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Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – University of Minnesota- Morris

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Description:

This Memorandum of Understanding between RLNC and University of Minnesota- Morris allows students to transfer credits between the two institutions. Courses are identified by MN Transfer Curriculum Goal Area.

TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Red Lake Nation College & University of Minnesota Morris

This Agreement is entered into between Red Lake Nation College (RLNC), 15480 Migizi Drive, Red Lake, MN, and University of Minnesota Morris (UMN Morris), 600 E. 4th St., Morris, MN. This Agreement is a specific arrangement pursuant to and contingent upon the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding dual admission to RLNC and UMN Morris. This Agreement and any amendments and supplements, shall be interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of Minnesota.

RLNC has established an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate transfer of RLNC A.A. degree holders to bachelor's degree programs at UMN Morris and provide a smooth transition from RLNC and UMN Morris.

Admission and Graduation Requirements

- A. UMN Morris's admission and program admission requirements apply to both direct entry students and to students who transfer under this agreement.
- B. Students must complete the entire RLNC A.A. program and meet UMN Morris's admission requirements for the agreement to apply, including grade requirements for courses and an overall GPA requirement.
- C. Transfer students who have completed the A.A degree will possibly need to complete the Morris Writing Requirement (pending syllabi review).
- D. Students transferring under this agreement will need to complete UMN Morris graduation requirements, including required and elective courses, in order to earn the bachelor's degree.

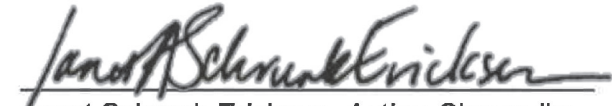
Transfer of Credits

- A. UMN Morris will accept the Associate of Arts degree, 62 - 64 credits, from RLNC.
- B. The credits from the RLNC will be applied to the transferring students' on-campus or online degree program at UMN Morris. For each UMN Morris program of interest, the course and credit requirements remaining to earn the bachelor's degree will be defined and included as attachments to this agreement.
- C. UMN Morris will accept the A.A. degree, in full, as meeting the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum requirement.

Implementation and Review

- A. The Chief Academic Officers or designees of the parties to this agreement will implement the terms of this agreement, including identifying and incorporating any changes into subsequent agreements, assuring compliance with system and/or campus policy, procedure and guidelines, and conducting a periodic review of this agreement.
- B. This Transfer Agreement is effective on **10/07/2022** and shall remain in effect until the end date of **10/07/2027** or for five years, whichever occurs first, unless terminated or amended by either party with 90 days prior written notice.

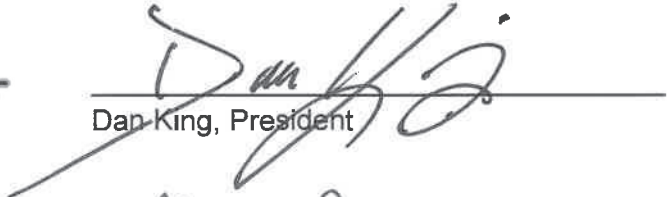
On Behalf of University of Minnesota Morris:


Janet Schrunk Ericksen, Acting Chancellor

 /Feb 14, 2023

Peh Ng, Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic
Affairs and Dean

On Behalf of Red Lake Nation College:


Dan King, President


Mandy Schram, Vice President of Operations
and Academic Affairs

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
Between
The Regents of the University of Minnesota
on behalf of the
University of Minnesota Morris
and
Red Lake Nation College

University of Minnesota Morris and Red Lake Nation College, wishing to strengthen their academic and scholarly links and cooperation between faculty and students of both institutions agree as follows:

1. Purpose of the Agreement. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish cooperative academic relationships between the two institutions in areas discussed below.

2. Scope of the Agreement. The parties agree to undertake good faith efforts and discussion with the goal of establishing academic and scholarly cooperative projects that are of mutual interest to colleges, departments and students of each institution. The University of Minnesota Morris (UMN Morris) and Red Lake Nation College (RLNC), in recognition of their continued collaboration, agree to establish a program that (1) allows academically qualified RLNC students dual admission to UMN Morris while enrolled at RLNC in previously approved academic programs, (2) establish a program aimed at student success to allow UMN Morris students to transfer credits back to RLNC in order to fully utilize a reverse transfer program that allows UMN Morris students to combine credits previously earned at RLNC with those earned at UMN Morris and apply them towards the award of an AA, AS, or AAS degree from RLNC. All students are responsible for regularly consulting with their academic advisers, prior to graduation, for their specified programs to assure that degree requirements and residency requirements have been successfully completed.

2.1 UMN Morris-RLNC Dual Admissions Program

UMN Morris and RLNC will provide academically eligible students an opportunity to be dually admitted in both institutions under the Dual Admissions Program. This program allows RLNC students who meet the requirements to be admitted at UMN Morris through identified dual enrollment programs. Programs offered as dual enrollment options will be preapproved by program faculty and re-validated on an annual basis.

In order to participate in the dual admissions program, students must:

- 1) Apply for the dual admission program during the first thirty (30) college-level credit hours at RLNC.
- 2) Participate in joint advising sessions with a RLNC and UMN Morris adviser once per semester after being admitted to the program.
- 3) Complete the UMN Morris admissions application process during their final semester at Red Lake Nation College or within a one-year period following the award of an associate's degree.
- 4) Meet student eligibility requirements (described below).

Purpose: Define the student and institutional obligations for UMN Morris-RLNC dual admissions program.

UMN Morris agrees to:

- 1) Accept RLNC students meeting criteria outlined below.
- 2) Accept the completion of RLNC's Associate of Arts, Liberal Education, degree (AA) as meeting UMN Morris' Morris Core (general education) requirements, with the possible exception of the Morris Writing Requirement (pending syllabi review).
- 3) Waive application fee upon acceptance into this program.
- 4) Participate in dual advising with RLNC for students in the program at RLNC once per semester after being admitted to the dual admissions program.
- 5) Work with RLNC enrollment staff to recruit students in regional high schools.
- 6) Market this program on the UMN Morris website as well as jointly market with RLNC through other venues.
- 7) Provide application and program material on their website with point of contact information.
- 8) Designate a point of contact for the program to coordinate program activities.
- 9) Share participant information for purposes of program and dual advising support.

RLNC agrees to:

- 1) Enroll and manage RLNC students wishing to enter the program and meeting criteria outlined below.
- 2) Provide information for eligible students through normal advising venues.
- 3) Participate in dual advising with UMN Morris for students entered in the program once per semester after being admitted to the dual admissions program.
- 4) Work with UMN Morris admissions to recruit students in regional high schools.
- 5) Market this program on the RLNC website as well as jointly market with UMN Morris through other venues.
- 6) Designate a point of contact for the program to coordinate program activities.
- 7) Provide application and program material on their website with point of contact information.
- 8) Share participant information for purposes of program and dual advising support.

Student eligibility requirements:

- 1) In order to apply for the dual admissions program, students may not have completed more than 30 transferable credits. Students may apply during the semester they will complete 30 credits.
- 2) In accordance with UMN Morris admissions policies, transfer students should have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher when applying to this program, and maintain that GPA through transfer to UMN Morris. Students who do not yet have an earned GPA from RLNC may submit high school transcripts as part of the application for the dual admissions program. Students that do not meet the 2.50 cumulative GPA threshold will be evaluated on an individual basis.
- 3) Evidence of good academic, social, and financial standing with all previously attended colleges.
- 4) Must have completed advising sessions with both RLNC and UMN Morris while enrolled in this program and still attending RLNC classes.

2.2 Accreditation

This agreement recognizes regional accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission as evidence of good standing in the higher education community of practice. UMN Morris will recognize and accept credits earned at RLNC so long as RLNC remains in good standing with the Higher Learning Commission and is also in good standing with the U.S. Department of Education for purposes of disbursing federal financial aid.

2.3 Reverse Transfer Program

Both parties, interested in achieving student success, agree to allow current UMN Morris students who have the required courses or credit hours from RLNC to apply those credit hours and earned UMN Morris credit hours towards an associate degree at RLNC. The agreement will include specific credit hour and course requirements needed to make reverse transfer work and specify each institution's role in the process in accordance with their policies.

3. General Areas of Cooperation.

3.1 Subject to the availability of funds and the written approval of the interested parties of both institutions, the institutions shall endeavor to develop plans which would include the following areas of cooperation.

3.1.1 When circumstances dictate a creative solution be developed to best serve students, RLNC and UMN Morris will allow for courses to be structured in a manner where faculty may be teaching students enrolled at either or both institutions simultaneously. Additionally, faculty from both institutions will be encouraged and provided opportunity to collaborate in sharing, jointly developing and aligning curriculum to advance the quality and efficiency of the program.

3.1.2 Organization of possible joint activities, including the exchange of scientist and technical staff members.

3.1.3 Organization of joint conferences or symposia.

3.1.4 Exchange of students.

3.1.5 Provide information for eligible students through normal advising venues.

3.1.6 Provide dual advising for students participating in the dual enrollment program.

3.1.7 RLNC and UMN Morris enrollment and recruitment staff will work collaboratively to recruit students in high schools and other venues as appropriate.

3.1.6 Jointing market this program on official college websites and through other venues as appropriate.

3.2 Neither the University nor the Affiliate shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, natural origin, gender, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression in the performance of this Agreement.

4. Financial Arrangements. Both institutions agree that all specific financial arrangements are to be negotiated separately for each component and are dependent on mutual interest and on the availability of funds.

4.1 UMN Morris and RLNC agree to waive application fees for students enrolling in either institution under the terms of this agreement.

4.2 Financial Aid Administration. Students will be awarded financial aid from the college where they are seeking a degree (home college). They will not receive aid from both colleges for that time period. It will be the responsibility of the host institution to report drops or withdrawals on a timely basis. In order to report return of Title IV funds properly, a tuition and fee statement would be required from the host institution at the time of the withdrawal. Students who are seeking a degree from their home institution and taking classes from a host institution will be required to have a signed consortium agreement on file.

4.3 Students are responsible for paying college bills at both institutions by each school's due date.

5. Administration

5.1 UMN Morris and RLNC will meet on a semi-annual basis to review the terms of this agreement and re-validate it for the following fiscal year.

5.2 The terms and necessary budget for each program and activity that is implemented under the terms of this general agreement shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties prior to the initiation of the particular program or activity. Such work protocols shall be negotiated on an annual basis.

5.3 Each institution will designate a contact person to develop and coordinate specific activities or programs.

5.3.1 A program specific faculty will be designated for each dual enrollment option. Designated faculty will be responsible for reviewing dual enrollment options annually to ensure course compatibility.

5.3.2 The registrar's office or academic discipline will designate an individual to support the student and help navigate curricular options and program planning.

6. Duration of the Agreement This Agreement will be effective from the date of signature for an initial period of five (5) years. Thereafter, it will be renegotiated for five (5) year periods, subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement. Either party, by written notice to the other party no less than three (3) months prior to the end of any such year period, may terminate this Agreement at the end of the current year period.

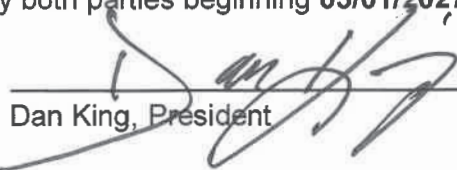
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOU is executed by the Parties hereto by their respective undersigned and authorized officers as of the date first written. Signed Friday, October 7, 2022.

C. RLNC and UMN Morris shall work with students to resolve the transfer of courses should changes to either program occur while the agreement is in effect.


D. This Transfer Agreement will be reviewed by both parties beginning **05/01/2027**.



Janet Schrunk Ericksen, Acting Chancellor



Dan King, President



Peh Ng, Acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean

2/14/2023



Mandy Schram, Vice President of Operations and Academic Affairs