

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
between
Briercrest College and Seminary
and
Minot State University

Henceforth in this document Briercrest College and Seminary will be identified as the “College” and Minot State University will be identified simply as the “University” (recognizing the College of Education and Health Sciences as the ‘lead’ academic unit).

Re: Terms of Reference for the development of a concurrent program of studies that will lead to degrees being awarded (separately) by both Briercrest College and Seminary and Minot State University.

Preamble:

In recognition of the mutual interests that may be served - as well as the goals that may be achieved - Briercrest College and Seminary and Minot State University are agreed upon the following *Terms of Reference* as a basis for proceeding with the development of a program of study that will lead to these degrees being awarded by each of the two partnering institutions. The purpose of the agreement is to establish a framework for creating a program of study that will lead to the degrees identified below.

Degrees to be awarded:

Bachelor of Arts

(B.A., Psychology)

Briercrest College and Seminary

Bachelor of Science

(B.S., Addictions Studies)

Minot State University

Terms of Reference:

Admission

1. The distinctive admission policies and procedures that pertain to the College and the University will be honoured; each institution’s policies and procedures will apply (separately) to students who seek admission to each of the respective institutions in the partnership. Both the University and the College will adopt a competitive, direct entry model of admission to their degree programs associated with this partnership.

2. In keeping with the above, students applying to the College and the University will require separate acceptance from both of the partnering institutions. In order to streamline the process, however, students will complete one application that will be reviewed by both institutions. Since Briercrest will do most of the recruiting and since students will begin at Briercrest, the application will be submitted to Briercrest and subsequently reviewed at Minot State University.
3. The College will attempt to create a cohort of students who will be accepted into the concurrent program each year (the College and the University's College of Education and Health Sciences will each have a concurrent programs 'track').
4. Students admitted by the College and the University will be granted entrance into the University's B.S., Addictions Studies program when they meet the standard admissions requirements for that program.
5. Every effort will be made by the University to accommodate the College's opportunity to 'backfill' spaces (student seats) in the program that become available due to attrition.

Structure

6. The intent of both parties is to create a "3 + 2" program - three years at the College, followed by 2 years at the University.
7. Notwithstanding the "3 + 2" structure, some University courses may be programmed into the 3 College years, and some College courses may be programmed in the 2 University years.

Time-line

8. It is intended that the first cohort will begin taking courses in September, 2012.

Marketing

9. This agreement shall be recognized by both parties as a 'partnership' program (between the University and the College); however, it shall not be identified as a 'joint-degree' program.
10. The program shall be described as a "concurrent degrees program" inasmuch as two distinct degrees are being offered by two distinct institutions of higher education. The full description might, therefore, include the phrase: ".....a partnership, concurrent degrees program sponsored by Briercrest College and Seminary and Minot State University."
11. The College and the University will use the official logo of the (other) partner institution in program brochures and other literature related to the concurrent degrees program.

12. The College and the University will both feature this concurrent degrees program at the relevant places on their websites.


Costs

13. Students will pay tuition to each of the partner institutions based on the academic identity of the courses taken: tuition for College courses will be remitted to the College, and the University will receive tuition for its courses.
14. It is understood that for the most part the costs associated with each of the degree programs (B.A. and B.S.) are normal to their home institution and would be covered by the tuition payments.

Monitoring and Review

15. The College and the University shall each name a principal contact person/office related to the partnership program; further, this individual (office) will be responsible for coordination related to the partnership program and the flow of communications within their own institution.
16. The appendix outlines the program of study that has been approved by both the College and the University. Naturally, this program of study will continue to evolve but any modifications must be approved in writing by both the College's Vice President Academic and the University's Dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences.
17. Notwithstanding the intent of both parties to maintain regular communication, in the interests of maintaining strong program support a "Management Advisory Group (MAG)" will be created, and shall meet at least once every year. Members of the MAG will include at least three representatives from each of the partnering institutions, the College and the University.
18. This partnership program shall be reviewed after 5 years (from the signing of this Memorandum of Agreement)—that is, in 2017.


Signatures




Dwayne Uglem (Ed.D.)
President
Briercrest College and Seminary



Date



David Fuller (Ph.D.)
President
Minot State University



Date

Appendix A: BA (Psychology)/BS (Addiction Studies) Program Details

The BA/BS concurrent degrees program in Psychology and Addiction Studies is 150 credit hours in length, with 96 credit hours taken at Briercrest College and 54 credit hours taken at Minot State University. Students will receive both the BA and BS degrees following successful completion of the 150 credit hours of study and all other program requirements.

1.0 The Briercrest College Component

Students will take 96 credit hours over three academic years at BCS, the composition of which is designed to (a) provide a broad liberal arts education; (b) to provide the components for a BA in Psychology; and (c) prepare students with the necessary coursework and competencies for entrance into the BS (Addiction Studies) program for their final two years of study.

While at Briercrest College, students will complete the following requirements:

- The Briercrest College three-year Core curriculum
- Courses that meet the Minot State University General Education inventory including the following:
 - ENG 100 Literature & Composition I (GE 1)
 - ENG 101 Literature & Composition II (GE 1)
 - COMM 104 Public Speaking (GE1)
 - BIOL 115 Human Structure and Function (GE 6)
 - KIN 262 Physical Activity and Wellness (GE 4)
 - MATH 101 Introduction to Finite Mathematics (GE5)
 - One of PHIL 100/101 Introduction to Philosophy I & II (GE 3)
 - One of ECON 100 Microeconomics, ECON 101 Macroeconomics, or SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology (GE 7)
 - One of HIS 210 American History to 1865 OR HIS 211 American History since 1865 (GE 2)
 - Any General Education requirements not taken at Briercrest must be taken at Minot State University.

- Thirty credit hours of Psychology including:¹
 - PSY 100/101 Introduction to Psychology I & II (6 credit hours);
 - PSY 277 Psychology of Counselling or PSY 441 (course equivalency with PSY 423 at Minot State University is pending);
 - PSY 301 Research Methods in the Social Sciences (not required for the BS in Addiction Studies, but required by Briercrest College);
 - PSY 330 Theories of Personality;
 - PSY 381 Psychology of Human Development: Children;
 - PSY 382 Psychology of Human Development: Adolescents;
 - PSY 383 Psychology of Human Development: Adults;
 - PSY 430 Abnormal Psychology;
 - Additional required and elective courses to fulfill BA Psychology requirements;
 - Any of the above Psychology requirements not taken at BC must be taken at MSU.

- Additional support courses and requirements that may be taken include:
 - Coursework/electives to meet the 96 credit hour requirement;
 - At least 20 hours of volunteer experience in an area related to addiction studies;

- A Portfolio of reflective learning during their final semester at Briercrest College or Minot State University (tbd);

- An exit interview during their final semester at Briercrest College or Minot State University (tbd).

¹ BA Psychology major requirements include 39 credit hours of PSY coursework including PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology I, PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology II, PSY 280 Human Development: A Lifespan Perspective, PSY 301 Research Methods in the Social Sciences, PSY 350 Cognitive Psychology, and *one* of PSY 320 Social Psychology or PSY 330 Theories of Personality. Of the 39 c.h. of PSY requirements, 21 c.h. must be at the 300+ level. In addition, students must complete BIO 115 Human Structure and Function as a cognate requirement.

2.0 The Minot State Component (a minimum of 54 credit hours):

Students must complete the following requirements:

- Required Core for the BS in Addiction Studies (45 credit hours):
 - PSY 201 Dynamics of Adjustive Behavior and Mental Health
 - PSY 241 Introduction to Statistics
 - PSY 297 Practicum (2 credit hours)
 - PSY 338 Professional Relations & Ethics
 - PSY 344 Dynamics of Addiction (see 3.0 below)
 - PSY 349 Psychopharmacology
 - PSY 413 Theories and Practice of Psychotherapy
 - PSY 424 Advanced Counseling
 - PSY 476 Group Dynamics
 - SOC 201 Social Problems
 - SWK 340 Social Welfare Policy
 - HMS 203 Health Care Through the Life Span
 - ENGL 315 Professional and Technical Writing
 - BIOL 150 General Biology I: Intro to Cellular Biology (4 credit hours)
 - One of:
 - SWK 331 Systems Theory and Family Dynamics or
 - PSY 420 Family Dynamics
- 9 credit hours of additional coursework which may include other requirements as outlined in the MSU Undergraduate Catalog, including outstanding General Education requirements.

3.0 Articulating Course Equivalencies

Course equivalencies for the BA (Psychology) and BS (Addiction Studies) programs include:

Minot State Requirement	Briercrest College Equivalent or Equivalent Requirements
ED 250 Foundations of Education	EDUC 300 Foundations of Education
PSY 110 Introduction to Psychology & PSY 112 Foundations of Psychology	PSY 100 & 101 Introduction to Psychology
PSY 242 Research Methods in Psychology (4 credit hours)	PSY 301 Research Methods in the Social Sciences (3 credit hours)
PSY 252 Child Psychology	PSY 381 Psychology of Human Development: Children
PSY 270 Abnormal Psychology	PSY 430 Abnormal Psychology
PSY 344 Dynamics of Addiction	MC 711 Addictions Counselling
PSY 352 Adolescent Psychology	PSY 382 Psychology of Human Development: Adolescents
PSY 376 Social Psychology	PSY 320 Social Psychology
PSY 379 Psychology of Adult and Aging	PSY 383 Psychology of Human Development: Adults
PSY 411 Introduction to Personality Theories	PSY 330 Theories of Personality
PSY 423 Introduction to Counseling	PSY 277 Psychology of Counselling OR PSY 441 Contemporary Counselling Issues ²
One of SOC 361 Comparative Ethnic Studies or SS 283 Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in America	ANTH 200 Cultural Anthropology
SPED 110 Introduction to Exceptional Children	EDUC 322/PSY 322 Exceptional Children

Additional course equivalencies may be considered as necessary.

² Final articulation of PSY 277 and PSY 441 (Briercrest College) as equivalent to PSY 423 Introduction to Counseling (Minot State University) is still to be determined.