

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA  
AND  
PANOLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Northwestern State University of Louisiana (NSU) and Panola Community College (PCC) have agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for a 2 + 2 program between the two institutions. The 2+2 program will allow students to complete the first two years of study toward the Associate Degree in Medical Assisting at PCC and then transfer all credit hours as designated in Appendix A to NSU for completion of the 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 universities serve the needs of the constituency 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 PCC will have the opportunity after completing core requirements at PCC to transfer to an accredited program that will accept PCC credits. NSU will have the opportunity to accept students into degree programs who are well prepared with foundation course work.

Both universities are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Both universities 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 Memorandum of Understanding, Panola Community College agrees to:

Provide academic advising to students who plan to transfer to NSU according to agreements in Appendix A.

Require PCC students who intend to transfer to NSU sign the Intent to transfer form and mail the completed form to NSU. (Appendix B)

Provide students the opportunity to obtain the PCC credit hours as listed in Appendix A of the Memorandum of Understanding between NSU and PCC.

Provide transferring students assistance in completing the NSU Application for Admission.

Provide information about the 2+2 Agreement in the Panola Community College catalog.

Jointly market the 2 + 2 agreement with NSU.

In accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding, Northwestern State University agrees to:

Receive and maintain "Intent to Transfer" forms from PCC students and honor the agreement regarding academic catalog in effect on the date of the student's signature and the NSU confirmation signature. (Appendix B)

Accept Panola Community College credit hours as listed in Appendix A of the Memorandum of Understanding between Northwestern State University and Panola Community College.

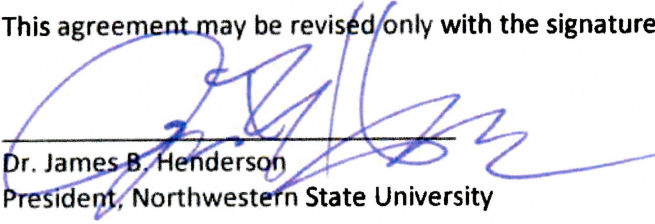
Provide PCC with a list of admitted students each semester.

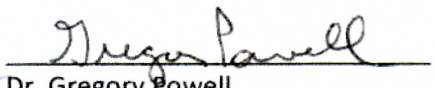
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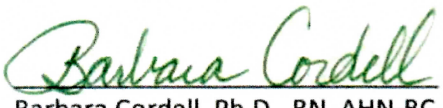
Jointly market the 2+2 agreement with PCC.

By signature of President of these institutions, this 2+2 Memorandum of Understanding is entered into on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016.

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

  
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Dr. James B. Henderson  
President, Northwestern State University

  
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Dr. Gregory Powell,  
President, Panola Community College

  
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Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences

**Appendix A**  
**Panola College AAS Medical Assisting Articulation**

**Core Requirements**

<b>AAS MA Panola COLLEGE</b>			<b>BAS Allied Health NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY</b>			<b>Hours Needed</b>
<b>PC</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>NSU</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	
<b>ENGL 1301</b>	English Composition I	3		English	6	3
<b>MATH 1314</b>	College Algebra	3		Math	6	3
<b>BIOL 2404</b>	Anatomy and Physiology	3		Natural / Physical Science	9	6
				Humanities	3	3
<b>FA</b>	Fine Arts Elective	3		Fine Arts	3	0
<b>PSYC 2301</b>	General Psychology	3		Social / Behavioral	6	3
<b>Total Hours Needed</b>						<b>18</b>

**Junior Year – Semester 1**

<b>AAS MA Panola COLLEGE</b>			<b>BAS Allied Health NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY</b>			<b>Hours Needed</b>
<b>PC</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>NSU</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	
<b>HITT 1305</b>	Medical Terminology	3	ALHE 1020	Medical Terminology	2	0
			PSYC 2050	Developmental Psychology	3	3
<b>MDCA 1305</b>	Law & 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	Fundamentals of Speech	3	3
<b>Total Hours Needed</b>						<b>11</b>

**Junior Year – Semester 2**

<b>AAS MA Panola COLLEGE</b>			<b>BAS Allied Health NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY</b>			<b>Hours Needed</b>
<b>PC</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>NSU</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	
			ALHE 4520	Research in Healthcare	3	3
			PSYC 4400	Statistics for Psychology	3	3
			ALHE 4230	Health Informatics	3	3
				Concentration Courses	6	6
<b>Total Hours Needed</b>						<b>15</b>

**Senior Year – Semester 1**

<b>AAS MA Panola COLLEGE</b>			<b>BAS Allied Health NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY</b>			<b>Hours Needed</b>
<b>PC</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>NSU</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	
			ALHE 4600	Teamwork and Leadership	4	4
<b>MDCA 1310</b>	Interpersonal Skills	3		Elective	3	0
				Concentration Courses	6	6
<b>Total Hours Needed</b>						<b>10</b>



**Senior Year – Semester 2**

AAS MA Panola COLLEGE			BAS Allied Health NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY			Hours Needed
PC	Course Title	Credit Hours	NSU	Course Title	Credit Hours	
			ALHE 4900	Directed Study	5	5
			ALHE 4630	Healthcare Organization	3	3
				Concentration Courses	6	6
					<b>Total Hours Needed</b>	<b>14</b>

*\*Students graduating with an Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assisting will receive 30 hours credit for their allied health clinical course work.*

Total Hours Awarded from PC= 52

Total Hours Needed from NSU for BS= 68

**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 4430 Education in Allied Health	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
BUAD 2200 Business Reports and Communication	3 hours
BUAD 3250 Business Law I	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
MGT 3220 Organization and Management	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 4610 Quality Management	3 hours
RADS 4710 Special Imaging	3 hours
<i>Others as approved by advisor</i>	

Appendix B  
INTENT TO TRANSFER

PCC      →      NSU

Student: Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Upon completion of freshman and sophomore courses at Panola 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 PCC 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, PCC Advisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature, NSU Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*\*copies to be kept by BRCC, NSU, and the student