

## **Articulation Agreement with Guaranteed Admission**

### **North Dakota State College of Science and Minot State University**

**Introduction:** The articulation agreement with guaranteed admission formally recognizes that Minot State University (hereinafter MiSU) and North Dakota State College of Science (hereinafter NDSCS) are educational institutions that agree to work together to provide nursing education opportunities for their students. This agreement confirms that all students admitted into the NDSCS Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program will be given the additional option of guaranteed admission into the MiSU Online Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion Program, with the condition that all MiSU Admissions and BSN Completion Program requirements are met. This partnership emphasizes the importance of a well-educated nursing workforce, which includes BSN-prepared nurses.

**Purpose:** The purpose of this agreement is to outline the process for a seamless nursing education pathway from NDSCS to MiSU. Students will earn an ADN at NDSCS with an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree and be allowed guaranteed admission to MiSU to earn a BSN Degree.

In the final semester of the student's ADN program at NDSCS, conditional admission to the BSN Completion Program will be granted, pending the successful completion of their ADN, (A.A.S.) degree at NDSCS, successfully passing their NCLEX-RN® licensure exam, and meeting all MiSU admissions and BSN Completion Program requirements.

It is understood and agreed that courses completed at NDSCS are considered equally transferable to MiSU's Online BSN Completion Program and NDUS GERTA applies to the guaranteed admission agreement. Students with an Associate of Arts (A.A.), Association of Science (A.S.), or a bachelor's degree from an accredited degree-granting institution would be considered general education complete.

Through this partnership, students will be provided:

1. A clearly defined, and easily understood pathway from the NDSCS ADN Program through the MiSU BSN Completion Program.
2. Continued curriculum alignment between NDSCS and MiSU nursing programs.
3. Early and coordinated advising between institutions and students to ensure timely completion.
4. Early admission, to meet the February 15 deadline for MiSU general and nursing scholarships.
5. A complete review of transcripts to assure credit for past academic coursework with appropriate course substitutions and equivalencies.

#### **Guaranteed Admission Process:**

1. NDSCS ADN students will be given NDSCS and MiSU BSN Completion Program guaranteed admission information from their NDSCS nursing advisor in the first semester of their ADN program.
2. Students will be given the option to be assigned a MiSU BSN Completion Program advisor as early as the first semester of their ADN program.
3. [Apply for admission to MiSU](#) in the Fall semester of the NDSCS ADN year and meet all MiSU admission requirements.

4. To ensure students meet the MiSU scholarship application deadline, complete the online [MiSU BSN Completion Program application](#) by February 1 in the final semester of the NDSCS ADN program and meet all [BSN Completion Program requirements](#).
5. After being accepted to the BSN Completion Program, complete the [MiSU general and nursing scholarship application](#) by February 15.

**North Dakota State College of Science Program requirements for graduation:** for the most up-to-date requirements click [here](#).

**Summary of MiSU BSN Completion Program requirements for graduation:**

<b>MiSU General Education Requirements:</b>	
I.	COMMUNICATION (minimum of 9 credits: 6 credits English and 3 credits Speech) Any course marked ND:ENGL may apply to the 6 credit English requirement. Any course marked ND:COMM may apply to the 3 credit Speech requirement.
II.	QUANTITATIVE REASONING (minimum of 3 credits) Any course marked ND:MATH.
III.	FINE ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND HISTORY (6 credits) At least two courses with different prefixes marked ND:FA, ND:HUM, or ND:HIST.
IV.	NATURAL SCIENCES and TECHNOLOGY (minimum 6 credits) At least two courses with different prefixes marked ND:LABSC, ND:SCI, or ND:COMPSC. All students must complete at least one ND:LABSC course.
V.	SOCIAL SCIENCE (6 credits) At least two courses with different prefixes marked ND:SS.
VI.	CHOICE (6 credits) Any course marked ND:ENGL, ND:DGTL, ND:COMM, ND:MATH, ND:FA, ND:HUM, ND:HIST, ND:LABSC, ND:SCI, ND:COMPSC, or ND:SS.
VII.	FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE (2 credits) UNIV 110 is required for students transferring in less than 24 credits excluding credit earned by examination and early entry or dual credit coursework.
<b>Required BSN Completion Program Courses 26 cr.:</b>	
NURS 363 Nursing Theory and Research (3 cr.)	
NURS 383 Professional Nursing I (3 cr.)	
NURS 483 Professional Nursing II (3 cr.)	
NURS 457 Public Health for the Professional Nurse (3 cr. – theory, 2 cr. – clinical = 5 cr.)	
NURS 493 Professional Nursing III (3 cr.)	
NURS 410 Nursing Informatics (3 cr.)	
HMS 333 Transcultural Health (3 cr.)	
Special Topic Courses (choose from one):	
HMS 460 Quality and Risk Management in Healthcare (3 cr.)	
HMS 463 Issues in Healthcare Regulations and Professional Practices (3 cr.)	
<b>MiSU Total Credits for BSN Degree</b>	
Transfer course credits from NDSCS and any other colleges/universities.....	
NCLEX -RN examination credit.....	35*
MiSU credits.....	30 (minimum)
This includes 26 cr. in nursing program courses and a minimum of 4 cr. of general education and/or electives.	
Total.....	120 (minimum)

\* NCLEX- RN Competency Credit: MiSU to post 35 credits to the transcript for NCLEX-RN exam credit upon graduation semester to meet [MiSU graduation requirement](#) of 60 credits at a 4-year institution.

### Joint Obligations:

MiSU faculty or staff members will visit the NDSCS ADN Program in Wahpeton, ND at least once a year to promote the MiSU BSN Completion Program and guaranteed admission agreement between MiSU and NDSCS, advise prospective students, and collaborate with NDSCS nursing advisors and instructors.

MiSU faculty advisors will be available to NDSCS nursing students throughout their ADN program at NDSCS.

MiSU faculty or staff members will be responsible for providing NDSCS with MiSU BSN Completion Program and guaranteed admission information materials.

NDSCS will provide their ADN students with guaranteed admission information in the first semester of their ADN program and make materials available upon student request.

NDSCS will provide their ADN students with contact information for BSN Completion Program advising.

Minot State University and North Dakota State College of Science will exchange data and documents as agreed that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of the transfer agreements and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions.

### Monitoring, Review, and Agreement Longevity:

Both parties shall each name a principal contact person/office to the partnership program; further, these individuals (or department representatives) will be responsible for coordination related to the partnership program and the flow of communication within their institution. All agreements must be reviewed for updates with the signatures of representatives or delegates at least every five years.

This articulation agreement with guaranteed admission may be discontinued by either educational partner by submitting written notification to the other partner one year before the identified cancellation date to protect all students transferring between these institutions.

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