

## **MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING**

with Respect to Guaranteed Admission from  
**NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES**

Towards the  
**SDSU ACCELERATED NURSING in ABERDEEN**  
**Bachelor of Science (BSN)**

Between  
NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY (NSU)  
and  
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY (SDSU)

### **I. Parties**

The parties to this agreement are South Dakota State University (SDSU), and Northern State University (NSU) in South Dakota (SD).

### **II. Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to:

- A. have a signed agreement that addresses the varying needs of students and complementary nature of the institutions' programs;
- B. provide increased educational opportunities for students from the region;
- C. extend and clarify educational opportunities for students; and
- D. provide students who completed a bachelor's degree in any field from NSU and have met pre-requisites, guaranteed admission to the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program from SDSU located in Aberdeen, SD.

### **III. Academic Program**

- A. Upon successful completion of a baccalaureate degree from NSU and the pre-requisite coursework specified below, SDSU will offer students guaranteed admission into the Accelerated BSN major in Aberdeen, SD. Students must meet all admission requirements for the program to apply under this agreement. Admission requirements are stipulated in each annual SDSU catalog. <https://catalog.sdstate.edu/>
- B. Students must meet all South Dakota Board of Regents policies and university graduation requirements in order to receive the BSN degree from SDSU. Requirements to be completed at SDSU for the major in Nursing (BSN) are reflected in the catalog website: <https://catalog.sdstate.edu/>
- C. Requirements to be completed at SDSU to earn a Bachelor of Science with a major in Nursing from the Accelerated Program in Aberdeen, SD are outlined below.

## Pre-Nursing and General Education Coursework: Accelerated Pathway in Aberdeen, SD

NSU course	Credits	SDSU nursing pre-requisite course	Credits
<b>SGR #1 ENGL 101</b> Composition I	3	<b>SGR #1</b> Written Communication (6cr total)	3
<b>SGR #1 ENGL 201</b> Composition II	3	<b>SGR #1</b> Written Communication (6cr total)	3
<b>SGR #2</b> Oral Communication	3	<b>SGR #2</b> Oral Communication	3
<b>SGR #4</b> Humanities	3	<b>SGR #4</b> Humanities	3
<b>SGR #4</b> Humanities	3	<b>SGR #4</b> Humanities	3
<b>SGR #5 MATH 103</b> Math Reasoning or higher	3	<b>SGR #5 MATH 103</b> Math Reasoning or higher	3
<b>PSYC 101</b> General Psychology (fulfills SGR #3 & pre-nursing req)	3	<b>PSYC 101</b> General Psychology (fulfills SGR #3 & pre-nursing req)	3
<b>SOC 100</b> Intro to Sociology or 150 or 240 (fulfills SGR #3 & pre-nursing req)	3	<b>SOC 100</b> Intro to Sociology or 150 or 240 (fulfills SGR #3 & pre-nursing req)	3
<b>PSYC 221</b> Lifespan Development (fulfills SGR Goal #3 and pre-nursing req)	3	<b>HDFS 210</b> Lifespan Development (fulfills SGR Goal #3 and pre-nursing req)	3
<b>CHEM 106/106L</b> Chem Survey or CHEM 112/112L General Chem (fulfills SGR #6 & pre-nursing req)	3/1	<b>CHEM 106/106L</b> Chem Survey or CHEM 112/112L General Chem (fulfills SGR #6 & pre-nursing req)	3/1
<b>MICR 231/231L</b> General Microbiology & lab or BIOL 331/L Microbiology (fulfills pre-nursing req)	4	<b>MICR 231/231L</b> General Microbiology & lab (fulfills pre-nursing req)	4
<b>BIOL 221/221L</b> Anatomy & lab (fulfills pre-nursing req)	4	<b>BIOL 221/221L</b> Anatomy & lab (fulfills pre-nursing req)	4
<b>BIOL 325/325L</b> Physiology & lab (fulfills pre-nursing req)	4	<b>BIOL 325/325L</b> Physiology & lab (fulfills pre-nursing req)	4
<b>HLTH 422</b> Nutrition (fulfills pre-nursing req) (*Must be taken at NSU only)	3	<b>NUTR 315</b> Human Nutrition (fulfills pre-nursing req)	3
<b>Electives</b>	12	<b>Electives</b>	12
<b>Total Pre-requisite coursework</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>Total Pre-requisite coursework</b>	<b>58</b>

Note: The SDSU pre-nursing requirement for 2cr of Nurs119 is waived for students falling under this agreement as the course is waived for students with a previous baccalaureate degree.

Note: The SDSU Nursing program is 62 credits of major courses. Combined with the above 58 required general education and pre-nursing credits, students will meet the 120 credit requirement of the SDSU baccalaureate degree in Nursing.

### Additional requirements:

- NSU students must have a cumulative (overall) GPA of 2.8 a 4.0 scale to be admitted into the Accelerated Program in Aberdeen.
- NSU students must have a Pre-Nursing GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to be admitted into the Accelerated Program in Aberdeen. The Pre-Nursing GPA is calculated based on the following pre-requisite courses:
  - Psyc101 (3cr), Soc100/150/240 (3cr), HDFS210/Psyc221 (3cr), Chem106/L (3/1cr), Micro231/L (4cr), Biol221/L (4cr), Biol325/L (4cr) and Nutr315/Hlth422 (3cr)
- Any pre-requisite course taken with a grade below a "C" must be retaken prior to starting the Accelerated Nursing major at SDSU.

#### **IV. Obligations**

Both parties agree to confer with each other on a regular basis, at least annually, regarding changes in curricula involved in this agreement. Additionally:

- A. NSU will develop advising sheets and related materials delineating educational pathways for students to complete pre-nursing courses;
- B. NSU will provide advising to students pursuing the SDSU Accelerated BSN major in Aberdeen while enrolled as NSU students;
- C. NSU will market these educational pathways in cooperation with SDSU;
- D. NSU will provide guidance and support through its academic advisors as to guide students to the appropriate coursework, and help support a student-mentorship program (e.g., student instructors) to facilitate ease into the pre-nursing coursework.
- E. SDSU will provide and maintain up-to-date professional licensure certification disclosures to all students accepted into or enrolled in the SDSU accelerated nursing program.

#### **V. Modifications**

This agreement may be modified from time to time by the South Dakota Board of Regents. Modifications may not diminish the entitlements enjoyed by students who have already attended classes delivered under the terms of earlier versions of the agreement, except in rare instances in which retroactive implementation of modifications may be required to comply with accreditation standards or to conform to professional licensure requirements.

#### **VII. Termination**

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon one year's written notice to the other. Student(s) enrolled in the program at that time shall be allowed to complete the program.

This Agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority from the Legislature for this purpose. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate or grant expenditure authority or funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, this Agreement will be terminated by either party. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by either party nor does it give rise to a claim against either party.

This agreement will be reviewed at minimum every seven years from the effective date per South Dakota Board of Regents policy 2:27. This agreement may be reviewed as needed at the prompting of either party.

#### **VI. Effective Date of Agreement**

This agreement will go into effect at the start of the Summer 2021 semester term at NSU and SDSU upon approval from all parties and the South Dakota Board of Regents. This agreement applies to students who have graduated from NSU in the past or will graduate in the future with a NSU baccalaureate degree, provided the student meets all other requirements of this agreement.

**VII. Acceptance of Agreement**

For South Dakota State University:

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South Dakota State University

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Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
South Dakota State University

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College of Arts and Sciences, Interim Dean  
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Timothy Downs, Ph.D.  
President  
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