

**3+3 ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
RIPON COLLEGE
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, Ripon College a private institution of higher education, 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 Ripon College 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 Arts degree to participating students from Ripon College.

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 *Ripon College* 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, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status, Vietnam-era veteran status, parental status, pregnancy, or any other status protected by law 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. Ripon College and NWHSU sharing of confidential student information shall be handled in conformity with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC

Sec. 1232g and implementing regulations Title 34, Part 99 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The parties certify that they will only use such information for their duties and responsibilities under this agreement. The parties agree they will maintain the information and not re-disclose except in accordance with FERPA or other state or federal law. The parties will notify the other of any security breaches and take immediate steps to remedy the breach.

6. Beginning with the first semester of the 2024 calendar year, a dual degree program leading to a B.A. degree from *Ripon College* and a Doctor of Chiropractic degree from NWHSU will be available to qualified students. This dual degree program will require approximately three years of attendance at *Ripon College* followed by a minimum of three and one half years at NWHSU. The chiropractic program is arranged so a student may choose to complete the curriculum in three and one third consecutive years.
7. Students who express an interest in the dual degree program must receive *Ripon College* credit for 90 semester hours in courses which meet the prerequisite requirements for the Doctor of Chiropractic degree at NWHSU and also meet all the requirements for *Ripon College* B.A. degree with the exception of courses and credits to be transferred from NWHSU to *Ripon College*.
8. *Ripon College* students will be accepted for admission to NWHSU under this dual degree program upon:
 1. Meeting the prerequisite requirements for admission to NWHSU as described in item #6 above.
 2. Completing a major and the Catalyst Curriculum at *Ripon College*.
 2. Attaining a minimum 3.0 grade point average in *Ripon College* coursework. Students with a 2.75 grade point average may be considered for a custom track admissions option.
 3. Receiving a positive recommendation of a Health Professions Advisory Committee member at *Ripon College*.
 4. Timely submission of all application materials to NWHSU.
9. Upon successful completion of the first year of studies at NWHSU, a maximum of 30 NWHSU credit hours may be transferred toward completion of the degree of Bachelor of Arts at *Ripon College*. An official transcript must be sent from NWHSU to a designated official with the *Ripon College* Admissions Office, and the student must request application materials for graduation from the *Ripon College* Registrar's Office.
10. Students who successfully complete the dual degree program will be eligible to participate in commencement ceremonies at both NWHSU and *Ripon College*. Recruitment of students for this program will be the responsibility of *Ripon College* with the cooperation of NWHSU.

11. Under the terms of this Agreement, neither institution is obligated to *make any payments of any kind* to the other institution.
12. 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, or as giving rise to a joint venture or partnership between the institutions.
13. This Agreement is intended to solely benefit the institutions, and it 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.
14. 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, *Ripon College* students who have earned more than 62 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.

MUTUAL PROMOTION OF THE PROGRAM

Ripon College and Northwestern Health Sciences University both agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this joint degree program through advisement and dissemination of information. A member of the Health Professions Advisory Committee at Ripon College 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.

STUDENT ADVISEMENT

An appropriate faculty/advisor member at Ripon College 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.

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

agreement until all students already admitted are given the opportunity to complete the program in a timely manner.

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