

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
between the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES
doing business as
CHADRON STATE COLLEGE
and
LARAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Chadron State College (CSC) and Laramie County Community College (LCCC) are committed to providing opportunities for student access to, and success in, higher education. Therefore, this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is designed to foster the creation of undergraduate transfer initiatives between the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges doing business as Chadron State College (CSC) and (LCCC).

The purpose of this MOA is to enrich lives, invigorate regional communities, and foster the development of engaged leaders and citizens. The strategic plans of CSC and LCCC value collaboration, engaged teaching and learning, diversity and inclusion, innovation, learner-centered experiences, and integrity.

Under the provisions of this MOA, CSC and LCCC agree to the following:

Program Development

- 1) CSC and LCCC will collaborate on the development of program articulations and provide the information necessary to successfully promote, develop, and maintain the partnership.
- 2) CSC and LCCC academic personnel will collaborate each spring to ensure that any changes in curriculum are considered and reflected in the program articulations.

Transfer of Students

- 1) All students transferring from LCCC to CSC will be held to the conditions of the current version of Nebraska State College System's Policy 4430: Transfer of Credit and Degrees.
- 2) Students who transfer from LCCC will present credits for transfer evaluation in fulfillment with CSC requirements. The use of courses taken at other institutions toward fulfillment of CSC requirements will be assessed by CSC for equivalency.

Admissions, Registration, and Advising

- 1) CSC and LCCC will collaborate on recruiting, advising, and retention efforts to support student success and completion of academic and personal goals. LCCC students are strongly encouraged to work with an academic advisor at CSC and an academic advisor at LCCC. CSC advisors will be available to assist LCCC students with appropriate academic advising related to their intended plans of study to complete a LCCC associate degree prior to transferring to CSC. The names and directory information of LCCC students interested in pursuing a 2+2 program with CSC will be provided to CSC to facilitate the advising and registration process. Additionally, 2+2 program articulation materials will be distributed to students and utilized as advising tools to

assist with identifying course-to-course and program transfer equivalencies.

- 2) An LCCC student maintaining continuous enrollment and following the academic pathway in place under the LCCC catalog of record for the year the student begins at LCCC will matriculate to CSC under the same catalog year. A break in enrollment may cause the student to be readmitted under a different catalog year and therefore the requirements set forth in that catalog.
- 3) CSC and LCCC will work to identify reverse transfer opportunities for students.
- 4) Transfer students from LCCC are eligible to be on the CSC Dean's list each semester by obtaining twelve (12) CSC semester-graded hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Financial Aid

- 1) All non-resident incoming undergraduate transfer students, regardless of GPA, class rank or test scores, will pay the Eagle Rate for face-to-face courses.
- 2) Transfer students from LCCC will have the opportunity to apply for CSC transfer student scholarships.

Resources

- 1) CSC and LCCC will explore opportunities for the cross-sourcing of mutually agreed upon resources, including, but not limited to, personnel, information technology, space, equipment, and grant or external funding opportunities, to enhance the teaching and learning experience for students.
- 2) CSC and LCCC will develop a shared marketing plan to promote, throughout the region, program pathways.
- 3) CSC will, at a minimum, collaborate annually with LCCC officials to advance each institution's regional efforts.

Conditions

- 1) This MOA shall commence on August 1, 2021 and will expire June 30, 2024, unless terminated earlier by either Party upon 90 days' written notice to the other Party.
- 2) The MOA can be extended by a written amendment signed by both Parties.
- 3) LCCC and CSC will evaluate this MOA annually and provide summary reports to their respective Presidents on ongoing initiatives, timelines and outcomes.
- 4) Both Parties affirm that they will comply with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) for sharing student information.

The designated representatives of the parties for the purposes of monitoring and oversight of this MOA are:

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