

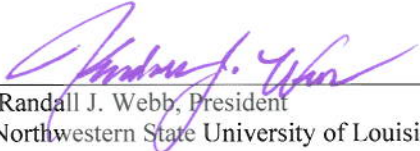


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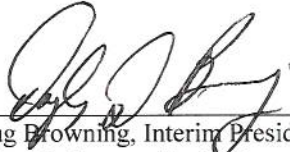
Frederick Community College
Associate of Science in Emergency Management

Northwestern State University of Louisiana
**Bachelor of Science with a Major in Unified Public Safety Administration with a
concentration in Emergency Management**

Entered into this 30th day of January, 2012.
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ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Frederick Community College, Associate of Applied Sciences in Emergency Management and Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana, Bachelors of Science in Unified Public Safety Administration with a concentration in Emergency Management Administration

Frederick Community College (here after referral to as FCC), a community college in Frederick County, Maryland, and Northwestern State University of Louisiana (hereafter referral to as NSU), agree to offer an articulated program leading to the award of a Associate of Applied Sciences (A.A.S.) in Emergency Management Degree and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Unified Public Safety Administration with a concentration in Emergency Management Administration. They further agree that students from FCC, through this articulation policy, will be allowed to transfer credits earned for the A.A.S. at FCC to NSU, leading to the award of the B.S degree at Northwestern State from Northwestern State University of Louisiana. The following general principles guide the operation of this Agreement:

1. The program is designed for graduates of the A.A.S. degree in Emergency Management at FCC. A maximum of 62 credit hours from FCC will be allowed toward fulfillment of the 120 credit hours required for baccalaureate completion.
2. All courses meeting general education requirements at FCC will transfer to NSU as general education.
3. Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in order to transfer.
4. The maximum number of credits that will be accepted by NSU toward degree requirements from non-direct classroom instruction (including CLEP, AP, and other nationally recognized standardized examination scores) is 30. Tech Prep credits will transfer where appropriate. Credit awarded for experiential learning (“life experience”) is recognized by, and is transferable to, NSU.
5. Once the A.A.S. is completed and the student has been admitted to NSU, the student may commence the Unified Public Safety Administration with concentration in Emergency Management Administration by completing a “Declaration of Major” for and registering for Unified Public Safety Administration courses.
6. While FCC and NSU do not presently have a dual enrollment program should one be agreed to, this agreement will not preclude students from participation and students may apply for and receive the benefits of dual enrollment. Those students would then be subject to the policies of said program should they apply.

7. FCC students who have completed the Associates of Science degree in Emergency Management will be given every consideration for financial assistance and will be eligible to compete for academic scholarships at NSU
8. This agreement becomes effective on the date set forth on the first page of this document. FCC and NSU agree to publicize this program. They further agree to monitor the performance of this agreement and to revise it as necessary. The agreement may be terminated by either party with two years written notice. Termination of the agreement will not affect any students currently enrolled at FCC in the Emergency Management program at the time of termination, and they shall be able transfer credits pursuant to this agreement.
9. NSU will establish a mechanism to provide information on the academic progress of the FCC student enrolled as a result of this agreement.

PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into to serve the instructional needs of FCC students and graduates. The general purpose of this agreement is to make clear the terms of this articulation agreement.

There are three specific goals under this agreement. First, it is the intent that this articulation agreement will facilitate a smooth transition from FCC's A.A.S in Emergency Management to the B.S. in Unified Public Safety Administration with a concentration in Emergency Management Administration at NSU as efficiently as possible. FCC graduates will understand how NSU transfers the credits they earn at FCC, as well as the changes in requirements that may permit more flexible scheduling once the student has been admitted to and enrolled at NSU. This agreement provides a systematic plan for students to continue their higher education beyond the A.A.S. degree from FCC.

Second, this agreement is a publication of a clear set of understandings and expectations for both institutions and programs. Making our expectations clear to students and between institutions not only contributes to the first goal, but also allows institutions to work collaboratively to meet the needs of FCC graduates. Like any policy agreement, this articulation agreement will need to be updated, revised and refined as instructional programs are revised.

Third, FCC encourages graduates to continue their educational pathway in Emergency Management for both personal and professional development, as well as career advancement the Emergency Management profession. This articulation agreement facilitates students' successful achievement of credentials in the field.

The following sections describe the specifics of the agreement.

**A.A.S. in Emergency Management-B.S. in Unified Public Safety Administration
with a concentration in Emergency Management Administration Transfer
Agreements**

The Emergency Management A.A.S. degree at FCC is considered a transfer program. By taking full advantage of the FCC-NSU course agreements outlined below, the transfer student will matriculate at junior standing. Further, this agreement allows the student who has obtained an A.A.S. Degree in Emergency Management from FCC and who has enrolled in the Unified Public Administration with a concentration in Emergency Management Administration at NSU to apply up to 62 transfer credits to required components of the major.

The following indicates the transfer of course agreement between the A.A.S in Emergency Management at FCC and the B.S. in the Unified Public Administration with a concentration in Emergency Management at NSU.

Lower Division NSU requirements

University GER Requirements	FCC Equivalent
ENGLISH COMPOSITION (3 cr)	EN 101 (3)
ARTS/ HUMANITIES (3 credits)	CMSP 107 or CMSP 105 (3)
SOCIAL SCIENCE (3 credits)	PI 104, PI 105, or HS 102 (3)
MATHEMATICS (3 credits)	MA 206 (3) MA 111(3) or equiv.
BIOLOGICAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (3-4 cr)	PC 103, CH 100 or BI 202 (3 or 4)

Upper Division NSU Requirements

All FCC transfer students with an A.A.S. in Emergency Management will be required to take a minimum of 61 credits of upper division coursework at NSU.

Minimum grade requirement 2.0

Emergency Management students transferring to the Unified Public Administration with a concentration in Emergency Management Administration at NSU Program should be aware that the Unified Public Administration with a concentration in Emergency Management Administration curriculum is built upon a series of established course

sequences. For students to progress through the program, they must have the appropriate pre-requisites, co-requisites, and must also achieve sufficient GPA levels.

Overview and Summary

For students following this agreement, the steps are as follows:

Step 1: Complete the Emergency Management A.A.S. degree at FCC.

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Step 2: Application for admission to NSU may be accomplished by going to URL <http://criminaljustice.nsula.edu/frequently-asked-questions/> and following the steps listed. There is a \$25 registration fee that may be paid by credit card.

The intended major is Unified Public Safety Administration – concentration in Emergency Management Administration (Degree Code 256 C). If assistance is needed, please contact the Departmental Secretary at 318.357.6966.