

Articulation Agreement

Minot State University (MiSU) and Bismarck State College (BSC)

January 6, 2021

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to enable students who have earned their Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Nursing from Bismarck State College to transfer to Minot State University and enter the BSN Completion Program. The AAS in Nursing would not be considered MiSU general education complete. The agreement will provide a structure through which transfer articulation on all levels can be supported.

Therefore, it would be understood and agreed that courses taken at BSC are considered equally transferable to Minot State University's BSN Completion Program and NDUS GERTA applies to the articulation agreement.

Transfer Requirements for the AAS in Nursing from BSC include:

1. Complete an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (AAS) from BSC.
 - a. Students may apply to MiSU and the BSN Completion Program as early as Spring in the final semester of the BSC AAS Nursing Program. Conditional MiSU BSN Completion Program acceptance will be granted until BSC AAS Nursing degree has been posted.
2. Apply for admission to MiSU.
 - a. Applicants must meet the MiSU admission requirements for transfer students
<https://www.minotstateu.edu/enroll/transfer/>.
 - b. Meet the MiSU admission requirement of a minimum GPA of 2.0. Meet the BSN Completion Program admission requirement of a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.
 - c. Complete the MiSU online application for admission.
https://app.applyyourself.com/AYApplicantLogin/fl_ApplicantConnectLogin.asp?id=minotstate.
 - d. Pay \$35.00 MiSU admission application fee.
 - e. Submit official academic records from your previous institutions. If you have previously attended an NDUS institution, MiSU will be able to retrieve your academic transcript(s) from any NDUS institution you attended once you have applied to MiSU.
3. Meet all deadlines set by MiSU.
4. Complete MiSU BSN Completion Program application and submit \$25.00 application fee.
5. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75. If the cumulative GPA <2.75, conditional acceptance may be agreed upon on an individual basis.
6. A minimum grade of "C" is required for all previous nursing courses.
7. A Minimum grade of "C" is required in all MiSU BSN Completion Program courses and required support course to progress in the program.
8. Be in good standing with prior institutions.
9. Pass NCLEX-RN
 - a. Submit proof of current U.S. unencumbered RN license to Minot State University Department of Nursing.
 - i. Conditional program acceptance will be granted for students that have not yet passed their NCLEX-RN; classes that can be taken prior to having an RN license are the following: general education courses, required support course, NURS 363, NURS 383, and special topic course(s).

10. Meet with MiSU BSN Completion Program Director to review prior course work and develop a plan of study.
11. Provide MiSU BSN Completion Program with documentation of all requirements through the approved format (e.g. immunizations, CPR, personal health insurance, NCLEX-RN license, and specific trainings and acknowledgment forms) and complete the online BSN completion program online orientation. See the MiSU DON Handbook for a complete list of all requirements.
12. Should a final transcript or licensure status indicate the applicant has not met the above admission requirements, conditional acceptance will be withdrawn and the student will be required to reapply to the program in a future semester. The applicant will not be considered as admitted to the program to continue with enrollment in nursing courses without valid NCLEX-RN licensure. Enrollment in courses outside of the nursing major (general education, elective, special topic course(s), and statistics), however, may proceed.
13. NCLEX-RN examination credit consists of 40 semester hours posted to the students MiSU official transcript during the semester of graduation. The examination credit validates the student's successful completion of the licensure exam. The NCLEX-RN examination credit is also designed to help students meet the graduation requirement of having a minimum of 60 semester hours completed at a 4-year institution.
14. Have access to a computer with high-speed internet and virus protection. MSU technology requirements: https://www.minotstateu.edu/online/pages/tour_and_skills/tour_04.shtml

Total Number of Transferrable Credits

There is no maximum number of transfer credits that can be accepted and applied toward degree completion at Minot State University. This does not preclude Minot State University's Degree requirements of:

1. Minimum of 30 semester hour credits earned directly from Minot State University
2. Minimum of 60 semester hour credits cumulatively from a four-year institution (NCLEX-RN examination credit of 40 semester hours can be applied to fulfill the required 60 semester hours)
3. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required in order to graduate

Summary of MiSU BSN Completion Program requirements for graduation:

<p>MiSU Core General Education Requirements <u>13 SH:</u> ENGL 110 College Composition I (3 SH) ENGL 120 College Composition II (3 SH) COMM 110 Fund of Public Speaking (3 SH) MATH 210 Elementary Statistics (4 SH) or PSY 241 Introduction to Statistics (4 SH)</p>
<p>MiSU General Education Foundational Content <u>23 SH:</u> FC1 Arts & Humanities: 6 SH FC2 Physical & Natural World: 8 SH FC3 Social Sciences & History: 9 SH (6 SH Social Sciences, 3 SH History)</p>
<p>Graduation Requirement: Developmental Content: <u>Critical Capacities Skills (CCS)</u> CCS1 Problem Solving – BIO 202 Microbiology or NURS 493 Professional Nursing III CCS2 Information Literacy – ENGL 120 College Composition II CCS3 Critical Reading – NURS 363 Nursing Theory and Research CCS4 Quantitative Literacy – MA 210 Elementary Statistics or NURS 457 Public Health CCS5 Oral/Written Communications – ENG 110 College Composition I CCS6 Collaboration – Chem 115 Intro to Chemistry or HMS 333 Transcultural Healthcare</p>

Personal & Social Responsibility (PSR)	
PSR1 Relationships & Value Systems – NURS 483 Professional Nursing II	
PSR2 Responding to Community Needs – PSY 111 Intro to Psychology or NURS 493 Professional Nursing III	
PSR3 Individual Well-being – HMS 240 Intro to Nutrition, or NURS 383 Professional Nursing I	
Interconnecting Perspectives (IP)	
IP1 Knowledge of Diversity – HMS 333 Transcultural Health	
IP2 Applied Experience of Diversity – NURS 457 Public Health	
Required Support Course	
MATH 210 Elementary Statistics 4 SH (Pre-requisite -ASC 93 Intermediate Algebra or ACT/SAT/Compass Score equivalent), OR PSY 241 Introduction to Statistics 4 SH (Pre-requisite – ASC 93 Intermediate Algebra or ACT/SAT/Compass Score equivalent and PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology). A minimum grade of a “C” is required.	
NOTE: Statistics must be taken either before or during the same semester as NURS 363 Nursing Theory and Research.	
Required BSN Completion Program Courses 23 SH:	
NURS 363 Nursing Theory and Research (3 SH)	
NURS 383 Professional Nursing I (3 SH)	
NURS 483 Professional Nursing II (S SH)	
NURS 457 Public Health for the Professional Nurse (5 SH – 3 SH Theory, 2 SH clinical)	
NURS 493 Professional Nursing III (3 SH)	
Special Topic Courses (choose two):	
HMS 460 Quality and Risk Management in Healthcare (3 SH)	
HMS 463 Issues in Healthcare Regulations and Professional Practices (3 SH)	
HMS 333 Transcultural Healthcare (3 SH) NOTE: Also meets developmental content area CCS6 and IP1	
MiSU Total Credits for BSN Degree	
Transfer course credits.....	40*
NCLEX -RN examination credit.....	30 (minimum)
MiSU credits.....	
This includes 23 SH nursing program courses and a minimum of 7 SH of general education, elective, and/or required support courses (Statistics).	
Total.....	120 (minimum)

* NCLEX- RN Credit: MiSU to post 40 SH to transcript for NCLEX-RN exam credit upon graduation semester to meet MiSU graduation requirement 60 SH at a 4-year institution.

TABLES

Refer to tables at the end of the document for examples of two semester and four semester Plans of Study.

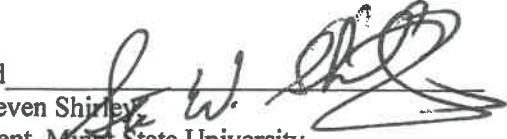
Joint Obligations:

Minot State University and Bismarck State College 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.

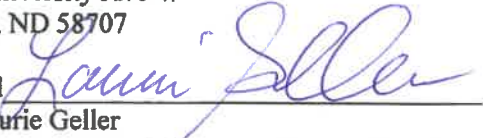
Monitoring, Review, and Agreement Longevity:

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


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

Signed 
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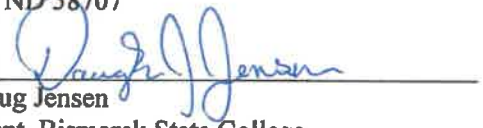
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TABLE 1: Example of a two semester Plan of Study option at Minot State University (MiSU) BSN Completion Program.

Transfer with all required MiSU General Education Courses Completed and AAS Nursing Degree Completed at BSC							
Year	Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	Summer Semester	Credits	Total
1							
2							
Total PN Certificate & AD AAS = _____ General Education & NURS= _____ Total Credits= _____							
The following table illustrates the MiSU BSN Completion Program courses, full time with all general education and Statistics course met successfully:							
Semester 1 (Fall)		Credits	Semester 2 (Spring)		Credits	NOTE: 40 NCLEX-RN Exam Credits posted upon graduation semester	
Statistics (if still needed)		4	NURS 457		5		
NURS 363		3	NURS 493		3		
NURS 383		3	HMS 333		3		
NURS 483		3	Elective credits (if still needed)		7		
HMS 460 or HMS 463		3					
Total		12 or 16	Total		11 or 18		
MiSU BSN Total Program Credits: 23 credits = BSN Completion courses & 7 credits = minimum of 30 credits taken at MiSU (statistics course credits and /or elective credits), 40 credits posted = NCLEX-RN examination credit							

TABLE 2: Example of a four-semester plan of study option for the Minot State University (MiSU) BSN Completion Program.

Transfer with AAS Completed from BSC							
Year	Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	Summer Semester	Credits	Total
1							
2							
Total PN Certificate & AD AAS = _____ General Education & NURS= _____ Total Credits= _____							
MiSU BSN Completion Program - Below is an example of a 4-semester plan of study. Students can choose more or less semesters to complete the MiSU BSN Completion Program based on the number of credits needed (general education, electives, or statistics course), and the student's need to be full or part time:							
Year	Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits	Summer Semester	Credits	Total
3	Statistics (if still needed)	4	NURS 457	5	Remaining Gen. Ed. courses	<u>X</u>	
	NURS 363	3	NURS 493	3			
	NURS 383	3	HMS Special Topics (1 of 2)	3			
	NURS 483	<u>3</u>	Gen. Ed. Courses	<u>3</u>			
	Total	9 or 13	Total	14	Total	X	
4	HMS Special Topics (1 of 2)	3					
	Remaining Gen. Ed. courses	<u>X</u>					
	Total	X					
MiSU BSN Total Program Credits: 23 credits = BSN Completion courses & 7 credits = minimum of 30 credits taken at MiSU (statistics course credits and /or elective credits), 40 credits posted = NCLEX-RN examination credit							