



Memorandum of Understanding between North Island College and Portland State University

PSU Contract #835891

I. Purpose

Through this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), Portland State University ("PSU") and North Island College (NIC), individually the Party and collectively, the Parties, intend to establish a mechanism to facilitate transfer of qualified international students from North Island College to Portland State University.

II. Participating Parties

Portland State University (PSU) in Portland, Oregon and North Island College (NIC) in British Columbia, Canada.

PSU and NIC are committed to assisting qualified NIC students who desire pursuit of a baccalaureate degree and are seeking admission to PSU. The Parties may assist students by providing necessary information and requirements for transfer from NIC to PSU.

III. Educational Cooperation

- A. North Island College and Portland State University desire to encourage educational Cooperation through:
 - (1) Provide assistance with the admissions process to PSU from qualified NIC students;
 - (2) Provide students seeking transfer from NIC to PSU with information regarding requirements and transfer process;
 - (3) The promotion of cooperative transfer from NIC to PSU.
- B. Portland State University defines qualified NIC transfer students as those who have:

- (1) Completed at least 30 transferable, college level credits;
- (2) Achieved a *minimum* cumulative college-level GPA of 2.25;
- (3) Completed EWR 121 (ENG 115 at NIC) or equivalent with a C- or better grade;
- (4) <u>Demonstrated proof of financial ability</u> to cover tuition, fees, insurance, and other expenses necessary to issue an I-20
- (5) Submitted official copies of all college transcripts;
- (6) Applied in a timely manner to allow for processing of application, transcripts, and other applicable documents.
- (7) Demonstrated English language proficiency by *either* of the methods set forth in (7.a) or (7.b) (subject to change):
- (7.a) Completion of a transferable Associate's degree (AA, AS, or DTA) with the following:

Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher;

8 credits of college level writing, including WR 121, with grades of C- or higher.

(7.b) Completion of a transferable Associate's degree (AA, AS, or DTA) with the following:

Minimum test scores as follows;

TOEFL Internet Based Test (IBT): 71 overall, minimum 15 reading and 15 writing, Paper Based Test (PBT): 527;

PTE: 53 overall;

IELTS score of 6.0 overall with 6.0 in reading and 6.0 in writing.

(7.c) Students who do not demonstrate English language proficiency may still be admitted to PSU and may begin in the Intensive English Language Program (IELP). More information is available through PSU's Office of International Admissions at intladm@pdx.edu or 503-725-5535 or visit http://www.pdx.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency-requirements-undergraduate

More specific and up-to-date information, may be found on the International Admissions web page for transfer students at: https://www.pdx.edu/admissions/international/transfer

IV. Responsibility for this MOU

A. Portland State University

The following contact information shall be used when giving notices under this MOU:

Samuel Dunlop, Director of International Admission
Office of Undergraduate Admissions and New Student Programs
1800 SW Sixth Ave
Portland, OR 97201
503-725-5592
intl.sam@pdx.edu

B. North Island College

The following contact information shall be used when giving notices under this MOU:

Mark Herringer, Executive Director, International Education North Island College 2300 Ryan Road Courtenay, British Columbia V9N 8N6 250-334-5036 mark.herringer@nic.bc.ca

V. <u>Effective Date and Duration</u>

This MOU will be in effect beginning 2 July 2020 shall terminate on June 30, 2025, unless earlier terminated as provided below or extended by a written agreement signed by the Parties.

The termination of this MOU shall not affect the duration or validity of any programs or activities under other Agreements between the Parties which are in progress at the time of such notice of termination.

This MOU will be reviewed by both Parties annually to determine any changes in curriculum or requirements. Both PSU and NIC understand the complexities of students transferring from NIC to PSU and value the importance of global connections for students and the Parties.

VI. Termination

Either Party may terminate this MOU without penalty or liability by giving written notice of its intent to terminate to the other Party.

VII. Nonbinding Effect

This MOU is a statement of the current intend and understandings of the participants and is not a binding or legally enforceable agreement. This MOU does not grant any rights or impose any duties or obligations upon either Party. This MOU may not be relied upon as a basis for contract by estoppel or serve as the basis for a claim based on detrimental reliance or any other theory.

VIII. Merger

This Memorandum of Understanding constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties. No waiver, consent, modification, or change of terms of this MOU shall bind either Party unless in writing and signed by both Parties.

For North Island College:

Date

Dr. Lisa Domae Executive Vice President, Academic Chief Operating Officer

North Island College

For Portland State University:

Date

8/10/2020

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