

INSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
NOTRE DAME COLLEGE
AND
NORTHWEST STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Notre Dame College, located at 4545 College Road, South Euclid, Ohio, and Northwest State Community College, recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of students from Northwest State Community College to Notre Dame College to pursue and achieve their educational goals. The intent is for Northwest State Community College students completing the associate degree to move seamlessly into and complete a bachelor's degree at Notre Dame College.

For almost a century, Notre Dame College has educated a diverse population in the liberal arts for personal, professional and global responsibility. Founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame in 1922, the College has grown strategically to keep pace with the rapidly changing needs of students and the dramatic changes in higher education, but it has never lost sight of its emphasis on teaching students not only how to make a good living but also how to live a good life.

Today, the College offers bachelor's degrees in 30 disciplines plus a variety of master's degrees, certification programs and continuing and professional development programs for adult learners on campus and online. Notre Dame College offers NCAA Division II intercollegiate athletic programs for men and women and is located in a picturesque residential neighborhood just 25 minutes from the heart of Cleveland. Hallmarks of the Notre Dame experience include stimulating academics, personalized attention of dedicated faculty and staff, and small class sizes.

Notre Dame College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission; Member-North Central Association. (30 N. LaSalle Street - Suite 2400, Chicago, Illinois 60602-2504, (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621-7440.)

Northwest State Community College, located at 22600 State Route 34, Archbold, Ohio, is a public two-year college that is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. This accreditation allows the College to offer degree and certificate programs in the fields of arts & sciences; allied health & public services; business technologies; industrial technologies; math, science & engineering technologies and nursing.

It is understood by the parties that both institutions are committed to, and will adhere to, applicable laws, regulations, policies, and guidelines effective after the date of this Agreement.

While this Agreement is active and for a period of two years after its completion, the parties agree to maintain auditable records pertaining to this Agreement and make such records available as may be reasonably required.

In an effort to ease the transfer process and to promote the closer coordination of academic courses, programs and degrees offered by our institutions, we do hereby enter into the following institutional articulation Agreement, in accordance with the guidelines and recommendations of the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy (HB 95).

1. Notre Dame College and Northwest State Community College shall adhere to the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy (HB 95).

2. Transfer students shall be subject to the catalog in force at the time of their admission to Notre Dame College and to any revisions that occur after its publication and prior to their enrollment. Once admitted, transfer students shall be subject to the same regulations governing applicability of catalog requirements (including, but not limited to major, GPA, graduation, and/or residency requirements, policies, procedures, and standards) as native students. Furthermore, transfer students shall be accorded the same class standing and other privileges as native students on the basis of the number of credits earned.
3. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Arts and Associate of Science (AA/AS) degree, and in accordance with the Ohio Articulation and Transfer policy, Notre Dame College will guarantee admission to the college and afford junior standing to all students who have earned an AA/AS degree from Northwest State Community College, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses, with the exception of Notre Dame College's Nursing Program. Notre Dame College's Nursing Program has separate admission requirements, including a GPA of 3.2.

Students completing an AA or AS at Northwest State Community College will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements at Notre Dame College, with the exception of upper biennium general education requirements.

4. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, Notre Dame College will guarantee admission to all students who have earned an AAS degree from Northwest State Community College, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses, with the exception of Notre Dame College's Nursing Program. Notre Dame College's Nursing Program has separate admission requirements, including a GPA of 3.2.

Notre Dame College and Northwest State Community College will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit for AAS graduates. This includes application to general education requirements.

5. Students so admitted will be considered for admission to selective programs (majors, minors, or fields of concentration) with the same guidelines that are applied to native Notre Dame College students. Students are responsible for understanding and adhering to the selective admission requirements, according to catalog requirements at Notre Dame College.
6. Students who have not completed their AA/AS/AAS degree, or who have earned a cumulative grade point average below 2.0, or those who have been dismissed previously from another institution will be considered for admission according to the admissions policy and standards of Notre Dame College, according to catalog requirements.
7. Under this Agreement, students of Northwest State Community College will be encouraged to complete their AA/AS/AAS degree before transferring to Notre Dame College.

Should a Northwest State Community College student transfer to Notre Dame College prior to completion of an AA/AS/AAS degree, Northwest State Community College shall provide the opportunity for students to subsequently complete the AA/AS/AAS degree in absentia using Notre Dame College course credit. Notre Dame College agrees to supply information to Northwest State Community College in order to facilitate this reverse transfer credit.

In this interest, all course work completed at Notre Dame College will be accepted and applied to AA/AS/AAS degree requirements at Northwest State Community College consistent with the criteria

used for native Northwest State Community College students. The same course may also apply toward baccalaureate degree requirements at Notre Dame College.

8. Notre Dame College and Northwest State Community College will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit. Program specific articulation Agreements supporting this institutional Agreement will outline selective admission requirements, course equivalencies, and other information affecting students who enroll in a particular academic program. These supplemental programmatic articulation arrangements must be consistent with the tenets of this overarching institutional Agreement. Students transferring credit outside of programmatic articulation Agreements will have the application of transfer credit done on a course-by-course basis by Notre Dame College. Ultimately, the acceptance and application of transfer credit is the decision of Notre Dame College.
9. All collegiate level courses completed at Northwest State Community College with a "C" or better grade, by students who choose to transfer before completing an associate degree, will be accepted toward the student's class standing at Notre Dame College.

It should be noted that the student may be required to retake any course in which s/he received a grade of "C" where there is a higher minimum grade required for all native Notre Dame College students pursuing the same academic program. These credits will also be considered for application to the student's degree requirements using the same criteria used for native Notre Dame College students.

10. Notre Dame College will provide Northwest State Community College with course equivalent information regarding Notre Dame College courses and their Notre Dame College equivalents. Notre Dame College will update the information and provide the most current equivalencies to Northwest State Community College for the upcoming academic year, annually no later than July 1st.
11. Due to curriculum structures and the variability in student enrollment patterns, Notre Dame College cannot guarantee that students who transfer under the provision of this Agreement will complete all the requirements to graduate from Notre Dame College within two years or by earning an additional 60 semester hours at the Notre Dame College.
12. Federal regulations mandate that financial aid can be disbursed to a student by only one institution during any given term. Financial aid eligibility through Northwest State Community College ends when the student completes their Northwest State Community College degree and commences working upon a degree program at Notre Dame College. Financial aid consortium Agreements will be available to students pursuing a bachelor degree at Notre Dame College and exercised where permissible, with Notre Dame College, serving as the home institution.

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4545 College Road, South Euclid, OH 44121
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Northwest State Community College will also designate individual(s) responsible for aspects of the financial aid consortium.

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419-267-1504

13. The Vice President for Academic & Student Affairs at Notre Dame College will designate an official who will be responsible for all aspects of the articulation program at Notre Dame College.

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Northwest State Community College will also designate individual(s) responsible for all aspects of this institutional Agreement.

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14. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of this institutional articulation Agreement, in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, to their respective external and internal constituencies.

Northwest State Community College will appropriately include this Agreement in any listing of articulation and transfer Agreements and will communicate this information through a web portal designed to disseminate transfer information to students, staff, and faculty. Other methods of communication, when appropriate, might include and are not limited to inclusion in the college catalog, program specific materials, and graduate mailings.

Notre Dame College will appropriately include this Agreement in any listing of articulation and transfer Agreements and will communicate this information, and afford the appropriate training when necessary, to staff and faculty to support the Northwest State Community College transfer student.

15. Northwest State Community College is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use the Notre Dame College name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement for the sole purpose of promoting this Agreement and Notre Dame College programs in accordance with this Agreement.

Notre Dame College is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use the Northwest State Community College name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement for the sole purpose of promoting this Agreement and Northwest State Community College programs in accordance with this Agreement.

Upon termination of this Agreement, the limited licenses set forth in this section will immediately terminate and each party shall (i) cease all such aforementioned use; and (ii) discard, destroy or delete any printed and electronic materials containing the name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party. Neither party shall use the name, tradename, logo, or trademark of the other party in any way that would cause confusion in the public mind as to the relationship between the parties, and, except for the limited license set forth in this section, neither party shall by virtue of this Agreement gain any right, title, or interest in any name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party.

16. This Institutional Articulation Agreement has an initial term through June 30, 2019. Thereafter, this Agreement will be renewed every two years, in accordance with the State of Ohio's biennial budget process, unless either party gives the other a minimum of thirty (30) days prior written notice of non-renewal. Should the precepts of this Agreement, in the interim, come in conflict with established policy at either institution, the established policy will take precedent and the Agreement will be reviewed for

possible modification. In either event, care will be taken to insure that Agreement modifications will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provision of the existing Agreement.

17. Notre Dame College and Northwest State Community College each reserve the right to terminate this Agreement provided that at least one year's notice is given.

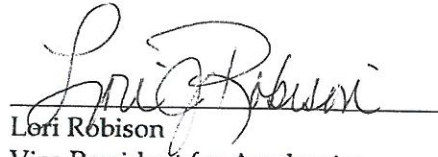
This Agreement is effective as of: August 22, 2017

Notre Dame College



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