



Northwestern Health  
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## 3+3 ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY AND NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

### I. INTRODUCTION

Created upon a mutual regard for the integrity of parallel academic programs and in an effort to better serve students preparing to pursue a career in chiropractic, Mount Vernon Nazarene University (MVNU) and Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHSU) enter into an agreement for an articulated program. This agreement will define preparatory course work to be completed at MVNU for students intending to matriculate into NWHSU; this agreement will articulate the special terms for admission into NWHSU to earn a Doctor of Chiropractic, and the distinctive criteria for the awarding of the Bachelor of Science degree to participating students from MVNU.

### Objectives of the Agreement:

1. To attract qualified students to Mount Vernon Nazarene University and to Northwestern Health Sciences University.
2. To facilitate the transition of students from MVNU to NWHSU.
3. To provide specific advisement for students of MVNU who intend to pursue professional study at NWHSU.
4. To encourage academic and administrative coordination between institutions, and the exchange of evaluative information on the outcomes of the program with the goal of continual improvement.
5. To provide qualified students the opportunity to complete the baccalaureate degree and the doctor of chiropractic degree in one less year than the normal time, i.e. 7 years.

### II. ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

1. Under the provisions of this program, student will matriculate at MVNU for a minimum of 90 semester hours in course work leading toward the Bachelor of Science in Biology.

<b>General Education Requirements:</b>	<b>36-37 semester hours</b>
ENG0083 Preparatory English (if needed)	3 semester hours (does not count toward graduation)
MAT 0083 Basic Algebra (if needed)	3 semester hours (does not count toward graduation)
MAT 0093 Algebra (if needed)	3 semester hours (does not count toward graduation)
Freshman Expository Writing	3 semester hours
Research Writing	3 semester hours
Introduction to the Christian Liberal Arts Experience	1 semester hours
History and Faith of the Biblical Communities	4 semester hours
Christian Beliefs	3 semester hours
Philosophy	3 semester hours
Senior Colloquium	3 semester hours
Select one from the following: Art in the Western World, OR Music in the Western World	2 semester hours
Literature	3 semester hours
Select one from the following: Communication, OR Foreign language	3-4 semester hours
Principles of Health and Fitness	2 semester hours
History	3 semester hours
General Psychology	3 semester hours
<b>Major</b>	<b>55 semester hours</b>
BIO 1054G General Zoology with Lab	4 semester hours
BIO 1074G General Botany with Lab	4 semester hours
BIO 2064 Invertebrate Zoology	4 semester hours
BIO 3045 Comp. Vertebrate Anatomy with Lab	5 semester hours
BIO 3034 Genetics with Lab	4 semester hours
BIO 4001 Technical Writing in Biology	1 semester hour
Select one from the following: BIO 4011 Principles of Bioethics, OR BIO 4091 Biology Seminar	1 semester hour
Select one from the following: BIO 3014 Principles of Ecology with Lab, OR BIO 3054 Environmental Science with Lab	4 semester hours
CHE 1033G General Chemistry I	3 semester hours
CHE 1031G General Chemistry I Lab	1 semester hour
CHE 1043 General Chemistry II	3 semester hours
CHE 1041 General Chemistry II Lab	1 semester hour
CHE 3024 Organic Chemistry I	4 semester hours
CHE 3034 Organic Chemistry II	4 semester hours
PHY 2014G General Physics I with Lab	4 semester hours

PHY 2024G General Physics II with Lab	4 semester hours
MAT 1034 Calculus I	4 semester hours
<b>Transfer Credits</b>	<b>32-33 semester hours</b>
<b>Electives taken at NWHSU in the Basic Sciences</b>	
<b>Total Degree Requirements:</b>	<b>124 semester hours</b>

2. Students are admitted to NWHSU only as first year doctorate of chiropractic students. Upon completion of the first year of studies at NWHSU a maximum of 34 NWHSU credits may be transferred toward completion of the B.S. in Biology degree at MVNU. An official transcript must be sent from NWHSU to the Registrar of MVNU, and the student must request application materials for graduation. and will receive appropriate consideration in the admission process for having completed the MVNU Pre-Chiropractic Program, but will not receive the assurance of a seat reserved for students earning a 3.250 or higher GPA.
3. While enrolled at MVNU, students will complete all required course work as outlined above and described in the MVNU catalog.
4. The acceptance of transfer credits or testing toward completion of degree requirements shall be governed by current policies of MVNU. However, a minimum of 30 total semester hours must be taken at MVNU before transferring to NWHSU.
5. Northwestern Health Sciences University shall accept, for the entrance date of their choice, all students who successfully complete the Pre-Chiropractic Program with a cumulative GPA of 3.250 or higher and meet all other criteria for admission.
6. Students who earn less than a 3.250 GPA, but at least at 2.500 GPA, will be eligible for admission to NWHSU,
7. Students will make application to NWHSU one year in advance of their desired entrance date and will complete all required application procedures thereafter in a timely manner, including submission of recommendation and a satisfactory interview.
8. Students enrolled in the "3+3" program who successfully complete all course work in the first two 15 weeks trimesters at Northwestern Health Sciences University with C's or better will be granted the Bachelor of Science from MVNU, provided they have met all other graduation requirements.
9. Students shall pay the appropriate tuition and fees to each institution for all course work taken at that institution. During their first year of study at NWHSU, students shall not be registered for courses at MVNU. Upon completion of the first year of study at NWHSU, students shall be responsible for any fees regularly charged by MVNU for and awarding the baccalaureate degree.

**III. MUTUAL PROMOTION OF THE PROGRAM**

Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Northwestern Health Sciences University both agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this joint degree program through advisement and dissemination of information. The appropriate advisor at MVNU will make every effort to maintain a list of students actively pursuing the program with the intent to enroll at NWHSU and will periodically inform the Admissions Office at NWHSU of the current list. Care will be taken to make students aware that some state boards of chiropractic require completed baccalaureate degrees PRIOR TO CHIROPRACTIC STUDY, and to advise students planning to practice in those states accordingly.

Both institutions agree to promote the "3+3" program in their recruitment activities and literature and to refer prospective students, when appropriate, to the other's admission office.

**IV. STUDENT ADVISEMENT**

An appropriate faculty member at MVNU shall be assigned and responsible to advise students regarding their academic preparation for admission to Northwestern Health Sciences University and for their ultimate goal of chiropractic licensure. This advisement shall include attention to special requirements for licensure in some states, such as completion of the baccalaureate degree prior to matriculation in a chiropractic college.

**V. CONTINUATION AND TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

This agreement shall be in force until either institution makes a decision in writing to terminate it. It is agreed that if terminated, that both institutions will honor the terms of the agreement until all students already admitted are given the opportunity to complete the program in a timely manner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures.

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