MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
Dickinson State University,
Bismarck State College
and
Mayville State University

INTRODUCTION
This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) formally recognizes that Dickinson State University (DSU), Bismarck State College (BSC) and Mayville State University (MaSU) are active educational partners, committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students transferring between institutions and providing an opportunity for a dual degree. This commitment strongly supports the concept of seamless transfer that embraces the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat competencies already achieved.

- DSU, BSC and MaSU enter into this MOU in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning. Each institution, furthermore, is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, disability, color, age, marital status, national origin or other non-merit factors.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
The purpose of this agreement is to provide a smooth transition for transferring from one related degree program to another. It is further recognized that the attached agreement describes how courses will transfer from BSC to DSU and MaSU and between DSU and MaSU. This MOU also provides an opportunity for students to receive dual BS Ed degrees from DSU and MaSU. This agreement identifies all required and equivalent courses at each institution for:

- Early Childhood Education, BS Ed (MaSU)
- Elementary Education, BS Ed. (DSU)
- General Education (BSC, DSU & MaSU)

A student has the following opportunities:
- BSC to provide general education courses and the students transfer into MaSU’s Early Childhood Education BS Ed. degree.
- MaSU Early Childhood Education BS Ed. degree students co-enroll at DSU for an Elementary Education, BS Ed. degree.
- DSU Elementary Education, BS Ed. students co-enroll at MaSU for an Early Childhood Education BS Ed. degree.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CREDIT TRANSFER
Students transferring from Bismarck State College must meet the admission requirements of Dickinson State University and/or Mayville State University. The evaluation and transfer of earned college credits shall be in full compliance with North Dakota State Board of Higher Education policies and North Dakota University System Academic Affairs Council guidelines and all other State and Federal education policies pertaining to undergraduate credit transfer. Current students and graduates who have earned degrees from BSC and DSU shall be eligible for credit evaluation under the terms of this agreement. Students currently enrolled at DSU or MaSU shall be eligible for credit evaluation under the terms of this agreement.
GENERAL UNDERSTANDINGS

DSU, BSC and MaSU agree to provide direct links between their institutional websites indicating the existence of this transfer and dual degree agreement. Official lists of programs for which articulation agreements have been approved by DSU, BSC and MaSU will be made available at the institutions and on their corresponding websites.

DSU, BSC and MaSU agree to exchange data and documents that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of these agreements, and that will promote effective cooperation between the three institutions.

ARTICULATION IMPLEMENTATION AND AGREEMENT REVIEW

The President or designee of the collaborating institutions shall be responsible for implementing this agreement and for identifying and incorporating any changes into subsequent agreements, and for conducting a periodic review of this agreement.

This MOU is in perpetuity or until it is discontinued by any of the educational partner by submitting written notification to the other partners one year prior to the identified cancellation date in order to protect all students transferring between or receiving dual degrees from these institutions.

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Cc: Division Chair, Director of Admissions/Records