

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA  
AND  
BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Northwestern State University of Louisiana (NSU) and Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) have agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a 2 + 2 program between the two institutions. The 2+2 program will allow BRCC students who complete the Associate of Science (AS) in Surgical Technology degree to transfer all credit hours as outlined in Appendix A to NSU for completion of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Allied Health degree. Students transferring to NSU may complete the last two years of their course work either online or at one of the NSU campuses. Both institutions serve the needs of their constituencies and are responsive, student-oriented institutions that prepare the students to become productive members of society as well as promote the academic development and improvement in the quality of life of citizens in their regions.

This partnership is mutually beneficial to both institutions for several reasons. Traditional and non-traditional students attending BRCC will have the opportunity, after completing core requirements at BRCC, to transfer their earned credit hours to NSU's accredited program. NSU will have the opportunity to accept students into degree programs who are well prepared with foundational course work.

Both institutions are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools-Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

Both institutions employ full-time faculty with advanced academic and professional credentials.

Both institutions provide support resources (i.e., library, on-line access, service courses, and adequate administrative-faculty-staff backup).

In accordance with this MOU, BRCC agrees to:

- Provide academic advising to students who plan to transfer to NSU according to agreements in Appendix A.
- Require BRCC students who intend to transfer to NSU to sign the "Intent to Transfer" form (Appendix B) and mail the completed form to NSU.
- Provide students the opportunity to obtain the BRCC credit hours as listed in Appendix A of the Memorandum of Understanding between NSU and BRCC.
- Provide transferring students assistance in completing the NSU Application for Admission.
- Provide information about the 2+2 Agreement on the BRCC website.
- Jointly market the 2 + 2 agreement with NSU.

In accordance with this MOU, NSU agrees to:

- Receive and maintain "Intent to Transfer" forms (Appendix B) from BRCC students and honor the agreement regarding academic catalog in effect on the date of the student's signature and the NSU confirmation signature.
- Accept BRCC credit hours as listed in Appendix A of the MOU between NSU and BRCC.
- Provide BRCC with a list of admitted students each semester.
- Provide information about the 2+2 Agreement in the NSU catalog.
- Jointly market the 2+2 agreement with BRCC.

By signature of Dr. Chris Maggio, President Northwestern State University and signature of Dr. Wille E. Smith, Interim Chancellor, Baton Rouge Community College, this 2 + 2 Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.

This agreement may be revised only with the signatures of the leaders of both institutions.

  
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Dr. Chris Maggio, President  
Northwestern State University

11/20/19  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Willie E. Smith, Interim Chancellor  
Baton Rouge Community College

2/6/2020  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Appendix A

### Baton Rouge Community College AS Surgical Technology Articulation

#### Core Requirements

AS Surgical Tech BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE			BAS Allied Health NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY			Hours Needed
BRCC	Course Title	Credit Hours	NSU	Course Title	Credit Hours	
ENGL 1013 ENGL 1023	English Composition I  English Composition II	3  3		English	6	0
MATH 1113/1213	College Algebra	3		Math	6	0
MATH 2043	Elementary Statistics	3				
BIOL 2214 BIOL 2224	Anatomy & Physiology I  Anatomy & Physiology II	4  4		Natural / Physical Science	9	3
				Humanities	3	3
ARTS Elective		3		Fine Arts	3	0
PSYC 2013	Introduction to Psychology	3		Social / Behavioral	6	3
<b>Total Hours Needed</b>						<b>9</b>

#### Junior Year – Semester 1

AS Surgical Tech BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE			BAS Allied Health NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY			Hours Needed
BRCC	Course Title	Credit Hours	NSU	Course Title	Credit Hours	
HLSC 1103	Medical Terminology	3	ALHE 1020	Medical Terminology	2	0
			PSYC 2050	Developmental Psychology	3	3
PHIL 2253	Biomedical Ethics	3	ALHE 2200	Cultural and Ethical	2	0
			ALHE 3900	Transition into Professional	2	2
			ALHE 3840	Advanced Patient Care	3	3
			COMM 1010 or 2500	Fundamentals of Speech <i>or</i> Interpersonal Communication	3	3
<b>Total Hours Needed</b>						<b>11</b>

#### Junior Year – Semester 2

AS Surgical Tech BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE			BAS Allied Health NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY			Hours Needed
BRCC	Course Title	Credit Hours	NSU	Course Title	Credit Hours	
			ALHE 4520	Research in Healthcare	3	3
			ALHE 4230	Health Informatics	3	3
BIOL 2104	General Microbiology	4		Concentration Courses	9	5
<b>Total Hours Needed</b>						<b>11</b>

**Senior Year – Semester 1**

AS Surgical Tech BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE			BAS Allied Health NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY			Hours Needed
BRCC	Course Title	Credit Hours	NSU	Course Title	Credit Hours	
			ALHE 4600	Teamwork and Leadership	4	4
SURT 1023	Surgical Technology Fundamentals	3		Elective	5	0
HLSC 1012	Intro to Health Professions	2				
				Concentration Courses	4	4
<b>Total Hours Needed</b>						<b>8</b>

**Senior Year – Semester 2**

AS Surgical Tech BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE			BAS Allied Health NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY			Hours Needed
BRCC	Course Title	Credit Hours	NSU	Course Title	Credit Hours	
			ALHE 4900	Directed Study	6	6
			ALHE 4630	Healthcare Organization	3	3
				Concentration Courses	5	5
<b>Total Hours Needed</b>						<b>14</b>

*Students graduating with an Associate of Science in Surgical Technology will receive 30 hours credit for their allied health clinical course work. Surgical Technology clinical courses: HLSC 1012, SURT 1021, SURT 1103, SURT 1113, SURT1122, SURT 2103, SURT 2207, SURT 2259.*

Total Hours Awarded from BRCC= 67

Total Hours Needed from NSU for BS= 53

**Health Science and Technology Concentration (18 hours)**

Courses for this concentration will enhance students' knowledge and skills related to the patient care environment and/or teaching in health-related areas. Students will be able to select courses from a pre-determined list that best meet their career goals. Examples of courses that may be included in this concentration are:

- ALHE 2020 Integrative Medicine for Health 3 hours
- ALHE 2400 Foundations of Healthcare 3 hours
- ALHE 4430 Education in Allied Health 3 hours
- ALHE 4610 Introduction to Healthcare Quality 3 hours
- BIOL 2210 Microbiology for Nursing and Allied Health Majors 3 hours
- BIOL 2240 Introduction to Human Genetics 3 hours
- BUAD 1800 Introduction to Information Technology 3 hours
- CIS 3020 Web Page Development 3 hours
- EDAE 4700 Fundamentals of Adult Education 3 hours
- ENGL 3230 Technical Composition 3 hours
- HED 2000 Introduction to Health Education 3 hours


HED 3000 Community Health Promotion 3 hours  
PSYC 3010 Physiological Psychology 3 hours  
PSYC 4450 Abnormal Psychology 3 hours  
RADS 3910 Sectional Anatomy 3 hours  
RADS 3920 Radiographic Pathology 3 hours  
RADS 4710 Special Imaging 3 hours  
*Others as approved by advisor*

**Health Sciences Leadership and Management Concentration (18 hours)**

Courses for this concentration will enhance students' knowledge and skills related to supervisory, management, administrative, and leadership roles in healthcare. Students will be able to select courses from a pre-determined list that best meet their career goals. Examples of courses that may be included in this concentration are:

ACCT 2000 Financial Accounting 3 hours  
ALHE 2400 Foundations in Healthcare 3 hours  
ALHE 4610 Introduction to Health Care Quality 3 hours  
BUAD 1800 Introduction to Information Technology 3 hours  
BUAD 2200 Business Reports and Communication 3 hours  
BUAD 3250 Business Law I 3 hours  
CIS 3020 Web Page Development 3 hours  
COMM 4020 Educational and Professional Speaking 3 hours  
COMM 4310 Globalization and International Communication 3 hours  
ENGL 3230 Technical Composition 3 hours  
MGT 2500 Personnel and Supervision 3 hours  
MGT 3220 Organization and Management 3 hours  
MGT 4270 Human Resources Management 3 hours  
MGT 4500 Leadership, Motivation and Power 3 hours  
MKTG 3230 Principles of Marketing 3 hours  
PSYC 4500 Psychology in Business and Industry 3 hours  
UPSA 3000 Fundamentals of Organizational Leadership 3 hours  
UPSA 3600 Managing Behavior in Public Organizations 3 hours  
UPSA 3700 Disaster Response Operations and Management 3 hours  
UPSA 4100 Financial Management and Budgeting 3 hours  
*Others as approved by advisor*  
RADS 4710 Special Imaging 3 hours  
*Others as approved by advisor*

**Appendix B**  
**INTENT TO TRANSFER**

Student: BRCC                                            NSU, BASAH Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Upon completion of the Surgical Technology Associate of Science at Baton Rouge Community College, I intend to enter Northwestern State University to pursue the baccalaureate of applied science in allied health degree.

**I expect to enter Northwestern State University (Semester/Year)\_\_\_\_\_.**

**The NSU catalog under which I intend to graduate from NSU is\_\_\_\_\_.**

I understand that by signing this statement of intent, the NSU degree program requirements I must satisfy to complete my degree will be those in the catalog in effect on the date this form is signed by me and the NSU Representative. I also understand that I must maintain continuous registration in this major, with no more than one semester not being in attendance, at BRCC and/or NSU, and that I must complete the curriculum within seven (7) years. If I fail to meet any of these requirements, I will be subject to the curriculum requirements in the catalog current at the time I return to school.

Student:	
My Signature below acknowledges that I understand the conditions as stated above.	
_____	_____
Student's Signature	Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, BRCC Representative                      Title                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, NSU Representative                      Title                      Date

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