
- 6.2. Credits are given to students who are assessed in the framework of the order of assessment and the positive assessment established in the science program (syllabus). If a student fails to achieve the specified learning outcomes, credits will not be awarded.
- 6.3. Assessment methods include types such as written, oral, practical work, project, portfolio and controls that reflect and confirm the student's achievements within the subject or module. The assessment criteria must reflect that the learning outcome has been achieved.
- 6.4. Credit transfer is carried out on the basis of comparison of the schedule of conversion of the assessment system in other higher education institutions with other similar assessment systems compiled in another higher education institution.

7. Academic mobility and credit recognition

7.1 The following documents are used to ensure academic mobility in a JEP:

7.1.1. Learning agreement;

7.1.2. Tripartite agreement

These documents reflect the results of education and are the basis for the recognition and transfer of loans to the higher education institution.

7.2. The number of credits accumulated by a student under the educational program of a higher education institution is equal to the amount of credits acquired in accordance with the educational results established in another higher education institution.

7.3. On the recommendation of the sending higher education institution, the student submits to the receiving higher education institution the documents necessary for the implementation of academic mobility. The transcript is provided to the student by the sending higher education institution in the prescribed form.

7.4. The amount of credits provided for in the joint degree education program at least have to be 120 ECTS, based on the standards of the European credit system.

7.5. Curricula of specialties for the organization of the educational process in higher education institutions on joint educational programs shall be developed jointly by the Parties.

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8. Education quality assurance system

8.1. The learning process includes a set of learning and control activities. The training activities include all types of classroom activities, internships and independent work. Control measures involve the acquisition of knowledge by students in the relevant subjects in the curriculum and the assessment of their results.

9. Duration of the Agreement

9.1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon signing by both parties and shall be valid for 5 (five) years.

9.2. The Agreement is drawn up and signed in English in 2 (two) copies of equal legal force, one copy for each of the Parties.

9.3. The Agreement is extended for the next 5 (five) years, unless there is a written notice from one of the parties about the termination of relations, filed no later than 6 (six) months before the expiration of the Agreement.

9.4. The Agreement may be terminated at any time during its validity period by mutual agreement of the Parties, expressed in writing. The Agreement will be considered terminated one month after the written notification of one of the Parties about its termination by the other Party. At the same time, the Agreement cannot be terminated during the first 4 (four) years from the date of signing by the Parties of this Agreement.

9.5. All changes and additions to this Agreement may be made by mutual agreement of the two Parties. All written changes, additions and annexes to this Agreement are formalized as an additional agreement to this Agreement, are its integral part and come into force from the date of signing the corresponding additional agreement.

9.6. Additions and (or) changes to this Agreement may be submitted by any of the Parties and come into force after signing by both Parties.

9.7. Students enrolled in joint educational programs are excluded from a higher educational institution in the following cases:

10. Procedure for admission and expulsion

10.1. Admissions to the joint education program are carried out according to the education and training regulations of both parties.

10.2 Students studying on the basis of joint educational programs are not allowed to transfer their studies to other areas (specialties) of the higher education institution where they study or to another state higher education institution of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

10.3. Students studying on the basis of joint educational programs may transfer their studies to the joint educational programs of the higher education institution or other higher education institution of the Republic of Kazakhstan where they are studying.

10.4 The granting of academic leave to and from students from one course to another is regulated by the normative legal acts of the state where the educational process takes place.

10.5. Students studying on the basis of joint educational programs can be expelled from the higher education institution according to the education and training regulations of both parties

11. Financing the joint education program

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11.1 Financing of the joint educational program is carried out at the expense of the student contract. Payment for the period of the first semester is made to the account of Atyrau University in Kazakhstan in the amounts and terms specified in the contract.

12. Intellectual property rights related to the educational program

12.1 The Parties shall provide free access to educational and scientific literature for graduate students.

13. The law and the procedure for resolving disputes applicable to relations between the parties

13.1. Disputes between the parties are resolved in the manner prescribed by law.

13.2. If necessary, a joint educational program can be implemented in an online format.

14. Final provisions

14.1. According to separately concluded agreements, contracts within the framework of this Agreement, the Parties shall take all necessary actions aimed at their implementation.

14.2. This Agreement does not impose any financial obligations on the signatory Parties. All financial issues arising in the framework of the implementation of this agreement will be regulated by separately concluded bilateral agreements.

15. Official Addresses and Notification

The parties have accepted the following postal addresses as their official places of residence. Notifications to these addresses will be valid.

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