

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs

AGENDA ITEM: 6 – A
DATE: March 29-30, 2023

SUBJECT

NSU and Presentation College Teach-Out Agreement

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[BOR Policy 5:3](#) – Agreements and Contracts

[BOR Policy 2:5:2](#) – External (Non-Regental System) Accredited University/College
Transfer of Credit

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

With the announcement of Presentation College closure in summer 2023, Northern State University (NSU), which is regionally located in Aberdeen and northeastern South Dakota, has entered into a teach-out agreement for Presentation College students. These students may finish the remainder of their college program at NSU as approved by the agreement (Attachment I).

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

To comply with BOR Policy 5:3 and BOR Policy 2:5:2, Northern State University requests approval for the Teach-Out Agreement as provided in Attachment I.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I – Northern State University and Presentation College Teach-Out Agreement.

DRAFT MOTION 20230329_6-A:

I move to approve Northern State University’s Teach-Out Agreement with Presentation College, as presented.

**Teach-Out Agreement between
Northern State University and Presentation College
January 23, 2023**

Presentation College and Northern State University, both institutions of higher education accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, agree to enter into the following Teach-Out Agreement in order to enable undergraduate students currently enrolled at Presentation College an opportunity to complete their programs of study, and to provide for a smooth and seamless transition, at Northern State University. Both Presentation College and Northern State University understand that the terms enumerated herein should serve as guidelines to foster student success.

At Northern State University, Presentation College students will receive an education that's high-quality, affordable—and personalized. Students will experience hands-on learning guided by world-class, supportive faculty. Students will enjoy a full campus life, with opportunities to choose from numerous student activities and events while remaining in the Aberdeen community. Northern's students, faculty, and staff are committed to helping Presentation students belong.

Specifically, Presentation College (PC) and Northern State University (NSU) agree to the following:

1. NSU will offer courses of study toward approved baccalaureate degrees. NSU's academic programs are available in both in person and online formats.

On-Campus Teach-Out Programs

- Human Performance and Fitness
- Sport Marketing and Administration
- Biology
- Psychology
- Business Administration
- Business Management
- Communication Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Sociology
- Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)
- AS Business
- AA General Studies

Online Teach-Out Programs

- Business Administration
- Business Management
- Criminal Justice

- Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)
- AS Business
- AA General Studies

PC students with GPAs higher than 3.5 are eligible for acceptance into the nationally recognized NSU Honors Program and all benefits afforded to students in that program.

PC students pursuing degrees in Business Administration and Business Management are eligible for NSU's accelerated master's degree programs (4+1) in the MS in Accounting Analytics and the MS in Banking and Financial Services. PC students pursuing degrees in Human Performance and Fitness and Sport Marketing and Administration are eligible for NSU's accelerated master's degree programs (4+1) in the MEd in Sport Performance and Leadership.

After earning their bachelor's degree from NSU, all PC students may apply for admission to NSU's 11 master's degree programs, including MEd in Secondary Education (which leads to initial teaching licensure) and MEd Counseling (which leads to licensure), and may apply for graduate assistantships on campus.

NSU is not approved to offer degrees in nursing or radiologic technology and therefore excludes those programs from this teach-out.

2. NSU will waive admission application fees for current students and all students who have stopped out since 2013. Students will be provided a simplified application process from NSU Admissions Office.
3. NSU will accept currently enrolled PC students, or those on leave of absence (or who have stopped out since 2013), or newly admitted students to PC for Fall 2023.
4. All PC students in good academic standing will be automatically accepted.
5. NSU will provide academic support to PC students transitioning to NSU and will make best efforts to ensure that PC students are able to register for the classes that they need or authorize appropriate substitute courses. NSU provides a broad array of student success services through its Student Success Center. See <https://northern.edu/student-life/student-success-center>. All NSU student success services will be available to PC teach out students.
6. NSU will conduct a special orientation for transitioning PC students on the campus of NSU to answer questions, provide advising, and course registration. NSU will provide information and advising to PC students about options and pathways for completing their degrees at NSU through NSU's on-campus and online programs.
7. NSU will offer comparable tuition to PC students consistent with SD Board of Regents (SDBOR) tuition and fee rates. Costs are outlined at <https://northern.edu/financial-aid/tuition-costs>. NSU financial aid staff will support each individual PC student with federal financial and scholarship advising. PC students who are residents of North Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Illinois, and Wisconsin are eligible for in-state tuition through the SDBOR South Dakota Advantage rate, as are children of NSU

- alumni. PC students who are residents of Minnesota are eligible for Minnesota reciprocity tuition rate. Students who are eligible for military or veteran's benefits will receive the full support of the NSU Military and Veterans Affairs Officer.
8. PC students who have completed all General Education requirements at PC will have their general education transferred as a block satisfying the Regental General Education Goals. PC will confirm completion of PC's general education requirements so students can be approved for the full block transfer.
 9. Any major requirement not articulated by course will need to be completed by the student.
 10. The PC Lantern Series courses will count as NSU's IDL 190 First Year Seminar and Human Values requirements.
 11. The SDBOR authorizes NSU to accept 100% of successfully completed credits of coursework from PC in accordance with BOR Policy 2:5 policy series. <https://www.sdbor.edu/policy/documents/2-5.pdf>
 12. PC students who transition to NSU and successfully complete all degree requirements of the NSU major program will receive an NSU diploma. Exceptions to the course residency requirements may be made on an individual student basis as needed. NSU will not serve as the transcription institution for PC.
 13. PC will announce it has reached an agreement with NSU and will provide information to students, staff, and parents regarding the nature of the Agreement. PC and NSU will provide direct links between their institutional websites indicating the existence of this Agreement.
 14. NSU is a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NCAA D-II) for athletic programs. NSU will offer a personal consultation with NSU athletic personnel for each PC student athlete (upon request) to determine eligibility to compete at NSU. PC athletes are eligible for recruiting by NSU Athletics. NSU Athletics will evaluate eligible PC athletes for open roster spots.
 15. PC and NSU will exchange data and documents, in accordance with FERPA laws, to facilitate the maintenance and improvement of the teach out arrangements and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions. PC will provide PC students and NSU with a FERPA waiver to access admissions, grades, and financial aid data after obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved and in compliance with local, state, and federal laws and Department of Education guidelines, e.g., FERPA.
 16. The pathway to graduation for each student transferring to NSU will allow the student to complete the student's academic program on the same timeframe as was possible at PC as long as the student continues to maintain satisfactory progress and completes all requirements, per the agreed upon plan.
 17. The Executive Director & CEO of the SDBOR submitted the attached letter to NSU supporting this agreement and indicating the teach out will be presented to the SDBOR for formal ratification at its March 2023 meeting.
 18. The obligations of the parties set forth herein shall terminate when all PC students accepted by NSU pursuant to this Agreement have either graduated from NSU or failed to be continuously enrolled at NSU.


IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date indicated:



Dr. Neal Schnoor
President
Northern State University

1-23-2023

Date



Dr. Paula Langteau
President
Presentation College

01/23/23

Date



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January 20, 2023

Dr. Neal Schnoor
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Dr. Neal Schnoor,

This letter serves to provide Northern State University authority to engage in a Teach Out contract between Northern State University and Presentation College. [Board of Regents Policy 5:3 Agreements and Contracts](#) provides in section C.2 that the Executive Director has the authority to provide assurances that articulation of transfer may be entered between the university and another institution. Formal approval as outlined by C.1 will be completed by the Board of Regents at their next Board meeting scheduled for March 2023.

I encourage the partnership between Northern State University and Presentation College to ensure that the students have a plan to proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian L. Maher".

Dr. Brian L. Maher
Executive Director and CEO