

ACTION: **Approve Affiliation Agreement Between Wayne State College and University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing for BSN Nursing Early Admission**

Per Board Policy 7015, which requires Board action for approval of academic agreements, Wayne State requests approval of the BS Nursing (BSN) Early Admission Agreement with the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing, Northern Division (UNMCCON-N). This Agreement provides special terms of admission for Wayne State students and establishes a pathway of co-advisement and coordination to allow students to complete pre-requisite coursework and be automatically admitted to UNMCCON-N.

The System Office and Wayne State College recommend approval of the Affiliation Agreement with Wayne State College and Univ of Nebraska Med Center College of Nursing.

ATTACHMENTS:

- WSC UNMCCON BSN Agreement (PDF)

**AFFILIATION AGREEMENT FOR UNMCCON-N – WSC EARLY ADMISSION
COLLABORATION**

**between
the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska
for the
University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing
and
the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System
doing business as Wayne State College**

Board of Regents, of the University of Nebraska
a corporate public body, by and on behalf of the
College of Nursing
University of Nebraska Medical Center
985330 Nebraska Medical Center
Omaha, NE 68198-5330
Hereinafter called (“UNMC”)

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State
Colleges dba Wayne State College
1111 Main Street
Wayne, NE 68787
Hereinafter called (“WSC”)

UNMC desires to enhance its mission of teaching, research and service and both UNMC and WSC enter into this Agreement to promote a seamless approach to academic progression for students attending WSC. The purpose of this Agreement is to specify the exact nature of the affiliation activities between UNMC COLLEGE OF NURSING Northern Division (UNMCCON-N) and WSC, including admission and progression requirements, advising, ongoing collaboration meetings, and student tuition and fees. The parties agree that UNMCCON-N and WSC will work together to facilitate academic advisement for students in the pre-nursing/undergraduate program at WSC wishing to apply to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at UNMCCON-N. This Agreement will be monitored and reviewed periodically by both parties.

I. ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants to the BSN program option must meet the standard admission criteria as delineated in Exhibit I. Changes in these criteria will be forwarded to WSC prior to the end of each calendar year for inclusion in the next year’s application cycle.

Applicants to the Early Admission Program for the BSN Program must meet the following criteria at the time of application in addition to the standard admission criteria:

- Undergraduate student enrolled at WSC
- Minimum 3.3 GPA
- No pass/fail courses in the sciences (except laboratory components)
- Must meet with a UNMCCON-N student services coordinator each semester

Admission decisions for the Early Admission Program will be made on a rolling basis each semester (Fall, Spring, Summer) based upon when students submit application materials. Additionally, space available will be considered as necessary. Students are admitted provisionally into the Early Admission program, contingent upon meeting the progression criteria in Section II. Students will normally be expected to matriculate to the BSN Program at UNMCCON-N upon completion of prerequisite coursework. However, in recognition of the fact that unusual circumstances may on occasion preclude immediate matriculation, admission to the Early Admission program will be effective for up to one (1) year after the students’ intended start date.

II. PROGRESSION CRITERIA FOR EARLY ADMISSION PROGRAM FOR BSN PROGRAM AT UNMCCON-N:

Students approved for Early Admission to the BSN Program at UNMCCON-N are admitted provisionally to the UNMCCON-N upon completion of the admission requirements. Students must meet the following progression criteria in order to matriculate into the nursing courses in the BSN Program following completion of prerequisite coursework at WSC:

- Minimum 3.3 GPA over all prerequisite courses
- Must have met with UNMCCON-N representative face to face, phone conference, or other electronic mechanisms each semester prior to matriculation
- Successful completion of required prerequisite courses
- Satisfactory background check (Exhibit II)

Students must meet ongoing progression policies while in the BSN program at UNMCCON-N. These are located in Policy 5.2.18 in the UNMCCON-N Resource Manual.

III. STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND FINANCIAL AID

The Office of Financial Aid at the UNMCCON-N and the Office of Financial Aid at WSC hereby agree to establish a Financial Aid Consortium Agreement governing aid for the junior and senior students at the UNMCCON-N who are concurrently enrolled at WSC.

This Agreement governs the use of courses for which a student is concurrently enrolled in the determination of the student's enrollment status and cost-of-attendance for financial aid eligibility. All federal regulations pertaining to Title IV student financial assistance programs are applicable.

The UNMCCON-N student who wishes to concurrently enroll in courses at WSC must have courses pre-approved by the UNMCCON-N. Written documentation of this concurrent enrollment must be provided to the UNMC Academic Records office. This enrollment information is to include the title of the course(s), course number, and credit hours.

The UNMCCON-N will determine satisfactory academic progress for financial aid purposes. The UNMC Financial Aid office will calculate the financial aid award and disburse such awards. Required financial aid records will be maintained through the UNMC Financial Aid office.

Prior to the end of each semester/term, the UNMCCON-N will request of WSC in writing, the grades of students dually enrolled. Within thirty (30) days of the end of the semester/term, WSC will notify the UNMCCON-N of the final grade(s) earned for the course(s) taken at the WSC.

WSC will immediately notify the UNMCCON-N if the student withdraws from a course or if WSC administratively withdraws the student.

IV. UNMCCON-N RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Conduct one (1) face to face student services advising session for students at WSC each semester.
2. Provide one (1) telecommunicated video question and answer session for students each semester.
3. Participate in a joint Nebraska UNMCCON-N -WSC Early Admission Collaboration Committee meeting at least once per year.
4. Provide updated program materials annually for distribution to students and faculty at WSC.

V. WSC RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Publicize the UNMCCON-N BSN Program Option to students at WSC.
2. Provide space for advising sessions and telecommunicated question and answer sessions.
3. Participate in a joint BSN Collaborative Advisory Committee meeting at least once per year.

VI. TUITION AND FEES FOR STUDENTS IN THE RN-BSN PROGRAM OPTION

Tuition and fees for the BSN program are published on the UNMC web site and subject to change. Changes are published annually on the UNMC web site.

VII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Disputes between the UNMCCON-N and WSC will be addressed first through informal discussion between the parties involved. If that is not successful, the Associate Dean for Academic Programs for the UNMC College of Nursing and the Dean of Science, Health, and Criminal Justice at WSC will attempt to resolve the issue, or the

respective business officers, depending on the nature of the dispute. If still unsuccessful, the Dean of the UNMCCON-N and the appropriate official at WSC will work together to come to a mutually acceptable resolution.

VIII. TERMS AND RENEWAL

The parties mutually agree that this written document (pages 1- 3) represents the complete Agreement of both parties concerning the subject matter hereof and that any change in terms must be contained in writing executed by both parties. Changes in the exhibits to this Agreement will be communicated in writing from the UNMCCON-N to the WSC prior to the end of the calendar year before such changes occur.

The term of this Agreement shall be for three (3) years, effective Jan. 1, 2022 and shall be renewed for successive terms of a three (3) year period upon the written approval of both parties. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon sixty (60) days written notice accomplished either by personal service or by certified or registered mail to the UNMC Office of Academic Affairs and WSC Vice President of Academic Affairs. Any students enrolled in the ongoing program at the time of such termination notice shall be given the opportunity by UNMCCON-N and WSC to complete the requirements of the program as offered at the time of their entry and in compliance with the conditions contained in this Agreement.

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WSC contact: Ron Loggins, Dean, Science, Health, and CJ Telephone number: 402-375-7030

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date shown below.

THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

By: _____
H. Dele Davies, MD, MSc, MHCM
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Date: _____

By: _____
Juliann G. Sebastian, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean, UNMC College of Nursing

Date: _____

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES:

By: _____
Paul Turman, Chancellor

Date: _____

UNMCCON Admission Requirements:

1. To be admitted into the nursing program, a student must:
 - a. Submit the following information:
 - completed application form
 - official transcripts of all university/college course work
 - two (2) letters of recommendation
 - campus preference
 - disclosure statement
 - b. Complete the following prerequisite college courses at any time prior to beginning Semester One nursing courses:
 - English Composition I & II
 - Introduction to Psychology
 - Introduction to Sociology
 - Ethics
 - Culture, Race, Ethnicity, Gender
 - Humanities
 - Political Science/Social Organization
 - NOTE: Free electives must be completed prior to graduation to total one hundred twenty (120) credit hours necessary for completion of the nursing program prior to graduation (See Policy 5.2.31).
 - c. Complete the following prerequisite college courses within seven (7) years of beginning Semester One nursing courses:
 - College Algebra or higher
 - Human Anatomy (with lab)
 - Human Physiology (with lab)
 - Human Growth & Development
 - Chemistry (with lab)
 - Statistics
 - Microbiology (with lab)
 - Nutrition
 - Family & Human Behavior
2. The following courses require a letter grade assignment:
 - Human Anatomy
 - Human Physiology
 - Chemistry
 - Statistics
 - Microbiology
 - Nutrition
 - College Algebra or higher
3. To be admitted into the nursing programs, the following criteria must also be met:
 - a. Have college prerequisite/co-requisite grade point average of 3.3 or higher.
 - b. Have a minimum 2.66 ("C+") (or satisfactory AP, CLEP, Dantes, P/NP) in prerequisite courses. A maximum of twelve (12) credit hours can be non-graded (e.g.: AP, CLEP, Dantes, P/NP).
 - c. Complete a preadmission interview if requested.
 - d. Submit Appraisal Form, if applicable, from any previously attended nursing program.
4. Acceptance into the nursing program is a competitive and selective process. Priority admittance into the nursing program is given to students with a prerequisite/co-requisite grade point average of 3.0 or above, two (2) satisfactory recommendations, and greater number of prerequisite courses completed. Students with a prerequisite grade point average between 2.5 and 3.0 may be admitted if space is available.

5. Final acceptance is dependent upon the successful completion of all admission requirements and prerequisite courses and upon receipt of the following:
 - a. Completed medical health forms
 - b. Actual date, month/day/year of immunization or titer for the following diseases or illnesses prior to admission:
 - **PPD** completed test for tuberculosis within six (6) months prior to admission. The test is repeated and documented on an annual basis.
 - **RUBELLA** (German measles) completed immunization or titer showing immunity; Documentation of immunization or a positive titer is needed.
 - **RUBEOLA** (Red measles) Students must provide documentation of having received at least **TWO (2)** immunizations unless born before 1957 or physician documentation of diagnosis of measles is provided.
 - **MUMPS** Documentation of two (2) immunizations and a positive titer is required.
 - **TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, PERTUSSIS** Tetanus, diphtheria (Td) completed in last ten (10) years. One (1) Tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) booster dose is required as an adult. If the student has not had a booster in the last two (2) years with the acellular pertussis component, then the Tdap is required.
 - **POLIO** Indicate year of immunization.
 - **VARICELLA** (Chicken Pox) Documentation of two (2) immunizations or a positive titer.
 - **HEPATITIS B** Documentation of immunization series of three (3) completed and a positive titer.
 - **FLU IMMUNIZATION** All students are required to have an annual flu immunization.
 - Students admitted to the program for the summer semester are required to receive the flu immunization in the fall prior to matriculation.
 - Students admitted to the program for the fall semester are required to receive the flu immunization during the 1st vaccination period after matriculation.
 - **MENINGOCOCCAL** The College of Nursing recommends the meningococcal immunization.
 - c. Submit Technical Standards worksheet.
 - d. Verification of current certification valid for the academic year in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for health professionals. This is defined as Basic Life Support for infant, child and adult one man/two man and AED training. Verification of current CPR must be documented annually through graduation.
6. Students will not be allowed to enroll in clinical nursing courses without meeting immunization and BLS requirements.
7. The complete mandatory UNMC background check is required prior to the first day of class.
8. Drug Screening Tests may be required prior to clinical placement at the discretion of the clinical agencies.
9. International professional nurses seeking admission into the RN to BSN Program will be evaluated on an individual basis including Policy 5.2.5, English as a Second Language-Undergraduate Students.

Background Check Information

All UNMC students undergo a standard background check at their own expense through One Source (www.onesourcebackground.com). One Source provides the following background verification and investigation services which include:

- Criminal records search (county, state, federal, and international)
- Credentialing of licenses, certifications and permits (Nursing only)
- Social Security Number verification
- Adverse action notification
- Civil records search (county, state, and federal)
- HIPDB (Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank)
- Sanction search of excluded individuals
- Maiden Name/AKA search
- NE Adult and Child Abuse and Neglect Registry
- Sex Offender
- Global Watch terrorist watch list