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BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

The goal of NSHE transfer associate degrees is for a student who starts at a community college to be able to complete a bachelor's degree in the same number of credits as a student who starts at a four year institution. In conversations occurring

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Transfer Agreements

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Section 13. NSHE Transfer and Admissions

Transfer students to the state college and universities may be admitted under the following alternatives:

1. Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Business Degree Graduates

The primary basis for admission to upper division study with full junior status of transfer students from an NSHE community college to any other NSHE institution shall be the associate of arts, associate of science, and the associate of business degrees.

- a. The completion of the associate of arts, associate of science, and associate of business degree at a community college automatically fulfills the lower division general education requirements at any other NSHE institution.
- b. Associate of arts, associate of science, and associate of business graduates will have completed a minimum of 60 credits of baccalaureate level courses.
- c. Baccalaureate students who have completed NSHE associate of arts, associate of science, or associate of business degree shall complete a minimum number of credits at the accepting NSHE institution. This minimum number shall be set by the baccalaureate degree granting institution.
- d. Baccalaureate level courses included as part of the associate of arts, associate of science, or associate of business degree will transfer to any other NSHE institution at a minimum as general elective credit.
- e. Completion of the associate of arts, ~~associate~~ of science, or the associate of business degree does not guarantee satisfaction of all state college or university lower-division requirements except for the lower division general education requirements.
- f. All baccalaureate academic majors at a university or college must have ~~major~~ *major transfer* agreements with NSHE community colleges. These agreements must provide clear information for community college students as to those courses that will transfer efficiently to another NSHE institution within each major. Information on these agreements must be available to all students on each campus.

- g. Transfer agreements shall be developed by both the baccalaureate degree-granting institution and the associate degree-granting institution. Transfer agreements must include a year-by-year outline of course requirements, including general education and***

other accredited institution to qualify for university admission. ~~[Effective Fall 2008, the minimum required overall grade point average is 2.50.]~~

- d. An applicant who does not satisfy state college admission requirements upon graduation from high school must complete the equivalent of 12 semester credits in baccalaureate level courses with an overall grade point average of at least 2.00 at a community college or other accredited institution to qualify for state college admission.
- e. A course with a “D” grade or better will be accepted for transfer provided the institution specific overall grade point average established in subsections c. and d. above is maintained. Transfer courses with a “D” grade or better will count towards a bachelor’s degree in the

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[3]4. Students earning a second associate of arts, associate of science, associate of business, or baccalaureate degree in an NSHE institution are not required to repeat the System ~~System~~ *requirements for general education*.

Evidence of completion of U.S. and Nevada Constitutions is required of all second-degree students whose first degree is not from an NSHE institution.

[4]5. NSHE institutions are encouraged to exchange ideas in the development and improvement of *specific courses to meet* NSHE requirements, *particularly to increase the likelihood of transfer student success*; however, each institution is responsible for determining the character of its own program.

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TITLE 4, CHAPTER 16, SECTION 24  
Community College Graduation Requirements

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Section 24. Community College Requirements for Graduation

The following requirements must be met by a student seeking to graduate from an NSHE community college:

~~[1. Each associate degree student is required to satisfy the United States and Nevada Constitution requirement and six semester credits of Communica]~~

[2]1. Each associate degree or certificate of achievement student is required to satisfy course requirements as defined in the college catalog.

[3]2. A student may select the catalog year governing requirements for graduation under the following circumstances:

- a.) the year in which the student enrolled; or
- b.) the year the student officially selects a program of study; or
- c.) the year in which the student will complete the curriculum requirements for an associate degree or certificate of achievement.

If a degree is offered for the first time after a student has enrolled, the student may choose the catalog year in which the degree or major was first offered. The selected catalog may not be more than six yea(41)4(nt)-63n21 4(a)-4(t)-2( t)-2(he)4( t)-2(i)-2(m)-2(e)4( t)-2(i)-27(a)4(dua)4(t)-2(i)-





