

**3+1 NURSING
DUAL- DEGREE PROGRAM AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA
STATE COLLEGES
DOING BUSINESS AS
WAYNE STATE COLLEGE
AND
CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY**



This 3+1 Nursing Dual-Degree Program Agreement (“Agreement”) between Wayne State College (“WSC”) and Creighton University (“Creighton”) is effective as of December 1, 2021.

WHEREAS, WSC wishes to provide students with the opportunity to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing which is currently not available at WSC; and

WHEREAS, Creighton offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in the Grand Island community through affiliation with CHI Health St. Francis; and

WHEREAS, Creighton wishes to offer to undergraduate students from WSC with requisite coursework and grades acceptable to Creighton, admission to the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program (“ABS N Program”) at the Grand Island campus to seek a combined baccalaureate degree from WSC and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Creighton, as outlined in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Creighton wishes to offer admission to this ABS N Program in its College of Nursing currently offered once a year commencing each fall term in August; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to memorialize the terms of this dual degree Program in this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, WSC and Creighton agree as follows:

1. Dual Degree Baccalaureate Program. The Dual Degree Program is a 3+1 program between Creighton and WSC, in which a student who successfully completes required curriculum at WSC and the ABS N Program at Creighton will earn a baccalaureate degree from WSC and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Creighton.
2. Admission Requirements. Prior to admission to the Dual Degree Program the student must:
 - a. Complete the required curriculum as identified by WSC with respect to the student’s specific major at WSC with an overall cumulative average GPA of 3.0 or greater on a scale of 0.0-4.0. Furthermore, students must have at least a "C" (2.0) grade in all course prerequisites to nursing.
 - b. Complete all current requirements established by Creighton regarding criteria for Direct Admission as set forth in Exhibit A into the 3+1 Program with WSC and Progression into the Creighton ABS N Program. At the time of execution of this Agreement, the requirements are set forth in Exhibit A and on the Creighton website at:
<https://nursing.creighton.edu/future-students/admissions/requirements-accelerated-bsn>

- c. Be in disciplinary good standing at WSC.
3. Admission Process. Admission into the ABSN Program at Creighton may be granted at the same time as admission to WSC. Students who meet the criteria outlined in Exhibit A may be granted direct admission by WSC and Creighton into the Dual Degree Program as freshmen. As long as the student satisfactorily completes all prerequisite courses within three (3) years and maintains at least a 3.0 GPA, their seat in the ABSN Program will be guaranteed. Students who do not meet these initial admission criteria, or students who wish to transfer into the Dual Degree Program later in their academic careers may apply directly to the Creighton College of Nursing. As part of the application process, students will provide the appropriate permission for WSC to provide the necessary documents to support the student's application. Examples of such documents include the student's current transcripts from WSC as well as transcripts from any other colleges or universities attended present in the record. Admission of transfer students will be considered on an individual basis. Acceptance of transfer students into the ABSN Program at Creighton shall be at the sole discretion of Creighton and the student's application does not guarantee acceptance.
 - a. Transfer students (or students seeking Dual Degree Program admission at some point after admission as a freshman) who complete their applications and send their required academic credentials by April 1st shall receive a conditional decision from Creighton by May 1st.
 - b. Acceptance to the ABSN Program prior to the end of a student's junior year shall be conditional, with formal admission contingent upon the student's final grade point average, completion of all nursing prerequisite requirements, completion of successful background check and drug screen, evidence of required immunizations and evidence that requirements for the WSC degree will be satisfied prior to beginning the ABSN Program. Students must provide Creighton documentation of the above prior to a final decision being made by Creighton. Final acceptance into the ABSN Program is contingent upon Creighton's issuance of a written statement confirming said acceptance. Students will complete the Creighton ABSN Program in Grand Island.
 4. Tuition. Each student shall be responsible for paying the tuition and fees to the institution in which he or she is enrolled during the time enrolled and for complying with all of the policies and procedures of such institution. Once the student has entered Creighton as a student, the student's tuition and fees will be paid to Creighton. Tuition for elective or supplemental courses to support either degree shall be paid to the institution providing the elective, irrespective of the site of offering.
 5. Minimum Credit Hours. Students must successfully complete a minimum of fifty-eight (58) credit hours in nursing offered through Creighton and the minimum number of hours, including hours transferred back from Creighton University to WSC, required for a Bachelor's degree from WSC.
 6. Good Standing. Students must remain in both academic and behavioral good standing to remain in the Program. This includes satisfactorily completing pre-requisite courses as outlined in Exhibit A.
 7. Degrees Awarded. Students successfully completing the Dual Degree Program will be awarded a baccalaureate degree from WSC and a baccalaureate degree from Creighton. Students must complete both the degree from WSC and the degree from Creighton at the same time.
 8. Responsibilities of WSC.
 - a. WSC will appoint a liaison for the Dual Degree Program. The liaison will, no less frequently than once a semester, provide information to Creighton's College of Nursing concerning: how the Dual Degree Program was publicized at WSC and elsewhere; how many students were advised,

recruited or expressed interest in nursing and Creighton; and how many students are enrolled at WSC with the intention to continue in Creighton's ABSN Program. The WSC liaison shall keep Creighton up-to-date about student progression and numbers and other relevant information.

- b. WSC agrees that it shall be a goal of WSC to refer a minimum of ten (10) qualified students to the Dual Degree Program each year. If fewer than ten (10) students are referred over a three (3) year time frame, this Agreement with WSC will be assessed by Creighton to determine whether Creighton shall continue it.
- c. WSC will advertise the availability of the Dual Degree Program through their catalogue literature, special bulletins, web sites, and other means.
- d. WSC shall provide reserved space for Creighton faculty and/or staff to meet with WSC students.
- e. WSC agrees that, during the term of this Agreement, it shall not enter into any other commitments with institutions of higher education for a 3+1 dual degree program that includes Nursing.

9. Responsibilities of Creighton.

- a. Creighton will appoint a liaison for the Dual Degree Program. The liaison will, no less frequently than once a semester, provide information to the WSC liaison concerning: the progress of WSC students enrolled in the ABSN Program, requests for scheduling of future courses on the WSC campus, and any changes or anticipated changes to the ABSN Program, etc.
- b. Creighton will list the availability of the Dual Degree Program through their catalog literature, special bulletins, websites, and other means.
- c. Creighton will supply all Creighton faculty, staff, and students with the technological hardware, software, and support that Creighton, in its sole discretion deems necessary and appropriate to their role with Creighton.
- d. Creighton will ensure that all faculty and staff who have a presence on the WSC campus will follow NSCS and WSC policies and procedures.

10. Coordination between WSC and Creighton. Appropriate representatives of WSC and Creighton shall meet, in person or over the phone, periodically to discuss and update decisions regarding the operations of the Dual Degree Program. Creighton will provide to the WSC liaison current curriculum outlines from the nursing department and the contact information for one (1) faculty member in the ABSN Program who will serve as the ABSN Program faculty advisor for incoming students. Creighton will advise the WSC liaison of any curricular changes so that WSC can better advise its students regarding preparation for or application to the ABSN Program.

11. Term and Termination. This Agreement will be in effect for five (5) years and will automatically be extended from year-to-year unless one (1) of the parties notifies the other party in writing sixty (60) days prior to the end of any academic year that this Agreement is not to be renewed for the following academic year. In the event this Agreement terminates for any reason, students who currently are enrolled in the ABSN Program shall be permitted to complete their individual ABSN Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the Program in effect at the time of their enrollment. Additionally, in the event this Agreement terminates for any reason, WSC and Creighton shall cease referring to the Dual Degree Program in documents (electronic or hard copy).

12. Not a Third-Party Beneficiary Agreement. This Agreement is not a third-party beneficiary contract and confers no rights upon any students or employees of the parties.
13. Non Discrimination. The parties agree not to discriminate on the basis of race, religion, age, sex, color, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, or status as a veteran.
14. FERPA. The parties understand and agree that information regarding students is subject to the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The parties agree to use such information only for the purpose for which it was disclosed and not to make it available to any third party without first obtaining the student's consent, except as may otherwise be permitted under FERPA.
15. Amendments. The Agreement may not be amended or modified without the written consent of the parties hereto.
16. Choice of Law and Venue. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the state of Nebraska without regard to its conflict of laws provisions and exclusive venue and jurisdiction for any litigation arising out of this Agreement shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Douglas County, Nebraska.
17. Use of Name. WSC agrees to not use Creighton's name or logos for any advertising or other commercial purposes, or otherwise disclose any provisions of this Agreement, without the prior written approval of Creighton. Creighton agrees to not use WSC's name or logos for any advertising or other commercial purposes, or otherwise disclose any provisions of this Agreement, without the prior written approval of WSC.
18. Notice. All notices and other correspondence related to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered by certified mail, return receipt, or by facsimile transmission or electronic mail if the necessary information for delivery of such is shown below, addressed as follows:

If to WSC:

Wayne State College
1111 Main St.
Wayne, NE 68787
Attn: VPAA Steven Elliott

If to Creighton:

Creighton University
College of Nursing
2500 California Plaza
Omaha, NE 68178
Attn: Dean Catherine M. Todero

With a copy to:

General Counsel
2500 California Plaza
Omaha, NE 68178

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement

WAYNE STATE COLLEGE
BY:

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY
BY:

Paul Turman
Chancellor, Board of Trustees of the
Nebraska State Colleges

Catherine M. Todero, PhD, RN, FAAN
Vice Provost of Health Sciences Campuses and Dean
College of Nursing

Date: _____

Date: _____

And

And

Marysz Rames
President, Wayne State College

Mardell A. Wilson, E.D., RDN
Provost, Creighton University

John J. Jesse, III
Associate V.P. for Finance, Creighton University

EXHIBIT A

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Criteria for Direct Admission into the 3+1 Dual Degree Program with Wayne State College (WSC) and Progression into the Creighton University College of Nursing ABSN Program

ADMISSION:

1. Admission to the dual degree program will be based on a holistic evaluation of the student's entire academic record. Well qualified students should have a 3.75 High School GPA or better.

PROGRESSION: To ensure a guaranteed seat in the Creighton University Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program the following is required:

1. Students must remain in good standing for the entire period of the program.
2. Evidence of 3 years of collegiate academic achievement of at least a 3.0 grade average or higher on a 4.0 scale.
3. Completion of ALL prerequisite courses with a "C" (2.0) or above:
 - a. Statistics (3 semester hours)
 - b. Behavioral Sciences (9 semester hours)
 - c. General Psychology (3 semester hours)
 - d. General Sociology or Cultural Anthropology (3 semester hours)
 - e. Developmental Psychology (3 semester hours). This course should cover the lifespan (Infancy through Old Age).
 - f. Bioethics or Ethics (3 semester hours). The application of ethical theories to contemporary problems of human life; emphasizes the process of making ethical/moral judgments.
 - g. Physical and Biological Sciences (18-19 semester hours)
 - h. Microbiology (4 semester hours)
 - i. Inorganic/General Chemistry (4 semester hours) (cannot be an Introductory Chemistry, Survey of Chemistry or a combined General/Organic/Biochemistry course)
 - j. Anatomy and Physiology (8 semester hours- This may be two combined courses or a human anatomy and a human physiology course)
 - k. Nutrition (2-3 semester hours)
4. No more than two "C" grades in WSC science courses (Grades in science courses need to be C (2.0) or higher (BIO 110 Biology Concepts, BIO 220 Human Anatomy, BIO 340 Human Physiology, BIO 385 Microbiology, CHE 106 General Chemistry).
5. Criteria for admission for transfer students (or students seeking program admission at some point after admission as a freshman) will be evaluated on an individual basis.