

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION\ACADEMIC AND PERSONNEL

ACTION: **Approve Southeast Community College AAS Transfer Agreement for 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 Southeast Community College. This agreement is designed to provide transfer pathways for industry-ready graduates of Southeast'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 Southeast Community College AAS Transfer Agreement for Wayne State College.

ATTACHMENTS:

- WSC SCC MOA (PDF)

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
between the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES
doing business as
WAYNE STATE COLLEGE
and
Southeast 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 Southeast Community College (SCC). 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 SCC, 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 SCC 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 SCC 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 Nebraska.

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

- 1) This Agreement describing the Program between WSC and SCC will be effective for five (5) years beginning on February 1, 2023 and ending on January 30, 2028.
- 2) WSC agrees to accept in whole the transfer of any SCC AAS degree toward the BS-Technology major.
- 3) Transfer courses will include content courses and required SCC general education courses as identified in the SCC 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 general education (thirty [30] credit hours), Technology major (fifty-seven [57] credit hours), and general electives (thirty-three [33] credit hours). 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 SCC prior to transferring. Remaining general education courses may be taken through WSC at the upper level as needed.
- 5) SCC 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 SCC are strongly encouraged to work with an academic advisor at WSC and an academic advisor at SCC. The names and directory

information of SCC 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 SCC 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 SCC 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 SCC 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 SCC 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 SCC 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 SCC will have the opportunity to apply for WSC transfer student scholarships.
- 15) Transfer students from SCC 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 designated representative(s) 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 Southeast Community College:

Dr. Joel Michaelis, Vice President of Instruction
Southeast Community College

Date