Articulation Agreement
Minot State University (MiSU) and North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS)
August 13, 2018

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to

1. enable students who have earned their Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Nursing from North Dakota State College of Science to transfer to Minot State University and enter the BSN Completion online 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.

2. enable students who have earned their Associate of Science Degree (AS) in Nursing from North Dakota State College of Science to transfer to Minot State University and enter the BSN Completion online program. The AS in Nursing would be considered MiSU General Education complete.

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

**Transfer Requirements for the AAS and AS in Nursing from NDSCS must include:**

1. Complete an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing (AAS)
2. Have a 2.75 Cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale
3. Pass NCLEX-RN®
   a. Submit proof of current US unencumbered RN license to MiSU Dept of Nursing by start of first semester in the program.
4. Apply for admission to Minot State University [http://www.minotstateu.edu/apply_now.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/apply_now.shtml)
   a. Complete MSU Application
   b. Pay $35.00 application fee
5. Supply Minot State University with all required documentation:
   a. Official transcripts from ALL prior colleges/universities attended sent to MiSU Enrollment Services
   b. Provide appropriate evidence of immunizations by completion of Minot State University Immunization Record
6. Meet all deadlines set by Minot State University
7. Apply to Minot State University's Department of Nursing BSN Completion Program [http://www.minotstateu.edu/nursing/bsn_online.shtml](http://www.minotstateu.edu/nursing/bsn_online.shtml)
   Application deadlines: are ongoing with admission to the program Fall, Spring or Summer semester.
Summary of MiSU BSN Completion program requirements for graduation:

**MiSU CORE General Education Requirements 13SH:**
- Engl 110 College Composition I 3SH
- Engl 120 College Composition II 3SH
- Comm 110 Fund of Publ Speaking 3SH
- Math: MATH 210 Elementary Statistics or Psy 241 Statistics, Math 103, or Math 104

**MiSU General Education Foundational Content: 23SH:**
- FCI Arts & Humanities: 6SH
- FC2 Physical & Natural World: 8 SH
- FC3 Social Sciences & History: 9 SH (6 SH Social Sciences, 3SH History)

**Graduation Requirements: Developmental Content:**

**Critical Capacities Skills (CCS):**
- CCS1 Problem Solving – BIO 142 Microbiology or N 493 Prof Nurs III
- CCS2 Information Literacy – Engl 120
- CCS3 Critical Reading – N 363 Research
- CCS4 Quantitative Literacy – MA 210 Elem Statistics or N 457 Public Health
- CCS5 Oral/Written Communications – Engl 110
- CCS6 Collaboration – Chem 115 Intro Chemistry or HMS 333 Transcultural Healthcare
  
  **Personal & Social Responsibility (PSR):**
- PSR1 Relationships & Value Systems – N483 Professional Nurs II
- PSR2 Responding to Community Needs – Psy 111 Introduction to Psychology 3SH or N 493 Prof Nurs III
- PSR3 Individual Well-Being – HMS 240 Intro to Nutrition, or N 383 Prof Nurs III

  **Interconnecting Perspectives (IP):**
- IP1 Knowledge of Diversity – HMS 333
- IP2 Applied Experience of Diversity – N 457 Public Health

**Required Support course**
- MA 210 Elem Statistics 4SH (pre-requisite ASC 93 Intermediate Algebra or ACT/SAT/Compass Score equivalent), OR PSY 241 Statistics 4SH (pre-requisite ASC 93 Intermediate Algebra or ACT/SAT/Compass Score equivalent and Psy 111 Introduction to Psychology). A minimum of a grade “C” is required.

**NOTE:** Statistics must be taken either before or during the same semester as N 363 Research course.
a. Complete BSN Completion program for Nursing Major application form
b. Submit $25.00 application fee (to MSU)
c. Request an appointment with BSN Completion online program Advanced Standing Director for an informal review of prior course work to begin a Plan of Study
d. Minimum Cumulative GPA for program is 2.75 or better on 4.0 scale. If Cumulative GPA < 2.75, conditional acceptance may be agreed upon on a one to one basis
e. Students who have graduated from a board approved nursing education program and have passed NCLEX-RN® need to make application to the Department of Nursing and submit current unencumbered US RN license documentation to the Department of Nursing
f. Students who have graduated from a board approved nursing education program, but have not passed the NCLEX-RN® may take the following courses for conditional acceptance into the program: general education courses/elective credit courses, required support course (Statistics), NURS 363 Research & Theory, NURS 383 Professional Nursing I and Special Topics HMS course approved by the Nursing Department.
g. All nursing program courses must be successfully completed with a “C” or above, including the Statistics course.
h. Submit current American Heart Basic Life Support (CPR & AED) certification documentation
i. Submit current copy of personal health insurance coverage
j. Submit Criminal Background check materials with program application: completed fingerprint card(s), form and check/money order to ND Attorney General $40.00.
k. Copy of personal health insurance
l. Access to a computer with High-speed internet and virus protection. MSU technology requirements: http://www.minotstateu.edu/online/pages/tour_and_skills/tour_04.shtml

8. Be in good standing with prior institution

**Total Number of Transferable 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 122 cumulative semester hour credits.
2. Minimum of 30 semester hour credits earned directly from Minot State University
3. Minimum of 60 semester hour credits cumulatively from a four year Institution
4. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required in order to graduate
**Required BSN Completion program courses**

N 363 Research 3SH  
N 383 Prof Nurs I 3SH  
N 483 Prof Nurs II 3SH  
N 457 PH for the Professional Nurse 5 SH (includes theory and clinical)  
Two of the Three Special Topics courses 3SH each:  
HMS 460 Quality & Risk 3SH  
HMS 463 Health Care Policy 3SH  
HMS 333 Transcultural Healthcare 3SH *Note also meets Developmental Content area CCS6 and IP1  

**MiSU Total Credits for BSN Degree**

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This includes 23 SH nursing program courses and a minimum of 7 SH via electives/required support course [statistics], and/or general education courses  

Total 122 (minimum)

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

**TABLE**
Refer to table at end of document.

**Joint Obligations:**
Minot State University and North Dakota State College of Science agree to exchange data and documents as agreed that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of these transfer arrangements, and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions.

**Monitoring, Review and Agreement Longevity:**
Both parties shall each name a principal contact person/office related 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 and appropriate signatures or deletion 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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Date 8/15/18

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Date 8-14-18
**TABLE:** Articulation Agreement with Plan of Study between Minot State University (MiSU) BSN Completion Program [online] and North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS)

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IF AS DEGREE (WITH AAS NURSING) completed, then General Education requirements would be met/complete. The MSU BSN program would then be two semesters (full time option noted) or can be extended longer to meet the needs of the RN student. The following table illustrates full time with all General Education requirements and Statistics course met successfully:

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