SONORAN UNIVERSITY
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Regulations on Guest Speakers for Sonoran University of Health Sciences Events

Purpose

Sonoran University of Health Sciences greatly appreciates your commitment to engage with our students, faculty, and/or staff as a guest speaker. Guest speakers should review this overview of our institution's values, programs, policies, and speaker guidelines, and sign the acknowledgement page prior to their speaking engagement.

About Sonoran University

Sonoran University has a rich history of sending naturopathic physicians and nutritionists into the world with not just a knowledge of naturopathic medicine and nutrition but a rich experience in its healing effects. We train and prepare graduates for the future of medicine and healthcare. Since day one, we have been an innovator in the field of naturopathic medicine and nutrition, and we strive to advance the profession and opportunities for every graduate.

Mission

Sonoran University shapes a healthier future by supporting students as they train to excel as healthcare professionals, by enhancing the health and wellbeing of our patients and communities, and by discovering effective treatments for humanity grounded in the healing power of nature.

Core Values

Sonoran University embraces the following values:

- We Shape the Future
- We Achieve Excellence
- We Love
- We Do the Right Thing
- We Are Resilient

Overview of Programs

College of Naturopathic Medicine

Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine (ND) Program

Sonoran University's naturopathic medicine program starts with the first 2 years focused on early clinical experiences and basic sciences taught in a body-systems format, similar to a conventional MD program. The final two years are clinically focused, giving students the opportunity to work with various patient populations at the Sonoran University Medical Center, Neil Riordan Center for Regenerative Medicine, and our community clinics.

To read more about our Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine Program, click here.

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College of Nutrition

Master of Science in Clinical Nutrition (MSCN) Program

With an increased importance on nutrition as a preventive measure and treatment for chronic diseases, the demand for trained, qualified clinical nutrition practitioners has greatly outpaced the U.S. healthcare system's capacity. With an M.S. in Clinical Nutrition, you can be a part of the solution to provide the evidence-based advanced nutritional therapy, research, and education that is needed in the U.S. and worldwide. This program helps students and graduates transform their passion for nutrition into the ability to become a leader in the field of clinical nutrition, while enhancing their ability to help others live a healthier lifestyle.

To read more about our MSCN Program, click here

Master of Science in Applied Clinical Nutrition (MSACN) Program

The MSACN is a comprehensive graduate degree program designed to support the complete didactic education and 1,000 hours of Supervised Practice Experience needs of students who wish to earn the Certified Nutrition Specialist® credential. The program transforms students who are passionate about nutrition into leaders and healers in the field of clinical nutrition. Students gain the professional skills and the clinical experience necessary to develop and implement effective and evidence-based nutrition related services to support individual and public health. The innovative and 100% online curriculum has been developed with input from experts and thought leaders in the field of nutrition.

To read more about our MSACN Program, click here.

Executive Master of Science in Business Leadership (MSNBL) Program

The Executive Master of Science in Nutrition Business Leadership (MSNBL) is a degree built by the industry for the industry. Developed with input from global natural products industry experts and thought-leaders, this one-of-a-kind program equips students with the essential evidence-based, nutrition and business knowledge and skills that adds immediate value to their organizations and careers. Graduates will be uniquely qualified to respond to the nutrition industry's need for evidence-based leaders who will have a positive impact on the triple bottom line: social, environmental, and financial.

To read more about our MSNBL Program, click here.

Supervised Practice Experience (SPE) Program

The Certified Nutrition Specialist® credential (CNS®) is one of the most highly respected professional credentials in the field of clinical nutrition. To earn this credential, candidates must complete specific coursework, pass the CNS exam, and complete 1,000 hours of Supervised Practice Experience (SPE). While graduates of our MSCN program already earn 349 SPE hours as part of their degree, the College of Nutrition has developed a high quality, accelerated, telehealth-based, postgraduate SPE program that creates a path for MSCN graduates to complete the remaining hours of SPE in as little as 6 months when averaging 25 hours of clinical work per week.

To read more about our SPE Program, click here.

School of Mental Health

Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MSCMHC) Program

Sonoran University's Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling degree (MSCMHC) program meets the urgent need for licensed practitioners locally and nationwide. Designed for working adults who aspire to become licensed professional counselors, the MSCMHC program can be completed fully online and in as little as 2.5 years.

Our innovative curriculum, developed in collaboration with experts in the field, not only provides training on essential requirements for licensure and certification, but also incorporates a unique focus on interprofessional collaboration, field-based crisis counseling, and evidence-based integrative mental health care including topics such as nutrition and mindfulness. To enhance engagement, personalize learning, and facilitate student success, we also incorporate next-generation technology with adaptive learning and our Virtual Health Center Experience. Further, our clinical placement assistance eliminates a common barrier by providing the opportunity for students to complete their practicum and internship fully online at our Virtual Center for Personalized Health Care. Graduates of our program will gain the professional knowledge and skills necessary to implement effective clinical mental health counseling and work in private practice, as part of a healthcare team, in hospitals, government services, and more.

To read more about our MSCMHC Program, click here.

Institutional Policies

ADA

To read about Sonoran University's ADA Policy, please click here and scroll down to "Disability Services for Students and Applicants."

Freedom of Expression

As an institution of higher education, Sonoran University promotes the pursuit and dissemination of knowledge, critical inquiry, the open discussion of ideas, and the advancement of education and learning. The University also commits to supporting students as they train to excel as healthcare professionals. To achieve these goals, Sonoran is committed to protecting freedom of expression including freedom of speech which refers to the ability to examine, comment, critique, contest, investigate, and communicate topics and ideas including those that may be deemed difficult, disagreeable, offensive, or controversial. At the same time, it is the responsibility of each member of the Sonoran University community to ensure their expression is accompanied by civility and respect and does not demean, defame, threaten, or unduly obstruct, nor interfere with the freedom of others.

Freedom of expression and speech at Sonoran is protected by the First Amendment as well as by state and federal laws, is balanced by our institutional values and policies, and by our commitment to cultivating a community in which every member feels supported, respected, and welcomed. Sonoran University strives to promote expression that is communicated professionally and supported by evidence.

Expression may occur in various forms including written, oral, or other media, may occur in person or online, within public and designated public forums, and may include verbal and non-verbal expression.

Sonoran University asserts that the First Amendment and rights of free speech come with responsibility. The purpose of this policy is to respect the Sonoran University Community's rights to free speech and expressive activity within public and designated public forums, while preserving public health, safety, research, and welfare; the normal business uses of the campus; and the rights of others to properly use and enjoy the campus under the U.S. and Arizona Constitutions and all applicable federal and state laws.

Inclusive Excellence

Sonoran University does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, social-economic background, religion, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, age, disability, veteran status, nationality, thinking styles or life experiences in the administration of educational policies, admission policies, financial aid, employment or any other program or activity. To learn about Inclusive Excellence at the University, please click here.

Immunization/Vaccination Requirements

To read about Sonoran University's vaccination policy, please click here and scroll down to "Immunization/Vaccination Requirements."

Regulations on Guest Speakers and Presentations

- The use of Sonoran University's forum shall not imply acceptance or endorsement by the university of the views expressed by the Guest Speaker(s).
- Information presented by the Guest Speaker(s) is generally not part of Sonoran University's curricula or programs of study. Sonoran University does not control and cannot guarantee the relevance, timeliness, or accuracy of the Guest Speaker(s) views.
- Presentations that are given as part of a course shall be previewed in advance by the faculty of that course and/or program dean and are subject to revision at the discretion of the faculty and/or program dean.
- No hate speech, defamation, incitement of violence or lawless action, true threats, pornography, or obscene speech/materials will be tolerated.
- No solicitation. Soliciting at any university facility, in person or virtually, is prohibited except as otherwise expressly allowed by either Sonoran University's Student Vendor Program or Office of Development. Solicitation is defined as any undertaking of an individual or group to promote the sale or use of a particular product or service.
- No personalized legal advice should be provided.
- Speaker must sign a media release agreement.

I have read, understood, and will abide by the Regulations on Guest Speakers and Presentations above. This document will remain valid for one year from the date of signature.

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Name Date