



Articulation Agreement with Guaranteed Admission
Dakota College at Bottineau and Minot State University



Introduction: The articulation agreement with guaranteed admission formally recognizes that Minot State University (hereinafter MiSU) and Dakota College at Bottineau (hereinafter DCB) 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 DCB 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 DCB to MiSU. Students will earn an ADN at DCB with an Associate of 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 DCB, conditional admission to the BSN Completion Program will be granted, pending the successful completion of their ADN, (A.A.S.) degree at DCB, 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 DCB 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 DCB ADN Program through the MiSU BSN Completion Program
2. Continued curriculum alignment between DCB 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. DCB ADN students will be given DCB and MiSU BSN Completion Program guaranteed admission information from their DCB 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 DCB 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 DCB ADN program and meet all [BSN Completion Program requirements](#).

- After being accepted to the BSN Completion Program, complete the [MiSU general and nursing scholarship application](#) by February 15.

Dakota College at Bottineau Program requirements for graduation: for the most up-to-date requirements click [here](#).

Summary of MiSU BSN Completion Program requirements for graduation:

MiSU General Education Requirements:	
<u>Core:</u>	
ENGL 110 College Composition I (3 cr.)	
ENGL 120 College Composition II (3 cr.)	
COMM 110 Fund of Public Speaking (3 cr.)	
MATH 210 Elementary Statistics (4 cr.) or PSY 241 Introduction to Statistics (4 cr.)	
<u>Foundational:</u>	
Arts & Humanities: 6 cr.	
Physical & Natural World (lab sciences): 8 cr.	
Social Sciences & History: 9 cr. (6 cr. Social Sciences, 3 cr. History)	
Required Support Course	
MATH 210 Elementary Statistics 4 cr. (Pre-requisite -ASC 93 Intermediate Algebra or ACT/SAT/Compass Score equivalent), OR PSY 241 Introduction to Statistics 4 cr. (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 before or while taking NURS 363 Nursing Theory and Research.	
Required BSN Completion Program Courses 23 cr.:	
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.)	
Special Topic Courses (choose two):	
HMS 460 Quality and Risk Management in Healthcare (3 cr.)	
HMS 463 Issues in Healthcare Regulations and Professional Practices (3 cr.)	
HMS 333 Transcultural Healthcare (3 cr.)	
MiSU Total Credits for BSN Degree	
Transfer course credits from DCB and any other colleges/universities.....	40*
NCLEX -RN examination credit.....	30 (minimum)
MiSU credits.....	30 (minimum)
This includes 23 cr. in nursing program courses and a minimum of 7 cr. of general education, elective, and/or required support course (statistics).	
Total.....	120 (minimum)

* NCLEX- RN Credit: MiSU to post 40 credits to 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 DCB ADN Program campuses at Bottineau, Valley City State University, and Minot at least once a year to promote the MiSU BSN Completion Program and guaranteed admission agreement between MiSU and DCB, advise prospective students, and collaborate with DCB nursing advisors and instructors.

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

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

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

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

Minot State University and Dakota College at Bottineau 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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