



**Professional Communication Articulation Agreement
between
Williston State College and Valley City State University**

Introduction: This articulation agreement formally recognizes that Valley City State University (hereinafter VCSU) and Williston State College (hereinafter WSC) are educational institutions which agree to work together to provide educational opportunities for the students of their institutions.

The Professional Communication major is an online program. Students do not need to take courses on the VCSU campus to complete this degree.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to provide a seamless articulation of credits for students who earn an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science Degree from WSC to transfer to VCSU in order to earn a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts with a Professional Communication major from VCSU.

Steps:

1. Complete the WSC Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree.
2. Apply to Valley City State University and declare the Professional Communication Major.
3. Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of upper level (300-400 level) credit to complete graduation requirements at VCSU. Students must complete 30 hours from VCSU.
4. Graduates under this program will earn a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Professional Communication.

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VCSU agrees to grant a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts with a major in Professional Communication to students who successfully complete the requirements for the degree.

It is agreed upon that WSC will provide general education courses, supplementary curriculum, and elective courses which satisfy VCSU graduation requirements for students enrolled in this program.

WSC will provide mutually agreed upon classrooms and workspace for VCSU for onsite courses and visits. The classrooms that are provided are subject to availability.

The delivery of the courses to obtain a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts in Professional Communication will be delivered using methods that do not require the students to be present on the VCSU campus.

Faculty and Staff: VCSU will select and assign qualified faculty members to teach the required courses. VCSU will name a Program Coordinator for this agreement. WSC and VCSU will work collaboratively to come up with mutually agreed upon qualifications of the faculty who would teach a course on the WSC campus as part of the VCSU Bachelor degree program. VCSU will be responsible for hiring faculty to teach their courses that will be taught on WSC's campus.

Graduation Requirements: A minimum of 120 total credits are required for a Bachelor's degree and must be taken from the appropriate categories. Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of upper level (300-400 level) credit to complete graduation requirements from VCSU. Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours from VCSU. College-level credit hours earned at WSC that do not meet general education requirements, program requirements, or professional education requirements will be used as general electives and count toward total credits required for graduation. All non-education majors must complete a minor.

Admission: Students taking WSC course(s) must apply and be accepted for admission at WSC. Students taking VCSU course(s) must apply and be accepted for admission at VCSU. All admission policies at the respective institution will apply.

Registration: Each institution will follow its own policies and procedures for registering students for their programs(s). WSC will be responsible for registering students in the associate program(s), and VCSU will be responsible for registering student(s) in the baccalaureate program(s). Collaborative enrollment processes identified in NDUS Collaborative Student Procedure 404.0 will be used as needed.

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Entrance and exit loan counseling requirements will be met with the use of electronic counseling available through the website <http://www.mappingyourfuture.org/OSLC> (for Perkins Loans) and <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action> for all Federal Direct Loans.

Tuition and Fees: NDUS procedure 805.3.1, Collaborative Distance Learning Tuition, will apply to this agreement.

Technology and Support Services: VCSU will provide students in this program adequate technical support in a timely manner for the courses taken from VCSU. WSC will provide students in this program adequate technical support in a timely manner for the courses taken from WSC.

Students enrolled in at least one VCSU course will have full access to VCSU technology services, including VCSU wired and wireless computer network, Blackboard account, VCSU email/messaging account, printer access, and computer peripheral equipment checkout. Students may elect to pay the VCSU technology “buy up” fee if they would like full-time access to a VCSU laptop according to the established procedures at the following URL: <http://technologyservices.vcsu.edu/vp.htm?p=2921>

All online students in VCSU courses are expected to abide by the technical requirements, as outlined at <http://distancelearning.vcsu.edu/vp.htm?p=1288>

The following URL provides additional information regarding the notebook computer initiative at VCSU: <http://technologyservices.vcsu.edu/vp.htm?p=2958>

Marketing: A VCSU representative will come to the WSC campus at least once a year to recruit new students for this program. VCSU will be responsible for providing WSC with marketing materials to distribute to prospective students. Both institutions will display information about this agreement on their Transfer Website. WSC will work collaboratively with VCSU to identify prospective students for this program.

Textbooks: The textbooks for the VCSU courses will be purchased through VCSU. Likewise, the textbooks for the WSC courses will be purchased through WSC.

Faculty and Staff: VCSU will select and assign qualified faculty members to teach the required courses. VCSU will name a Program Coordinator for this agreement. WSC will assign a faculty member, generally the Department Chair, as a liaison for this agreement.

Per NDUS guidelines, VCSU’s Agreement Manager for this articulation is the Director of Distance Learning and Faculty Development and can be reached through the Academic Affairs office (701-845-7202).

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Williston State College

Core Courses (needed for all Concentrations)

VCSU COURSE (13 credits)	WSC EQUIVALENT
COMM 212: Interpersonal Communication (3)	COMM 212: Interpersonal Communication (3)
COMM 216: Intercultural Communication (3)	COMM 216: Intercultural Communication (3)
COMM 411 Communication Theory (3)	
COMM 489: Strategies in Communication or COMM 497: Internship (3)	
COMM 491 Portfolio course	

Corporate Communication Concentration Core Courses

VCSU COURSE (15 Credits)	WSC EQUIVALENT
COMM 304: Corporate Communication (3)	
COMM 311: Communication & Interviewing (3)	
COMM 312: Gender Communication (3)	
COMM 360: Group Dynamics (3)	
COMM 483: Organizational Communication (3)	

Corporate Communication Concentration Electives

VCSU COURSE (9 Credits)	WSC EQUIVALENT
COMM 330: Understanding Statistics (3)	MATH 210: Elementary Statistics (3)
COMM 350: Issues in Communication (3)	COMM 299: Special Topics in Communication
MGMT 330: Principles of Management (3)	BADM 202: Principles of Management (3)
MRKT 305: Principles of Marketing (3)	BADM 201: Principles of Marketing (3)

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Media Communication Concentration Electives

VCSU COURSE (9 Credits)	WSC EQUIVALENT
COMM 330: Understanding Statistics (3)	MATH 210: Elementary Statistics (3)
COMM 350: Issues in Communication (3)	COMM 299: Special Topics in Communication
MRKT 305: Principles of Marketing (3)	BADM 201: Principles of Marketing (3)
MRKT 370: Advertising and Promotions (3)	BADM 210: Advertising (3)


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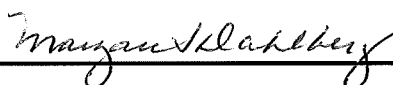
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Kim Weismann, Arts and Human Sciences Chair Date

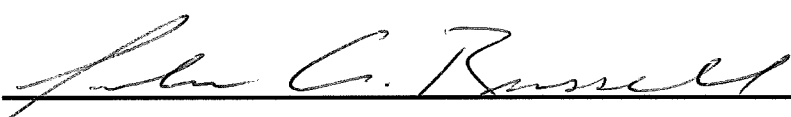
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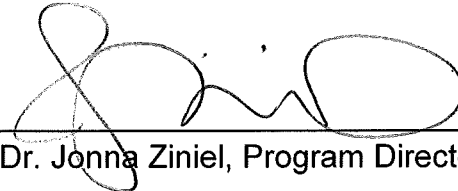
Dr. Tisa Mason, President Date

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Dr. Margaret Dahlberg, Vice President of Academic Affairs Date

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Dr. Julee Russell, Chair, Department of Communication Arts Date

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Dr. Jonna Ziniel, Program Director Date