

**Nicolet Area Technical College (NATC)
and
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UWEC)
College of Nursing and Health Sciences**

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**Nursing, Associate Degree
Nicolet Nursing Alliance (NNA)
March 2018**

This memorandum of understanding is an agreement between the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UWEC) and the Nicolet Area Technical College (NATC) to pilot the entry of overflow UWEC students into the associate degree nursing program at NATC in Rhinelander. Eight students will be admitted to start each fall at NATC. The numbers of students to be admitted may be adjusted through mutual agreement by the nursing parties at NATC and UWEC. Students may concurrently take classes at UWEC or NATC to fulfill their liberal education requirements for a BSN degree.

Purposes of the Nicolet Nursing Alliance (NNA):

- To enable more students to become registered nurses
- To increase the number of registered nurses in the region
- To increase the number of baccalaureate prepared registered nurses in the region
- To provide a clear picture of a BSN pathway for potential NNA students
- To provide incentive for students participating in NNA to ultimately complete BSN through UW-Eau Claire

Criteria for Admission to the NNA:

A student must:

- Be accepted at UWEC as a pre-nursing student and in good standing
 - To retain a seat in the NNA, students must be in good academic standing at the end of the semester in which they have applied for the alliance, and have successfully completed all courses at UWEC with no course incompletes.
- Be currently enrolled in courses at UWEC.
- Have applied for admission to the UWEC nursing program **and met all requirements in the most recent program application, but have been denied due to lack of space.**

Additional requirements for the NNA:

A student must:

- Complete and return paper application provided at the informational meeting to NATC Admissions Department by due date
- Fulfill NATC Associate Degree Nursing Admission Criteria

- Complete HESI Exam at NATC and achieve appropriate scores by the application due date. (To do well on the exam, it is recommended that students have completed or nearly completed BIOL 214 and BIOL 314.)
- Submit proof of Nursing Assistant course completion by the deadline to be determined. CNA certification is not required.
- Submit proof of current CPR certification by the American Heart Association – Basic Life Support (BLS) Provider level or the American Red Cross – Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers level by the deadline to be determined.
- Complete a Wisconsin Criminal Background Check and Background Information Disclosure Form by the deadline to be determined.

Procedures:

- Pre-nursing students will receive an e-mail from UWEC informing them of NNA application meetings and eligibility requirements. The e-mail will invite them to an informational meeting in February at which they will receive the NATC application.
- The informational/application meeting will occur at the UWEC campus with both NATC and UWEC representation.
- Selection of candidates by NATC will occur in March for August entry.
- NATC will provide UWEC with the names of the students selected for the alliance program. UWEC will inform the appropriate offices on its campus of the accepted students, including the Director of Housing and Residence Life, Learning and Technology Services, and the Library, as appropriate.
- A student cannot accept a seat in an alliance program and be considered for admission to the UWEC pre-licensure nursing program at the same time; such a student who has reapplied to the UWEC nursing program must choose between being considered for admission to the UWEC nursing program or committing to the alliance program no later than the UWEC final exam week.

Selection Process

NNA applicants will be selected for admission to the Nursing Alliance Program based on:

1. Fulfillment of nursing admission requirements at UWEC and current enrollment status at UWEC
2. Fulfillment of NATC admission requirements
3. Number of UWEC resident and total credits completed
4. Also considered, if needed: Student's district and state of residence with priority in order of:
 - a. Permanent residence in the NATC district
 - b. Permanent residence within Wisconsin
 - c. Permanent residence outside of Wisconsin

UWEC Resources for Students in an alliance program:

Pre-nursing students accepted into a Wisconsin Technical School Associate Degree Nursing Program as part of a nursing alliance agreement with UWEC, will have access to a number of privileges at the University.

UW-Eau Claire will provide:

- Chippewa Valley Nursing Affiliate User access, which enables the following to remain active:
 - Username
 - E-mail account
 - H: Drive
 - Blugold Card
- Library access
- Eligibility to apply for UW-Eau Claire housing
- Adviser for pre-BSN Completion students

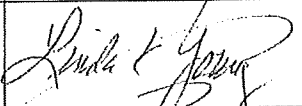
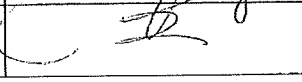
The following would no longer be available, unless a student is actively enrolled in a UW-Eau Claire course or else paying fees (for recreation use):

- Health Services
- Recreation (would require a fee)
- Listing in the campus directory

While completing the Associate Degree program at the technical school, students may take liberal education, pre-requisite, and elective courses concurrently at UW-Eau Claire. If a student has not enrolled in a course at UW-Eau Claire for two consecutive full-term semesters, the student will need to complete a re-entry application (no fee required) in order to receive permission to enroll in courses. The purpose of the re-entry application is to update addresses, phone numbers, and transcripts (the University will still have any previously submitted transcripts). Alternatively, a student may apply as a special student in order to take courses at UW-Eau Claire. The advantage of completing a re-entry application is that the student will be able to register for classes sooner than would a special student. Note: A student will not need to complete a re-entry application or apply as a special student if a student has enrolled in a course during the prior year. After one full-term semester of non-enrollment, students remain active and eligible to enroll and will automatically receive an enrollment date to register. See <http://www.uwec.edu/DOS/policies/absence.htm>.

As early as the final term of the Associate Degree program, students may apply for admission to the BSN Completion program at UW-Eau Claire. If a student has not enrolled in a course at UW-Eau Claire for two consecutive full-term semesters, the student will need to complete a re-entry application in order to update demographic and course transfer information at UW-Eau Claire.

This Memorandum of Understanding is effective on March 15, 2018 and shall remain in effect until either party terminates the agreement, with 90 days prior written notice. Written amendments agreed upon by the nursing parties may be made by the nursing parties.

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