Proposal: Internal Policy Change Request re: Associate’s degree waiver of Essential Studies Breadth of Knowledge

In order to ease transition for students who have earned an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from an accredited institution, the Academic Core Advisors propose that this degree satisfy the Breadth of Knowledge Essential Studies requirements beginning in the fall 2019 term. This does not apply to Associate of Applied Science degrees. Students will still be required to complete the Special Emphasis areas and the Capstone course to satisfy the remainder of the Essential Studies requirements.

Currently, the University of North Dakota has transfer agreements with select institutions from several states including North Dakota, Minnesota State Colleges and University (MnSCU), and Washington State. North Dakota University System’s procedure 402.4 provides additional transfer agreements with select institutions from Minnesota, South Dakota, Oregon, Wyoming, California, and Montana. We propose that UND expand these agreements to waive the Breadth of Knowledge requirements for students transferring an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from any regionally or CHEA nationally accredited institution in any state. This proposal does not supersede any existing transfer policies that may waive Special Emphasis areas. Students who began prior to the fall 2019 term may see their academic advisor to discuss the Essential Studies petition process.

We ask that the Registrar’s Office continue to evaluate transcripts for course equivalencies with assistance by the College Transfer Advisors.

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