

Memorandum of Agreement
Between
North Dakota State College of Science and North Dakota State University
Signed June 18, 2018

I. Purpose

In accordance with policy 305.1(4)(j) of the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education (“SBHE”) and effective as of January 15, 2018, North Dakota State University (NDSU) and the North Dakota State College of Science (NDSCS) enter into this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to better serve the research, service, educational and workforce needs of North Dakota (ND). The two institutions are doing so because of their relatively unique combined presence in eastern North Dakota, and the cooperative spirit through which they believe the educational interests of the state and local area will be best served.

NDSU and NDSCS understand that the missions of both institutions are better served by cooperation rather than competition.

NDSU and NDSCS agree to collaborate when and where appropriate to benefit both institutions’ various stakeholders.

NDSU and NDSCS understand that by collaborating, the educational environment in the state is strengthened by both institutions and thereby each will be able to serve the state better.

NDSU and NDSCS will continue to operate as two separate independent institutions in all governances, fiscal and accreditation matters.

NDSU and NDSCS will nonetheless mutually explore opportunities for creating academic partnerships and operating efficiencies (staff, materials, etc.).

NDSCS will be the principal provider of sub-baccalaureate programming in the greater Fargo/West Fargo area. NDSU is the provider of baccalaureate and graduate programs.

II. Academic programming

It is anticipated that a need for two-year, associate degree programs delivered in the greater Fargo/West Fargo area will continue to expand. NDSU and NDSCS will collaborate when and where appropriate to identify new and modify existing career and technical programming required to meet educational and workforce needs.

Recognizing the unique niche of each campus in serving students, NDSU and NDSCS will continue to refer appropriate students to one another based on their expressed interest in non-baccalaureate, baccalaureate, or professional programs and their levels of academic preparedness.

NDSU will continue to direct appropriate students denied admission to NDSU to consider the Pathway Program, which provides an avenue for students to complete developmental coursework at NDSCS while living on NDSU’s campus and taking selected courses collaboratively at NDSU. NDSCS will continue to advise for, orient to, and promote the Pathway Program.

NDSU and NDSCS will develop transfer guides for appropriate Associate of Arts (AA) degrees to help students choose courses that will fulfill the requirements for the AA degree and count toward the Baccalaureate or professional degree, ultimately reducing the overall time to graduation. In addition, NDSU and NDSCS will encourage collaborative registration in courses to assist students in meeting degree requirements at both institutions.

NDSU and NDSCS will encourage students to complete their AA degree prior to transferring to NDSU. In cases where students transfer before completion of their AA degree, NDSU will continue to promote the "reverse transfer" process that allows students to transfer credits back to NDSCS for the purpose of attaining the AA degree.

The parties will continue to develop processes to assist students to transfer seamlessly to NDSU to achieve baccalaureate degrees. Examples of such processes include the exchange of student directory information of students enrolled in AA degrees, the facilitation of one-on-one transfer advising between NDSCS AA students and NDSU, and the building of ties with the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society.

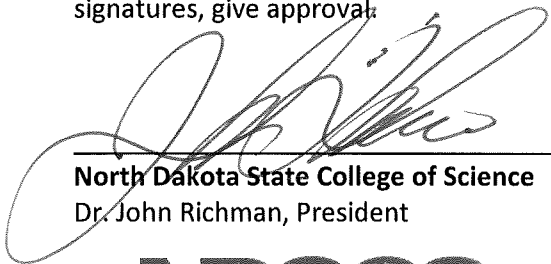
III. Operational Cooperation and Collaboration

Efforts will be made to encourage collaboration to achieve operational efficiencies. In particular, opportunities to collaborate in the shared utilization of administrative systems, processes and personnel for mutual advantage, efficiency and success for both institutions will be evaluated

IV. Campus Resources/Relationship

NDSU/NDSCS services described in the Memorandum of Agreement are complimentary as long as each project scope remains reasonable. If necessary, financial arrangements will be negotiated for each specific type of activity and will depend upon the availability of funds. Each party agrees to seek financial resources for supporting the exchange and collaboration. The contact and exchanges between the two parties shall be based on collegiality, equality, and mutual assistance.

It is the understanding, on the part of both campuses, that this document will be reviewed as needed. This Memorandum of Agreement has been examined by each of us, and we do hereby, with our signatures, give approval:



North Dakota State College of Science
Dr. John Richman, President



North Dakota State University
Dr. Dean Bresciani, President

