

Articulation Agreement

College of the Muscogee Nation & Northeastern State University

This formal articulation agreement is entered into by the College of the Muscogee Nation, hereinafter referred to as CMN, and by the Board of Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma, by and through Northeastern State University, hereinafter referred to as NSU. Through this agreement, CMN and NSU (hereinafter collectively "The Institutions") express a shared commitment to increase opportunities for student access to, and success in, higher education. By clarifying transfer policies and procedures that assure articulation between programs, the Institutions seek to forge a seamless transfer from the associate to the baccalaureate degree.

General Provisions

1. The Institutions will develop transfer agreements by major and program which clearly delineate courses to be taken at CMN and those to be completed at NSU. These specific, 2+2 agreements between the two institutions will outline recommended courses and provide students a program plan to completing the associates at CMN and bachelor's degree at NSU.
2. CMN and NSU faculty of the same disciplines will collaboratively develop degree articulations that include course equivalencies, prerequisite work that might be completed at the two year institution, plans of study, and any curricular factors that may impact student matriculation or preparation.
3. As requested, the Institutions will identify, process, and report data points that inform stakeholders and governing boards of the efficacy of this agreement. These data points include number of students who transfer under this agreement, number of hours transferred in, demographics, etc.
4. NSU agrees that criteria for acceptance into a Bachelor of Arts/Sciences program will be the same for CMN transfer students as for students who begin their studies at NSU.
 - CMN students who complete the Associate of Arts (A.A.) or the Associate in Science (A.S.) with a minimum 2.0/4.0 GPA will be eligible to apply for admission to Northeastern State University baccalaureate programs.
 - CMN students desiring to transfer PRIOR TO the completion of the associate's degree must have completed all developmental coursework and have a minimum 2.0/4.0 cumulative GPA.
 - For **Reverse Transfer** purposes, CMN students who transfer to NSU prior to completing the associate's degree may have NSU credits applied toward an associate's degree at CMN according to procedures established in the signed reverse transfer agreement.
5. A notation of the articulation partnership and specific agreements between CMN and NSU will be made public through each institution's websites.

Advising, Enrollment & Recruiting Provisions

6. To be eligible to articulate under the terms of this agreement, students shall graduate from CMN with an Associate in Arts (A.A.) or an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree. Students completing an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree will have courses evaluated and transferred on a course-course basis.
7. Effective Fall 2016 and as a reflection of the CMN's accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission in November 2016, the general education curriculum for the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science (A.A./A.S.) degrees at the College of the Muscogee Nation will be accepted as satisfying the General Education and computer proficiency requirements for bachelor's degrees at Northeastern State University. For students earning a CMN associate's degree prior to Fall 2016, transfer credit will be evaluated on a course by course basis.
8. The general education curriculum and/or degree program requirements at CMN will include a minimum of the following courses which satisfy the minimum General Education core of 40 semester credit hours required by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) for bachelor's degrees:
 - 6 hours English composition with grade C or higher
 - 3 hours mathematics
 - 3 hours communications
 - 3-5 hours physical science and 3-4 hours biological science (one course must include a lab)
 - 6 hours humanities
 - 3 hours American history
 - 3 hours American government
 - 3 hours computer literacy
 - 3 hours of social or behavior sciences (psychology, sociology, economics, geography)
 - 3-6 hours of life skills or other electives (personal health, nutrition, personal finance, family relationships, library / research skills)

Students at CMN will fulfill the Global Perspectives aspect of the NSU general education through Muscogee language courses and/or Muscogee culture courses.

9. Some bachelor's degree programs may require the completion of certain courses listed in the Northeastern State University General Education requirements for a specific major (e.g., business, social work, or teacher education). These specific requirements will be incorporated into the degree plan for each program articulation.
10. Students shall earn a minimum of sixty (60) semester hours at NSU, excluding physical education activity courses, of which 40 semester hours must be in the 3000/4000 level courses for a minimum of 124 semester hours for the baccalaureate degree. Some programs (e.g. business, social work, and teacher education) may have more restrictive degree or admission criteria.

Terms

The College of the Muscogee Nation and Northeastern State University will maintain the integrity of their separate programs and enter into this agreement as equal partners. CMN and NSU agree to promptly communicate with each other any procedure changes, policy changes, or resident credit requirements that will affect this agreement. Neither NSU nor CMN waives or relinquishes any immunity or defense on behalf of itself, its officers or employees as a result of the execution of this agreement or its performance under this agreement.

This agreement will become effective upon approval by the Chief Academic Officer for each institution and will commence immediately thereafter. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing written notice to the Chief Academic Officer at the other institution at least 180 days prior to termination.

Notice

Notice of termination by either party to the other shall be in writing and addressed to the party to be notified with return receipt requested, or by personal delivery to the person to be notified.

Notice to College of the Muscogee Nation shall be sent to:

President Robert Bible
College of the Muscogee Nation
2170 Raven Circle, P.O. Box 917
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Notice to Northeastern State University shall be sent to:

Dr. Mark Arant
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
600 N. Grand Avenue
Tahlequah, OK 74464

In witness whereof, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this agreement on the 2 day of December, 2016.

College of the Muscogee Nation
Authorized Representative

By Robert Bible
President
Title

Northeastern State University
Authorized Representative

By Mark Arant
Provost/VPAA
Title