

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Harper College and Benedictine University**

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made effective this 20th day of October, 2022 (“Effective Date”) between Harper College (“HC”), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, with offices at 1200 W. Algonquin Rd. Palatine, IL 60067 and Benedictine University (“BenU”), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, with offices at 5700 College Rd., Lisle, IL 60532.

HC and BenU agree to enter into this binding MOU to create a smooth and seamless process by which qualified HC students will have the opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics degree at BenU, earning a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) Verification Statement. By earning a DPD Verification Statement and then successfully completing both a Master’s degree and Dietetic Internship, the student will have the opportunity to sit for the exam to become a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN). Qualified HC students will have the opportunity for a seamless education program when continuing their studies in the combined MS in Nutrition and Dietetics degree with ACEND accredited Dietetic Internship (track A) at BenU or MS in Nutrition and Dietetics degree (track B) at BenU with Dietetic Internship at HC. Appendix A to this MOU contains a “Suggested Curriculum” for the coursework for the applicable students to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics at Ben U as contemplated by this MOU (sometimes, hereinafter referred to as the “Program”).

BenU hereby confirms that it will recognize the AS degree (with a Nutrition Emphasis) earned at HC by students seeking to be admitted to BenU during the term of this MOU to complete their remaining requirements for the Program at BenU. Ben U further confirms that students who successfully complete their A.S. degree at HC (a participating IAI school) will also have met BenU’s General Education degree requirements for the Program with the exception of the Interdisciplinary Seminar Courses (IDS 2201-2204 and IDS 3301-3304), two Writing Intensive courses, and the co-curricular requirements (Learning Community or Engaged Learning, and courses designated as Sustainable and Global (with the understanding that Global may be satisfied through NTR 205 at HC). All students must successfully complete at least 120 approved semester credit hours to obtain a Bachelor’s degree from BenU regarding the Program.

The parties acknowledge that BenU retains the unrestricted right to make changes to the Benedictine University Course Catalog at any time, with all changes to be effective as of the corresponding release date of the Catalog.

**PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**

HC students may apply to BenU for acceptance into the Program at any time while actively enrolled at HC. However, it is recommended that students apply for admission to BenU at least one semester prior to completing their AS degree (with a Nutrition Emphasis) at HC for planning and course registration purposes. Students must meet all applicable Ben U admission requirements, including any separate requirements for acceptance and continuation in the Nutrition and Dietetics Bachelor of Science degree program as outlined in the Benedictine University Course Catalog.

- A minimum BenU cumulative GPA of 3.00/4.00 is required for admission to, and continuance in, the BenU Nutrition and Dietetics Bachelor of Science degree program.
- Skills courses and all major and cognate courses have to be completed with a grade of "C" or better, including transfer courses, to count towards major and degree completion.
- HC students with a minimum 3.00/4.00 cumulative GPA completing courses as specified in this MOU are eligible to apply to the Nutrition and Dietetics Bachelor of Science degree program.

Interested students should refer to Benedictine University's Course Catalog and website regarding all requirements, rules, and policies regarding the Program contemplated by this MOU.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Students who successfully complete their AS degree (with a Nutrition Emphasis) at HC, and meet BenU's requirements outlined in this MOU (and as more specifically described in Benedictine University's Course Catalog) will be accepted into the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics program at BenU. In all cases, admission will be through BenU's Office of Admissions. Students must submit an official college transcript to the BenU Office of Admissions, after completing the aforementioned AS degree at HC. After matriculation at BenU, the student's subsequent progress to complete the Nutrition and Dietetics Bachelor of Science degree program will be governed solely by BenU's academic standards.

### **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

Each HC student participating in the Program must complete a minimum of 55 credit hours at a duly accredited 4-year institution (with a minimum of 30 of those credit hours to be completed at BenU), all while meeting the minimum G.P.A. requirements specified in this MOU. BenU agrees to accept up to sixty-five (65) semester hours (with a minimum of 3:00/4:00 GPA) from each applicable HC student to apply towards the 120 total hours required for a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics degree at BenU.

### **DURATION**

This MOU shall be in effect on the Effective Date and will continue for a period of five (5) years and shall be reviewed annually by both parties. This MOU may be terminated by either party with (90) days advance written notice to the other party. Termination of this MOU shall not affect any students already admitted to the program of study in accordance with the terms of this MOU and such students will be allowed to complete their respective program of study provided they maintain continuing eligibility (no break in full-time enrollment) in accordance with the requirements established by this MOU.

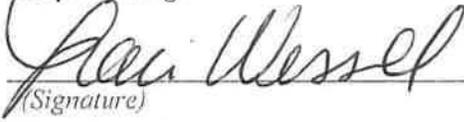
### **GOVERNING LAW**

This MOU shall be construed and enforced in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, without reference to its conflicts of law principles.

### **AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES**

Intending to be legally bound, the respective parties hereto have executed this MOU and, when signed by both parties, this MOU will be effective as and from the Effective Date.

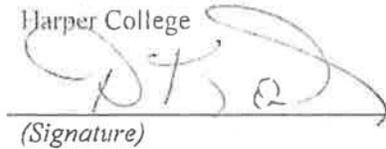
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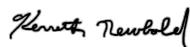


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November 16, 2022

Date

**APPENDIX A**

**Suggested Curriculum for the Associate of Science with Nutrition Emphasis at HC  
in conjunction with the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics degree at BenU**

HC courses - Years 1 and 2	BenU Equivalence
<b>SKILLS:</b>	
• ENG 101 Composition (3)	• WRIT 1101 Writing Colloquium (3)
• ENG 102 Composition (3)	• WRIT 1102 Research Writing (3)
• SPE 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication (3)	• COMM 1110 Speech Communication (3)
• MTH 101 Quantitative Literacy (4) <i>or</i> 103 College Algebra (3) <i>or</i> MTH 124 Finite Math (3)	• MATH 1108 Quantitative Reasoning (3) <i>or</i> MATH 1110 College Algebra (3) <i>or</i> MATH 1105 Finite Mathematics (3)
• MTH 165 Elementary Statistics (4) <i>or</i> MTH 225 Business Statistics (4)	• MATH 1150 Introduction to Statistics (3) [QCM] <i>or</i> MGT 1150 Business Statistics (3) [QCM]
<b>LIFE SCIENCE:</b>	
• BIO 110 Introduction to Biology and Society (4) ( <i>needed as a pre-req for the BIO courses in this HC list</i> )	• BIOL 110 counts as BIOL 1 LS + QLS GENERAL EDUCATION
<b>PHYSICAL SCIENCE:</b>	
• CHM 110 Fundamentals of Chemistry (with lab) (4)	• CHEM 1101 Introduction to Chemistry (3) QPS <i>and</i> CHEM 1102 Intro. to Chemistry Laboratory (1) [QPS]
<b>HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS:</b>	
• PHI 115 Ethics - <i>strongly recommended</i> (3)	• PHIL 2245 General Ethics (3) [QPL] GENERAL EDUCATION
• <i>Refer to HC catalog for options</i> (3)	
<b>SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES:</b>	
• PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology <i>or</i> ANT 202 Cultural Anthropology <i>or</i> SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)	• PSYC 1100 Survey of Psychology (3) [QIO] <i>or</i> SOCL 2000 Cultural Anthropology (3) [QIO – G] <i>or</i> SOCL 1101 Principles of Sociology (3) [QIO]
• <i>Refer to HC catalog for options from a 2<sup>nd</sup> discipline area of social and behavioral sciences</i> (3)	• GENERAL EDUCATION
<b>MAJOR DISCIPLINE:</b>	
• FSM 114 Food Standards and Sanitation (2)	• NUTR 1777 (2) elective credit, but upon passing the exam, meets required ServSafe Manager Sanitation Certificate
• NTR 100 Intro to the Nutrition Profession (1)	• NUTR 2242 Introduction to the Profession (1)
• NTR 101 Fundamentals Nutrition Course (3)	• NUTR 1777 Nutrition elective (3)
• NTR 200 Lifecycle Nutrition (3)	• NUTR 2777 Nutrition elective. Note: Completion of <i>both</i> NTR 101 <i>and</i> NTR 200 at HC = NUTR 1777 (3) <i>and</i> NUTR 2241 Nutrition through the Lifecycle (3)
• NTR 205 World Cultures and Food (WC/G) (3)	• NUTR 2298 Cultural Foods (3) [G GLOBAL]
• NTR 295 Community Nutrition (3)	• NUTR 2280 Community Health and Nutrition (3)
• BIO 160 Anatomy (4)	• BIOL 1157 Intro. Anatomy & Physiology I (4) [QLS]
• BIO 161 Physiology (4)	• BIOL 1158 Intro. Anatomy & Physiology II (4) [QLS]

Assuming completion of the courses outlined above, prior to the HC student's start at BenU, the following courses are required at BenU in order to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics program degree.

Fall, Junior Year
NUTR 2245 Food Science Lab (1)
NUTR 2250 Foodservice Operations (3)
NUTR 3244 Food Science (3)
NUTR 3391 Health Risk Assessment (2)
HLED 3271 Health Education Planning (3)
IDS 2201-2204 Catholic and Ben Intellectual Traditions (3) [select Sustainability option]
15 credits

Spring, Junior Year
CHEM 1103 Introduction to Organic Chemistry (2)
CHEM 1104 Introduction to Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry Laboratory (1)
CHEM 1109 Intro. to Biochemistry (2)
BIOL 1156 Intro. to Microbiology (4)
NUTR 4250 Food and Nutrition Services Mgmt. (3)
Elective: <i>suggest</i> NUTR 2220 (4) study abroad over spring break [spring, even]
16 credits

Fall, Senior Year
NUTR 3246 Experimental Foods Lab (1)
NUTR 3315 Nutritional Biochemistry and Metabolism (3)
NUTR 4371 Medical Nutrition Therapy I (4)
NUTR 4472 Clinical Nutrition Case Studies (3)
NUTR 4475 Mentoring in Dietetics (1)
LCOM 4370 Mentoring (0)
Elective: <i>suggest</i> graduate NUTR course (3)
15 credits

Spring, Senior Year
NUTR 4374 Medical Nutrition Therapy II (4)
NUTR 4392 Nutrition Research and Professional Writing (2)
NUTR 4395 Nutrition Counseling (2)
IDS 3301-3304 Human Dignity or Common Good (3)
Elective: <i>suggest</i> graduate NUTR course (3)
Elective: <i>suggest</i> NUTR 3296 Community Health Practicum (1)
15 credits

The Benedictine University Course Catalog is subject to change. Future students participating in the Program contemplated under this MOU will follow the most current degree requirements effective when starting the Program