

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
between the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES
doing business as
WAYNE STATE COLLEGE
and
WESTERN IOWA TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The AAS/BS-Technology Program (Program) is a joint program between the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges doing business as Wayne State College (WSC) and Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC). 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 WITCC, and by transferring all satisfactorily completed academic credits, enter WSC to study industrial technology leading to a Bachelor of Science in Technology.

This Memorandum of Agreement (Agreement) is designed to provide pathways for industry-ready graduates of WITCC 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 WITCC has the potential to strengthen the regional workforce by retaining graduates who are highly trained in communications, business, and project management in professional careers.

Under the provision of the Agreement, WSC and WITCC agree to the following conditions:

- 1) This Agreement describing the Program between WSC and WITCC will be effective for five (5) years beginning on August 1, 2022 and ending on August 1, 2027.
- 2) WSC agrees to accept in whole the transfer of any WITCC AAS degree toward the BS-Technology major.
- 3) Transfer courses will include content courses and required WITCC general education courses as identified in the WITCC 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 one-hundred-twenty (120) credit hours. The one-hundred-twenty (120) credit hours will include thirty (30) credit hours of general education, fifty-seven (57) credit hours of Technology major, and thirty-three (33) credit hours of general electives. A minimum of forty (40) credit hours of upper-level course work (three-hundred [300] level or above) must be completed from WSC. Students are encouraged to complete a majority of WSC's general education requirements through WITCC prior to transferring. Remaining general education courses may be taken through WSC at the upper level as needed.
- 5) WITCC 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 Program with their academic planning, students from WITCC are strongly encouraged to work

with an academic advisor at WSC and an academic advisor at WITCC. The names and directory information of WITCC 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 institutions and distributed to students as an advising tool.

- 6) WSC will meet annually with WITCC officials to review this Agreement.
- 7) WSC will allow students entering the Program to complete the Program under the Agreement in effect at the time of their Program initiation or select the current Agreement, but only one can be declared.
- 8) Students entering the 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 WITCC identified by an AAS Program of Study within the Program, enter WSC with junior standing.
- 10) WSC will allow no more than eighty (80) semester hours of degree-applicable transfer credit from WITCC to apply to the 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 WITCC 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 WITCC 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 WITCC will have the opportunity to apply for WSC transfer student scholarships.
- 15) Transfer students from WITCC are eligible to be included on the WSC Dean's list each semester by obtaining twelve (12) WSC semester-graded hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 or above.
- 16) A description of the Program will be printed in the WSC Catalog and posted online at the following URL: <https://www.wsc.edu/catalog>
- 17) Amendments to this Agreement will be documented in writing and signed by both parties.

18) This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days' written notice to the other party.

19) The designed representative of the parties for the purpose of monitoring the oversight of this 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
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Date

Dr. Paul Turman
Chancellor of the Nebraska State Colleges

Date

For Western Iowa Tech Community College:

Dr. Terry A. Murrell, President
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Date