WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE BRIDGES PROGRAM?
If you are a high school graduate, or will be graduating from high school before entering the Bridges Program you are eligible. GED results are also accepted. This program is designed for students who do not meet VCSU’s core requirements set by the NDUS policy.
The requirements are:
- 4 units of English
- 3 units of Mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 3 units of Lab Sciences
- 3 units of Social Sciences

Transfer students who have less than 24 transferrable credits and do not meet VCSU’s core requirements are also eligible for the Bridges program.

APPLYING IS EASY
Simply apply to Dakota College at Bottineau. You can find an application for admission at www.dakotacollege.edu.
Send them the following items:
- High School Transcript (or GED results)
- ACT scores
- $35 application fee
- MMR Immunization Records
- Official transcripts from any colleges you’ve attended

If you have already sent your transcript or admission forms to VCSU you can grant permission to transfer the documents to DCB by signing a “release of information” form available from the VCSU Office of Enrollment Services.

BRIDGES STUDENTS ON THE VCSU CAMPUS
Bridges students feel like a VCSU student even though you are taking classes through DCB. Students will have the same access to events, intramurals, activities, organizations and housing as VCSU students. You will also have a VCSU Student ID. Bridges students are required to take 3-5 credits from VCSU each semester. Students cannot compete in any VCSU collegiate competitions, such as sports or choir until you make the transition to a VCSU student.

SEAMLESS TRANSFER FROM DCB TO VCSU
Students take courses through DCB on the VCSU campus via Interactive Video Network or face-to-face. Online courses are also available. After completing 24 transferrable (above 100 level) credits with a GPA of 2.0 or better, students can transfer easily to VCSU bringing your credits along with you!

Developmental courses taken through DCB will not transfer or apply to a degree program at VCSU. Developmental courses are defined by the ASC prefix and/or a course number below the 100 level. General education courses taken through either campus will count toward a degree plan at VCSU.

ACT TEST
DCB requires that you take the ACT. These results are used to determine the student’s placement in the appropriate math and English course(s) according to VCSU cut scores.

VCSU BOOKSTORE
The VCSU Bookstore will offer for sale the textbooks and other materials needed for DCB coursework. DCB will provide VCSU with a list of students who are eligible, based on excess financial aid, to charge books.

TECHNOLOGY
Each full-time student receives a laptop. VCSU is designed for laptop compatibility with wireless internet in every corner of campus, ample access to scanners, cameras and unlimited printing to make your studies smooth and successful.

HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES
All students enrolled in the Bridges program will be required to live in the VCSU residence halls unless your request for an exemption is approved by the VCSU Housing Director. Students must submit the following items to VCSU Housing, 230 Viking Dr., Valley City, ND 58072

- VCSU Housing application
- $50 housing deposit

Housing applications can be found at www.vcsu.edu/housing/

Students will be required to follow the resident life policies and procedures outlined in the VCSU Student Handbook.
2011-2012 INVESTMENT COSTS
The Dakota College at Bottineau Bridges Program at Valley City State University is an investment in your future. Here are estimated tuition rates for DCB for the 2011-2012 academic year.

TUITION PER CREDIT RATE*
- ND Resident: $136.78
- MN Resident: $193.95
- Resident of MT, SD: $169.28
- CANADA: $136.78
- Other Non-Residents: $201.78

ROOM & BOARD**
- $4,920

UNIVERSITY & TECHNOLOGY FEES***
- $1,490

OTHER EXPENSES
- $1,000

PERSONAL
- Transportation, insurance, personal supplies: $3,200

* Bridges students are required to take a minimum of 12 credits a semester through DCB and 3-5 credits through VCSU. The ConnectND and NDSA fees are included and are capped at 12 credits. The credits taken through VCSU will be charged at the VCSU tuition rate. Course & class fees aren’t included in this estimate.

** Based on a double room and third meal plan option. Higher rates apply for students who live in suites or single rooms.

*** Includes one personal laptop computer, regular software updates, laser printing across campus, access to digital equipment such as video and still cameras, keyboards, admission and access to ITC Help Desk, campus nurse, Viking athletics events, concerts, theatre, Campus Activities Board sponsored events and other activities.

WHO DO I PAY? DCB OR VCSU?
- All tuition and fees will be paid to DCB, as this will be your home campus.
- Housing fees will be paid to VCSU since you will be living on the VCSU campus.
- DCB will send excess financial aid checks to VCSU. Students will endorse these checks to apply toward housing fees.
- If you do not have excess financial aid to cover the housing fees, you are responsible for full payment before the due date each semester. Payment plans are available.
- Please contact the VCSU Business Office at 701-845-7232 for more information on payment plans.

FINANCIAL AID
Begin the process of applying for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which can be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Bridges students will be applying for financial aid through Dakota College at Bottineau.

Use DCB school code: 002995

If you have already filled out the FAFSA with VCSU’s school code, you will need to go back into the form and change it to the DCB school code.

You can contact DCB’s Financial Aid Office at 701-228-5469.

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CAMPUS CONNECTION
The CampusConnection portal will provide you with information about your student accounts.

With one login for both schools, you will be able to register for classes, check grades, and view your tuition, fees and financial aid. You can even make a payment on your account.

SEE YOURSELF HERE
Arrange your personalized campus visit, where you’ll participate in activities that most interest you. You may visit with a professor in your academic area of interest, tour our campus with a current student, sit in on a class, enjoy lunch in one of our dining areas, and see our residence halls, athletic facilities and activities that interest you most. You can also visit with our Bridges Program Coordinator and Instructor, Kate Skophammer.

To set up a campus visit, call 1-800-532-7101 ext. 37101 or go to www.visit.vcsu.edu.

BRIDGES PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION
Dakota College at Bottineau, Admissions
1-800-542-6866

Valley City State University, Enrollment Services
1-800-532-8641 ext. 7101

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