



## **3+3 ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD AND NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY**

### **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, Minnesota State University Moorhead and Northwestern Health Sciences University (NWHHSU) enter into an agreement for an articulated program. This agreement will define preparatory course work to be completed at Minnesota State University Moorhead for students intending to matriculate into NWHHSU; this agreement will articulate the special terms for admission into NWHHSU to earn a Doctor of Chiropractic, and the distinctive criteria for the awarding of the **Biology B.A.** degree to participating students from Minnesota State University Moorhead

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE AGREEMENT**

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to foster a spirit of cooperation between these two educational institutions and thereby provide Minnesota State University Moorhead students with an opportunity to earn degrees from both institutions.
2. It is agreed and understood that each institution has the right and responsibility to make changes to its curricula and enrollment standards to maintain its academic integrity and meet accreditation standards. Such changes, if any, will be communicated to the other institution as they occur through the office of each institution responsible for implementing this dual degree program.
3. At the request of either institution a meeting or conference will be held to resolve any problems, monitor the progress, and develop any improvements in this dual degree program.
4. Neither institution will discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, age, physical or mental disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status, status as a U.S. military veteran per federal guidelines 41 C.F.R. 60-300.S(a) and 41 C.F.R. 60-741.5(a.), parental status, and pregnancy in the selection and participation of students in the dual degree program. With respect to a disability, a qualified student with a disability is an individual who (with or without reasonable accommodations-academic adjustments) meets the legitimate standards and criteria that are rationally related to the stated goals or purposes of each institution's educational program.

5. Beginning with the first semester of the Fall 2022 academic year, a dual degree program leading to a Biology B.A. from Minnesota State University Moorhead and a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from NWHHSU will be available to qualified students. This dual degree program will require approximately three years of attendance at Minnesota State University Moorhead followed by a minimum of three and one third consecutive years at NWHHSU. Students must complete and meet all NWHHSU graduation requirements in order to graduate with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree.
6. Students who express an interest in the dual degree program must meet all the requirements for the Biology B.A. as stated on the MNSCU Reverse Transfer Form. Courses and credits shall be transferred from NWHHSU to Minnesota State University Moorhead and receive Minnesota State University Moorhead credit for 100 semester hours in courses which meet the prerequisite requirements for the Doctor of Chiropractic degree at NWHHSU.
7. Minnesota State University Moorhead students will be accepted for admission to NWHHSU under this dual degree program upon:
  1. Meeting the prerequisite requirements for admission to NWHHSU.
  2. Attaining a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale on the best of the 90 semester credits.
  3. Receiving a positive recommendation from their Academic Advisor at Minnesota State University Moorhead and/or the CSHE Student Relations Coordinator at Minnesota State University Moorhead.
  4. Timely submission of all application materials to NWHHSU.
8. Upon successful completion of the first year of studies at NWHHSU, a maximum of 20.25 NWHHSU credit hours may be transferred toward completion of the Biology B.A. at Minnesota State University Moorhead. It is the student's responsibility to apply for graduation with the Registrar's Office at Minnesota State University Moorhead and to have an official transcript sent from NWHHSU to the Transfer Coordinator in the Minnesota State University Moorhead Registrar's Office.
9. Minnesota State University Moorhead agrees to waive the following requirements under the Undergraduate Graduation Requirements Policy (3.36 Procedure 3.36 1):
  1. No graduate credits may be applied to an undergraduate degree.
  2. Candidates must be enrolled as a resident student for at least 30 credits taught by the faculty awarding the degree (MSUM courses), and eight of the last twelve credits must be awarded by MSUM. At least twelve credits must be earned from the MSUM department which awards the major.
10. Students who successfully complete the dual degree program will be eligible to participate in appropriate commencement ceremonies (i. e. Biology B.A. at Minnesota State University Moorhead and Doctor of Chiropractic at NWHHSU) at the time each degree is conferred.
11. Recruitment of students for this program will be the responsibility of Minnesota State University Moorhead with the cooperation of NWHHSU.
12. Under the terms of this Agreement, neither institution is obligated to make any payments of any kind to the other institution.

13. This Agreement will, in no way, be interpreted as creating an agency or employment relationship between the institutions, or as giving rise to a joint venture or partnership between the institutions.
14. This Agreement is intended to solely benefit the institutions, and is not intended to create rights in any third party. Students participating in the program, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, will not be considered third party beneficiaries of the Agreement.
15. This Agreement may be terminated by either institution by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other institution at the address hereinafter set forth. If the Agreement is terminated, Minnesota State University Moorhead students who have earned more than 60 credits applicable to the dual degree program and students already enrolled in NWHSU's Doctor of Chiropractic program will be allowed to complete their programs.
16. This Articulation Agreement is effective on 07/01/2022 and shall remain in effect until the end date of 07/01/2027 or for five years, whichever occurs first, unless terminated or amended by either party with 90 days prior written notice.
17. This Articulation Agreement will be reviewed by both parties beginning 01/31/2027 (within six months of the end date).

## **MUTUAL PROMOTION OF THE PROGRAM**

Minnesota State University Moorhead 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 CSHE Student Relations Coordinator at Minnesota State University Moorhead 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 develop an annual communication calendar and promote the "3+3" program in their recruitment activities and literature and to refer prospective students, when appropriate, to the other's admission office.

## **STUDENT ADVISEMENT**

An appropriate faculty member at Minnesota State University Moorhead shall be assigned and be 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. In addition, NWHSU will provide advisement during the enrollment process and throughout the program to ensure students have a clear understanding of the sequence of courses and graduation requirements for their program.



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