



**Elementary Education with Endorsement Options
Articulation Agreement
Between
Lake Region State College and Valley City State
University**

Introduction: This articulation agreement formally recognizes that Valley City State University (hereinafter VCSU) and Lake Region State College (hereinafter LRSC) are educational institutions which agree to work together to provide educational opportunities for the students of their institutions.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to provide a seamless transfer from LRSC to VCSU. Students will earn an Associate of Science Degree with an emphasis in elementary education from LRSC and a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education with endorsement options from VCSU. This agreement will be set up so that students will be able to complete both an A.S. degree from LRSC and a B.S. degree in elementary education with endorsement options from VCSU. Students will complete the VCSU portion of the program in approximately two years.

Motivating Principles and Values:

1. Students will be well served by the partnership and the high-quality teacher education program set forth in this agreement.
2. This partnership will benefit the educational needs of the region by providing high-quality teacher education graduates.
3. Both campuses will maintain compliance with state and national accreditation guidelines that ensure teacher quality.
4. This partnership will provide a high-quality collaborative program to students in a convenient, timely, flexible, and cost-effective manner.

Accreditation: VCSU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE); and will be completing the accreditation process with The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) in the Fall of 2022; and approved by the State of North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB). LRSC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Longevity of Agreement: This agreement will be in effect for five academic years beginning January 2022. If the program is terminated, students who have begun the program and are in the process of completion will be allowed to finish within a one- or two-year timeline.

Termination or Revisions: LRSC and VCSU agree to provide at least 90 days advance written notification of their intent to terminate the agreement. All revisions of this agreement require written approval by those who sign this agreement or their successors. Mutually agreed upon amendments to this agreement may be approved by those who sign this agreement or their successors

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Governance and Management: This agreement shall be governed by the academic policies and procedures of LRSC and VCSU. According to the requirements and conditions of the program and accreditation guidelines, the Elementary Education Program will be governed by the School of Education at VCSU. The Joint Elementary Education Program Committee will resolve any instructional and logistical issues.

The Joint Elementary Education Program Committee will consist of the following:

Lake Region State College Representatives:

- Director of Higher Education Services

VCSU Representatives:

- Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dean for School of Education
- Online Program Director for Elementary Education

Campus Responsibilities: Coursework in the VCSU Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education will be delivered to the LRSC campus using various distance delivery technologies.

LRSC will provide mutually agreed upon classrooms and workspace for VCSU for onsite courses and visits. The classrooms that are provided are subject to availability.

Advising: LRSC will provide an on-site advisor. The advisor will be the source of information for advisees concerning any special considerations relating to this cooperative program. The third-year students will be appointed a VCSU advisor who will provide expertise regarding VCSU policies and procedures, e.g., transfer, graduation requirements, pre-requisites.

Admission: Students taking LRSC course(s) must apply and be accepted for admission at LRSC. Students taking VCSU course(s) must apply and be accepted for admission at VCSU. All admission policies at the respective institutions will apply.

It is agreed upon that LRSC will provide general education courses, supplementary curriculum, and elective courses which satisfy VCSU graduation requirements of students enrolled in this program, based on LRSC minimum enrollment standards.

Registration: VCSU elementary education majors at LRSC will complete registration activities with the LRSC elementary education advisor. Each institution will follow its own policies and procedures for registering student(s) in their course(s). Registering for LRSC and VCSU course(s) will be separate functions. Registration for course(s) will follow the respective institution's timeline and procedures, including add/drop and withdraw. Collaborative enrollment processes identified in NDUS Collaborative Student Procedure 404.0 will be used as needed. Should a student drop credits during the semester at the "host" campus, the "host" campus is responsible for immediately notifying the "home" campus Financial Aid Office.

Teacher Education Requirements: Students seeking admission to the Teacher Education program must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher and successful completion of the programs testing requirements. See <https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000052004-admission-to-teacher-education> for more information.

Graduation Requirements: A minimum of 120 total credits are required for a bachelor's degree and must be taken from the appropriate categories. Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of upper level (300-400 level) credits from VCSU to complete graduation requirements. Credit hours earned at LRSC that do not meet general education requirements, technical specialty requirements or teaching option requirements will be used for electives courses.

As part of VCSU graduation requirements, students must develop a digital portfolio that illustrates the best evidence of meeting the abilities and skills requirements for their degree.

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Tuition and Fees: NDUS procedure 805.3.1, Collaborative Distance Learning Tuition, will apply to this agreement. Students taking courses offered by VCSU will be charged and pay all VCSU tuition and fees, including technology fees. Students taking courses offered by LRSC will be charged and pay all LRSC tuition and fees, including technology fees.

Marketing: VCSU will be responsible for providing LRSC with marketing materials to distribute to prospective students. LRSC will display information about this agreement on their transfer website. LRSC will work collaboratively with VCSU to identify prospective students for this program.

Textbooks: Textbooks for the VCSU courses will be purchased through the VCSU bookstore. Textbooks for the LRSC courses will be purchased through the LRSC bookstore.

Financial Aid: Students enrolled in a LRSC two-year degree program will have all aspects of their Federal Title IV Financial Assistance administered by LRSC's Financial Aid Office. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Processing of FAFSA and other applications, determination of eligibility, awarding, and disbursement of funds;
- Assessment and enforcement of satisfactory academic progress standards;
- Calculation and distribution of refunds;
- Administration of all aspects of the Federal Direct Loan Program

During the student's enrollment at LRSC, LRSC policies and procedures will apply. Student budgets (Cost of Attendance) used in establishing aid amounts will be the same as those used for awarding federal aid to other LRSC students. A contact person from the LRSC Financial Aid Office will be identified to work with a contact person from the VCSU Financial Aid Office.

Valley City State University will be responsible for awarding aid to students who have been accepted to the VCSU Elementary Education Program. Students will have all aspects of their Federal Title IV Financial Assistance administered by VCSU Student Financial Aid Office. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Processing of applications, evaluation of eligibility, awarding, and disbursement of funds;
- Assessment and enforcement of satisfactory academic progress standards;
- Calculation and distribution of refunds;
- Notifying changes in enrollment status to lenders under the Federal Direct Loan Program.

During enrollment in the VCSU Elementary Education Program, VCSU policies and procedures will apply. Student budgets (cost of attendance) used in establishing aid amounts will be the same as those used for awarding federal aid to other VCSU students with the same residency. A contact person from the LRSC Financial Aid Office will be identified to work with the contact person from the VCSU Financial Aid Office.

Students on the LRSC campus are not eligible for VCSU sponsored scholarships, waivers, or student work-study while pursuing a degree from VCSU. Students enrolled in the VCSU program are not eligible for LRSC sponsored scholarships or waivers.

After students are admitted to VCSU, satisfactory progress will be monitored based on VCSU policy to assure that satisfactory progress requirements are met.

Student Life: Rules, regulations, and policies that govern student life that are listed in the LRSC Student Handbook will be applicable to students enrolled in courses while at LRSC. For example, housing, parking, and conduct policies will be governed by LRSC.

Student Services: VCSU students at LRSC who are enrolled in at least one LRSC course will have the same access to student services as full-time LRSC students.

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Academic Support Services: LRSC will provide tutoring and disability support services for LRSC courses. VCSU will provide tutoring and disability support services for VCSU courses. If students have documented disabilities that may affect their academic experience and are seeking accommodations, it is their responsibility to supply documentation and make a request for services through the office of Student Academic Services as soon as possible.

Technology and Support Services: VCSU will provide students in this program adequate technical support in a timely manner for the courses taken from VCSU. LRSC will provide students in this program adequate technical support in a timely manner for the courses taken from LRSC.

Students enrolled in at least one VCSU course will have full access to VCSU technology services, including VCSU wired and wireless computer network, Blackboard account, VCSU email/messaging account, printer access, and computer peripheral equipment checkout. Students may elect to pay the VCSU technology “buy up” fee if they would like full-time access to a VCSU laptop according to the established procedures at the following URL:

<https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000026708>

All online students in VCSU courses are expected to abide by the technical requirements, as outlined at <https://onestop.vcsu.edu/support/solutions/articles/10000052665-distance-learning-technical-requirements>.

The following URL provides additional information regarding the notebook computer initiative at VCSU: <https://www.vcsu.edu/student-life/technology-services/laptop-initiative/>

Academic Procedures: VCSU academic guidelines, policies, and procedures for the students enrolled in courses through this arrangement on the LRSC campus apply in regard to the following:

- Academic probation/suspension
- Graduation honors
- Academic honors
- Official withdrawal
- Course load limitations

LRSC’s and VCSU’s respective academic guidelines, policies, and procedures for students enrolled in courses through this arrangement on the LRSC campus apply on a course-by-course basis in regard to the following:

- Course repetition
- Incomplete work
- Course challenges
- Attendance
- Add/Drop dates for individual classes

VCSU’s Online Program Director for Elementary Education (701-845-7181) will be the agreement manager for the articulation between LRSC and VCSU.

Amendments to the Agreement: Mutually agreed upon amendments to this agreement may be approved by those who sign this agreement or their successors. The agreement may be terminated at any time through joint action of the two presidents with adequate provision for currently enrolled students.



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Online Elementary Education Rotation LRSC – B.S. Elementary Education

LRSC Coursework first 2 years. Students must complete the following courses through their LRSC program for transfer into VCSU's elementary Education Program.

General Education Courses

Course #	Title of Course	Credits	NOTES
Biology	Biology with lab OR SCNC 101-Physical Education 1 and 101L	4	
Geology	Geology or Earth Science with lab OR SCNC 102 – Physical science with 102L	4	
Chemistry or Physics	Chemistry or Physics with lab OR SCNC 103 – Physical Science iii-and SCNC 103L	4	
Math	Math 103 or higher	3	
History	History 103 or 104	3	
Psychology	General Psychology 111	3	
English	College Composition I and II	6	
Communications	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	
Total Credits		30	

Education Courses from LRSC that transfer to VCSU

Course #	Title of Course	Credits	Course #	LRSC Equivalent	Credits
EDUC 277	Math for Elementary Teachers I	3	Math 277	Math for Elementary Teachers I	3
EDUC 240	Educating Exceptional Students	3	SPED 110	Educating Exceptional Students	3
EDUC 250	Introduction to Education <i>*Take Praxis CORE exam</i>	3	EDUC 250	Introduction to Education <i>*Take Praxis CORE exam</i>	2
			EDUC 298	Pre-professional experience (taken with EDUC 250 – 40-hour practicum)	1
EDUC 283	Understanding Cultural Diversity	3	SOC 235	Cultural Diversity	3
EDUC 300	Educational Technology	2	EDUC 210	Educational Technology	2
EDUC 330	Children's Literature	3	ENGL 238	Children's Literature	3
PSYC 250	Developmental Psychology	3	PSYC 250	Developmental Psychology	3
GEOG 111	Survey of Geography	3	GEOG 161 OR 121	World Geography or Physical	2
Total Credits		23	Total Credits		22

VCSU Online Teacher Education Program Admission Requirements:

- Completion of EDUC 250 (Introduction to Education) with a minimum grade of C
- Passing the CORE Academic Skills for Educators exam or passing ACT with ELA score.
- A minimum grade of C in ENGL 110 and 120 (College Composition I and II)
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Complete a criminal background check from ESPB <https://www.nd.gov/espb/licensure/background-checks>
- Working as a paraprofessional in a school system
- Able to obtain substitute licensure in the state of North Dakota



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Early Childhood Endorsement – Accredited online coursework for Early Childhood Endorsement

Course #	VCSU	Williston	Notes
Childhood Development and Learning 6 credits	EDUC 310 PSYC 250	PSYC 250	
Building Family and Community Relations- 3 credits		SOC 220	
Observation and Assessment- 3 credits	EDUC 337		
Teaching and Learning-24 credits			
Math Methods-3 credits	EDUC 315		
Methods of Science-3 credits	EDUC 355		
Methods of Social Studies-3 credits	EDUC 320		
Methods of Reading- 3 credits	EDUC 323		
Methods of Language Arts-3 credits	EDUC 322		
Methods for Early Language Literacy- 3 credits	EDUC 313		
Pre-K Methods & Materials- 3 credits		EC 233	
Administration and Leadership in ECE- 3 credits		EC 222	
Professional Education- 22 credits			
Educational Foundations- 3 credits	EDUC 250	EDUC 250/298	
Educational Psychology-2 credits	EDUC 400		
Teaching and Learning Theory-4 credits	EDUC 435		
Educational Diagnosis and assessment-5- 8 credits	EDUC 450 (2) EDUC 430 (3) EDUC 337 (3)		
Inclusive Education-3 credits	EDUC 240	SPED 110	
Classroom and Behavioral management- 2 credits	EDUC 350		
Multicultural/Native American Studies-3 credits	EDUC 283	SOC 235	
Cultural Diversity Practicum-1 credit	EDUC 352		

Field Experience Requirements (3 Supervised)	Student Teaching Requirements (2 Experiences)
EDUC 250- 40 Hour-practicum-split (PRE-K, Elem K-3)	EDUC 485- Kindergarten
EDUC 337- 80 Hour-Pre-K	EDUC 490 Elementary 1-3
EDUC 350- 80 Hour- grades 4-6	



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***Endorsement coursework is available online and should be planned with a VCSU education advisor before starting the online elementary education program. Endorsement coursework is not required and may require additional semesters.*

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Kindergarten – Fall	Kindergarten – Spring	Kindergarten - Summer
EDUC 310 (3) Intro to Early Childhood EDUC 337 (2) Pre-Kindergarten Observation (60-hour practicum) EDUC 485 (5) Kindergarten Student Teaching	EDUC 313 (3) Language and Literacy EDUC 337 (2) Pre-Kindergarten Observation (60-hour practicum) EDUC 485 (5) Kindergarten Student Teaching	EDUC 310 (3) Intro to Early Childhood EDUC 313 (3) Language and Literacy EDUC 337 (2) Pre-Kindergarten Observation (60-hour practicum) EDUC 435 (4) Kindergarten Education and Curriculum

Faculty contact: Dr. Abby Bremer - abigail.bremer@vcsu.edu

ELL – Fall	ELL – Spring	ELL Summer
EDUC 363 (2) Assessing ELL Proficiency EDUC 409 (3) Language and Culture EDUC 464 (1) Practicum in ELL	EDUC 390 (2) Methods of Teaching ELL EDUC 464 (1) Practicum in ELL	ENGL 309 (3) Linguistics EDUC 361 (2) Foundations of Bilingual

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Reading Certificate - Fall	Reading Certificate - Spring	Reading Certificate - Summer
EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties EDUC 431-432-433 (2) Reading Practicum	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties EDUC - 431-432-433 (2) Reading Practicum	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties EDUC 430-431-432-433 (2) Reading Practicum



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Middle School Certificate – Fall	Middle School Certificate – Spring	Middle School Certificate - Summer
EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem	EDUC 375 (2) Teaching Reading Elem EDUC 305 (3) Philosophy & Curriculum Middle School EDUC 470 (3) Methods of Teaching in Middle School

Faculty contact: Heather Peschel - heather.anderson2@vcsu.edu

Special Education – Fall	Special Education – Spring	Special Education - Summer
SPED 340 (3) Learning, Emotional & Intellectual Disabilities SPED 382 (2) Methods and Mat SLD SPED 486 (5) Special Education Student Teaching in SLD, ED, ID	SPED 340 (3) Learning, Emotional & Intellectual Disabilities PSYC 310 Behavior Modification SPED 333 (3) Assessment of Children with Disabilities SPED 334 – Practicum – Assessment SPED 383 (2) Methods and Mat. ED SPED 384 (2) Methods and Mat. ID SPED 486 (5) Special Education Student Teaching in SLD, ED, ID	EDUC 240 (3) Educating Exceptional SPED 380 (3) Collab, Consult, Trans & Inclusion EDUC 430 (3) Diagnosis of Reading Difficulties



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STEM ED Fall	STEM ED Spring	STEM ED Summer
STEM ED 160 (4) Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers STEM ED 306 (3) Inventions and Innovations – Technology Education for Children STEM ED 306L (1) Inventions and Innovations LAB– Technology Education for Children	STEM ED 160 (4) Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers STEM ED 355 (3) Curriculum and Methods for Elementary	STEM ED 160 (4) Integrated Physical Science for Elementary Teachers STEM ED 310 (3) Design, Technology and Engineering for Children STEM ED 310L (1) Design, Technology and Engineering for Children STEM ED 342 (3) Building Math

Signatures:

For Lake Region State College:



LRSC President

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Date



LRSC Vice President for Academic Affairs

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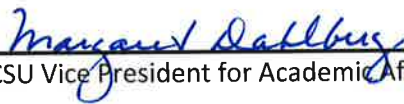
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VCSU President

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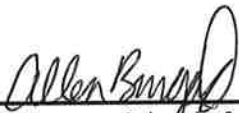
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VCSU Vice President for Academic Affairs

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VCSU Dean, School of Education

9-3-2021

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