

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION\ACADEMIC AND PERSONNEL

June 17, 2021

ACTION: **Approve Northeast Community College AAS Memorandum of Agreement with Wayne State College**

Per Board Policy 7015, which requires Board action for approval of academic agreements, Wayne State requests approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with Northeast Community College. This Agreement is designed to provide transfer pathways for industry-ready graduates of Northeast's AAS programs to transfer credits seamlessly to WSC to further their education for employment potential and advancement in their chosen profession.

The System Office and Wayne State College recommend approval of the Northeast Community College AAS Agreement with Wayne State College.

ATTACHMENTS:

- WSC MOA NECC AAS_BS Technology (PDF)

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES
doing business as
WAYNE STATE COLLEGE
and
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The AAS/BS-Technology Program is a joint program between the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges doing business as Wayne State College (WSC) and Northeast Community College (Northeast). The program allows students to continue their education in industrial technology at WSC, leading toward a Bachelor of Science in Technology. A student enrolled in this program will complete the AAS requirements at Northeast, and by transferring all satisfactorily completed academic credits, enter WSC to study industrial technology leading to a Bachelor of Science in Technology.

This agreement is designed to provide pathways for industry-ready graduates of Northeast AAS programs to transfer credits seamlessly to WSC to further their education for employment potential and advancement in business and industry of their chosen profession. This partnership between WSC and Northeast has the potential to strengthen the area workforce by retaining graduates who are highly trained in communications, business, and project management in professional careers in Northeast Nebraska.

Under the provision of the Memorandum of Agreement made this **17th day of June, 2021**, WSC and Northeast agree to the following conditions:

- 1) This Agreement describing the AAS/BS-Technology Program between WSC and Northeast will be effective for five years beginning on June 17, 2021, and ending on June 17, 2026.
- 2) WSC agrees to accept in whole the transfer of any Northeast AAS degree toward the BS-Technology major.
- 3) Transfer courses will include content courses and required Northeast general education courses as identified in the Northeast catalog. Content courses will be included as a part of the WSC Technology major or as general electives.
- 4) Total credit hours required for a Bachelor of Science in Technology from WSC will total 120 credit hours. The 120 credit hours will include general education (30 credit hours), Technology major (57 credit hours), and general electives (33 credit hours). A minimum of 40 credit hours of upper-level course work (300 level or above) must be completed from WSC. Students are encouraged to complete a majority of WSC's general education requirements through Northeast prior to transferring. See Appendix I for general education course options. Remaining general education courses may be taken through WSC at the upper level as needed.
- 5) Northeast and WSC will collaborate on recruitment, advising, and retention efforts that are mutually beneficial to both institutions. To assist prospective transfer students enrolled in the AAS/BS-Technology Program with their academic planning, students from Northeast are strongly encouraged to work with an academic advisor at WSC and an academic advisor at

Northeast. The names and directory information of Northeast students pursuing AAS programs and interested in the WSC pathway will be provided to the WSC Admissions Office to facilitate advising and registration. Supplemental advising sheets and articulation materials will be shared between schools and distributed to students as an advising tool.

- 6) WSC will meet annually with Northeast officials to review this Memorandum of Agreement.
- 7) WSC will allow students entering the AAS/BS-Technology Program to complete the program under the Memorandum of Agreement in effect at the time of their program initiation or select the current Memorandum of Agreement, but only one can be declared.
- 8) Students entering the AAS/BS-Technology Program will be allowed to complete the program under the degree requirements listed in the WSC Catalog in effect at the time of their program initiation.
- 9) Students enrolled in this program will, by transferring all satisfactorily completed academic credits at Northeast identified by an AAS Program of Study within the AAS/BS-Technology Program, enter WSC with junior standing.
- 10) WSC will allow no more than 80 semester hours of degree-applicable transfer credit from Northeast to apply to the AAS/BS-Technology Program. Acceptable hours include AAS content and general education courses, plus additional coursework taken to fulfill WSC general education requirements.
- 11) Students transferring to WSC from Northeast must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale). Courses with a grade below C- will not be accepted.
- 12) Students who transfer from Northeast will present credits for transfer evaluation in accordance with WSC requirements. The evaluation of courses taken at other institutions toward fulfillment of WSC requirements will be assessed for WSC equivalency.
- 13) Students transferring into WSC must meet WSC's admission standards. Admission standards are printed in the WSC Catalog and posted online at the following URL: <https://www.wsc.edu/catalog>
- 14) Transfer students from Northeast will have the opportunity to apply for WSC transfer student scholarships.
- 15) Transfer students from Northeast are eligible to be included on the WSC Dean's list each semester by obtaining 12 WSC semester-graded hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 or above.
- 16) A description of the AAS/BS-technology Program will be printed in the WSC Catalog and posted online at the following URL: <https://www.wsc.edu/catalog>
- 17) Amendments to this Memorandum of Agreement will be documented in writing and signed by both parties.

18) This Memorandum of Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 90 days written notice to the other party.

19) The designed representative of the parties for the purpose of monitoring the oversight of this Memorandum of Agreement are:

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20) Both parties affirm that they will comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) for sharing student information.

For the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges doing business as Wayne State College:

Dr. Marysz P. Rames, President, Wayne State College

Date

Dr. Paul Turman, Chancellor, Nebraska State Colleges

Date

For Northeast Community College:

Dr. Leah Barrett, President, Northeast Community College

Date

Dr. Michelle Gill, Vice President of Educational Services,
Northeast Community College

Date