University Transfer Liberal Arts Agreement

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville and Southwest Technical College are committed to serving residents in Southwest Wisconsin and in providing pathways for students to attain degrees in higher education. Due to increasing demand and interest in helping local residents achieve bachelor's degrees, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville is supporting and recognizing the formal partnership between Southwest Technical College and Nicolet Area Technical College to award an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree, otherwise known as a University Transfer Liberal Arts Degree.

Nicolet Area Technical College is approved to offer a University Transfer Liberal Arts Degree, which, when completed, is fully transferable to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville as meeting the general education breadth requirements, except ethnic and gender studies. The University of Wisconsin-Platteville officially recognized, on May 7, 2003, the transfer of Nicolet Area Technical College’s Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees.

Southwest Technical College joined in a formal agreement with Nicolet Area Technical College, whereby students complete one year of coursework through Southwest Technical College and the subsequent year of coursework through Nicolet Area Technical College. At the completion of the “1+1” program, the student is awarded the Nicolet Area Technical College’s Transfer Liberal Arts Associate degree. The goal of the agreement is to retain qualified Southwest Wisconsin candidates who leave the district for other, approved transfer opportunities, and it is believed the agreement could serve up to 125 students/year who leave to study at other two-year institutions.

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville supports this agreement in efforts to bolster the number of earned bachelor's degrees in the state of Wisconsin, as part of the UW System Growth Agenda and regional responsibilities to the residents of Southwest Wisconsin and the Tri-State Region. The University of Wisconsin-Platteville will recognize the degree earned through this collaboration as equal to Nicolet Area Technical College's Transfer Liberal Arts Associate Degree, and students transferring to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville will have the same privileges. Students with a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average in 12 college-transferable credits will be guaranteed admission to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

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