

Memorandum of Understanding

Delgado Community College and Northwestern State University

AAS Veterinary Technology & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program

Purpose

Northwestern State University, herein called NSU, and Delgado Community College, herein called DCC, have agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for an *AAS Veterinary Technology & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program* between the two institutions. The program outcomes will include successful completion of developmental coursework and coursework required for the *Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology* at DCC that will transfer all credit hours applied to the AAS degree as listed in Appendix A to NSU in partial fulfillment for the *Bachelor of Science in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology* at NSU. Both institutions serve the needs of their students to become productive members of society as well as promote the academic development and improvement in the quality of life for the citizens in their regions.

The *AAS Veterinary Technology & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program* will continue to help ensure access to post-secondary education and enhance ease of transfer credits between Delgado Community College and Northwestern State University. Additionally, incomplete or inconsistent access to community college services and constrained financial resources have heightened the need for a partnership approach across higher education institutions.

The *AAS Veterinary Technology & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program* helps to ensure that both institutions are being proactive in addressing challenges in the economy and changes in the higher education landscape. In addition, the program ensures the participating institutions are responsive to relevant actions of the Louisiana Legislature, including specific provisions of the LA GRAD Act as well as encouraging ease of transfer credits between post-secondary institutions and comprehensive community college services throughout Louisiana.

Implementation

The *AAS Vet Tech & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program* will provide students with a transparent and systematic outline for successfully completing an associate degree and a baccalaureate degree. The institutions will partner to facilitate student access through collaborated student and academic services for each student enrolled in the *AAS Veterinary Technology & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program*.

All components of the *AAS Veterinary Technology & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program* MOU are limited to the instruction of developmental coursework and coursework required for the Associate of Applied Science in Vet Tech taught by Delgado Community College faculty that are transferable to Northwestern State University.

Delgado Community College's components of the *AAS Veterinary Technology & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program*:

- DCC will provide student transcripts to NSU following the end of each semester prior to the start of the next academic semester.
- DCC will provide extensive support resources (i.e. online access, service courses, and adequate administration, faculty, and staff).
- DCC Associate of Applied Science in Vet Tech adheres to the curriculum standards of said programs.
- Jointly with NSU, market the *AAS Veterinary Technology & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program* to prospective students through recruiting and academic materials such as but not limited to brochures and catalogs.

Northwestern State University's components of the *AAS Veterinary Technology & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program*:

- NSU will accept DCC's Associate of Applied Science in Vet Tech courses as listed in Appendix A, so long as the DCC program remains accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association's Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (AVMA-CVTEA) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).
- NSU will assess and approve documentation of completion of AVMA-CVTEA Essential Skills for each transfer student and will require a passing score on the National Veterinary Technician Examination (NVTE) prior to transfer of each student with the AAS degree.
- NSU will assist in locating SACS-qualified faculty for DCC courses related to the *AAS Veterinary Technology & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program*.
- NSU will assess and approve all recommended textbook adoptions for DCC VETT courses.
- Students participating in the *AAS Veterinary Technology & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program* with outstanding balances at DCC will not be allowed to continue in the program.
- Jointly with DCC, market the *AAS Veterinary Technology & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program* to prospective students through recruiting and academic materials such as but not limited to brochures and catalogs.

Program Modification

Changes may be made to this agreement at any time with a 90 day notice and mutual agreement of Northwestern State University and Delgado Community College. This agreement is effective upon signing and can be terminated only through a written notice to the other party 90 days prior to the date of termination.

Appendix A

Articulation Agreement between Delgado Community College and Northwestern State University for a 2 + 2 A.A.S. in Veterinary Technology to B. S. in Biology with Veterinary Technology concentration:

NSU Course	Sem. Credit Hours	Delgado Course	Sem. Credit Hours
BIOL 1010, 1011	4	BIOL 141, 143	4
BIOL 2060-2061	4	BIOL 210, 212	4
ENGL 1010	3	ENGL 101	3
UNIV 1000	1	VETT 101	1
MATH 1020	3	MATH 130	3
PSYC 1010	3	PSYC 127	3
COMM 1010	3	SPCH 130	3
VTEC 1010, 1011	3	VETT 102	2 (-1)
VTEC 1020	2	VETT 103	2
VTEC 1030-1031	3	VETT 211, 241	5(+2)
VTEC 2060, 4090	4	VETT 125	2(-2)
VTEC 2090, 2091	4	VETT 105, 106	4
VTEC 2600	2		(-2)
VTEC 3100-3101	4	VETT 235	2(-2)
VTEC 3190, 3191	4	VETT 135, 136	4
VTEC 3200, 3201	4	VETT 131, 141	4
VTEC 3700, 3701	3	VETT 145	2(-1)
VTEC 3010	3	VETT 205	3
VTEC 2900	12	VETT 121, 127, 157, 207, 221, 227, 251	12
		Electives*	6
TOTAL	69	TOTAL	69

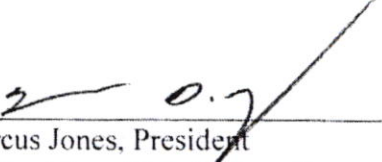
NSU Course	Sem. Credit Hours	Offered Online?	Semester
BIOL 1020, 1021	4	Yes	Any
CHEM 1030, 1031	4	Yes	Fall, Summer
CHEM 1040, 1041	4	Yes	Spring, Summer
ENGL 1020	3	Yes	Any
ENGL 2110	3	Yes	Any
FA 1040	3	Yes	Any
HIST elective	3	Yes	Any
MATH 1060 or 1090	3	Yes	Any
MATH 2010	3	Yes	Spring, Summer
Soc Sci Elective	3	Yes	Any
VTEC 4200 (or BIOL elective if pass VTNE)	3	No	Spring
VTEC 4900	6	No. Internship	Any
BIOL electives	6	Yes	Varies
General Electives*	3	Yes	Varies
New NSU course total	51		
OVERALL TOTAL	120		

* Electives – at least 3 hours of electives must be at or above the 2000 course level

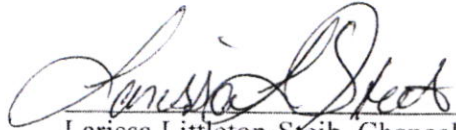
Recommended but not limited to online BIOL electives: BIOL 2040 – Intro to Animal Science, BIOL 3030 – Diseases of Farm Animals, and BIOL 3050 – Animal Nutrition

Approval

Signatures below demonstrate an understanding and agreement with the above listed provisions and that to the extent permitted by law Delgado Community College will hereby hold harmless, discharge, and release Northwestern State University from any and all liability, claims, causes of actions, damages or demands of any kind and nature whatsoever that may arise from or in connection with the participation in the *AAS Veterinary Technology & BS in Biology with concentration in Veterinary Technology Transfer Program*.



Marcus Jones, President
Northwestern State University
October 2022



Larissa Littleton-Steib, Chancellor
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October 2022

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