

# **ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

Between

**Bay Mills Community College**

Associate of Arts Degree in Social Science

And

**Northern Michigan University**

College of **Health Sciences and Professional Studies**

Bachelor of Social Work Degree

January 26, 2023

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## **Article I**

### **Agreement on Principle**

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Northern Michigan University (NMU) and Bay Mills Community College agree that students who choose to transfer from a community college to a senior college or university to earn a bachelor's degree should be provided with a smooth curriculum transition that minimizes loss of credit and duplication of coursework. Therefore, Northern Michigan University and Bay Mills Community College agree to enter into this curriculum articulation agreement for students who complete the A.A. in Social Science at Bay Mills Community College and transfer to NMU to complete the Bachelor of Social Work Degree. Both institutions enter into this agreement as cooperating, equal partners who shall maintain the integrity of their separate programs.

## **Article II**

### **Agreement on Program Specifics**

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Northern Michigan University (NMU) and Bay Mills Community College agree that any student who has successfully completed the minimum requirements outlined on the attached articulation guide may transfer the course credits indicated toward the Bachelor of Social Work Degree at Northern Michigan University. Students who follow this articulated program agreement must apply and be admitted to Northern Michigan University. Students will receive equal consideration with other students seeking admission and financial aid. The bachelor's degree graduation requirements for students who follow this articulated program agreement are listed on the attached articulation guide.

## **Article III**

### **Agreement on Communication**

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Northern Michigan University (NMU) and Bay Mills Community College agree to cooperate in communication with each other and with their common and respective publics concerning the established relationship between the two institutions. Communication may include the development of various kinds of publications to inform those who might benefit personally or professionally from the opportunities provided by this agreement. Faculty and staff at both institutions will share the information in this agreement with interested and qualified students and both institutions will provide counseling and advising to students and prospective students.

## **Article IV**

### **Agreement on Maintenance and Review Procedures**

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At least one administrative or faculty member from each institution will be appointed to act as agents for the implementation of this agreement, to speak for the institutions and to communicate changes to respective faculty members, advisors, counselors, and others to whom the information is pertinent. Responsibility for oversight of this agreement rests with the Social Science Department Chair at Bay Mills Community College and the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at Northern Michigan University

Both parties agree to communicate annually any changes in their respective programs that may affect this articulation agreement. During the third year, both parties will review the agreement for revision and possible renewal. If the agreement is not reviewed by the end of the effective agreement, Bay Mills Community College students who started the articulated program prior to termination of the agreement, will be given three additional years to be admitted to NMU under terms of this agreement.

**Note Regarding Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA):** Students who transfer to Northern Michigan University from a Michigan community college and who have *Michigan Transfer Agreement Satisfied* posted on their transcript will be considered to have met the requirements of NMU's Liberal Studies/General Education program. Students will still be expected to complete all other degree requirements, including graduation requirements (world cultures, lab, and composition and math competencies) and any courses listed as "Other Required Courses" that may also be Liberal Studies/General Education courses. Degree requirements can be found at [www.nmu.edu/catalog](http://www.nmu.edu/catalog). Transfer students who do not complete the entire block of courses required by the MTA will receive credit for courses they do complete on the basis of individual evaluation and established transfer equivalencies.

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Effective Dates of this Articulation Agreement January 26, 2023 – January 26, 2026

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## Introduction:

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to provide a smooth transition for students who want to earn an A.A. degree in Social Science at Bay Mills Community College prior to a transfer to Northern Michigan University to complete a Bachelor of Social Work. As displayed in this document, the first and second years of coursework are completed at Bay Mills Community College and third and fourth years at NMU.

The mission of the Bachelor of Social Work program at NMU is to prepare competent professionals committed to advancing social justice, human rights, and the dignity and worth of diverse individuals, groups, families, service delivery systems and communities through social work practice, in a global context.

The Bachelor of Social Work program at NMU is the first program in Michigan to be accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The program provides students with an understanding of the contexts of social work practice, the changing nature of those contexts, the behavior of organizations, and the dynamics of change. Throughout the curriculum, students will be exposed to the values and ethics that guide professional social work practice.

The Baccalaureate Social Work (BSW) degree is a gateway to career fields such as child protective services, juvenile probation, substance abuse treatment, service to the aging and more. Our graduates are eligible for licensure throughout the U.S. In addition to entering professional employment upon graduation, many BSW graduates opt to complete an advanced degree, such as an MSW. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 13% from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations.

## Effective Dates:

The effective dates of this agreement are from **January 26, 2023 – January 26, 2026**. If this agreement is not renewed at the end of the effective period, students who have already started this articulated program at Bay Mills Community College will be given three additional years to be admitted to NMU under the terms of this agreement. Students who began the program prior to the effective date, may use the agreement to the extent that the requirements completed are consistent with this agreement.

## First and Second Years at Bay Mills Community College:

The first and second years of NMU's Bachelor of Social Work Degree is A.A. Social Science degree. A maximum of 90 semester credits may transfer to NMU from a two-year college. Unless otherwise designated, a grade of C- or higher is required for transfer to NMU. The following section A.A. Social Science degree with restricted selections to meet requirements within NMU's General Education Program:

<b>BMCC Course #</b>	<b>Bay Mills Community College Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>	<b>NMU Equivalent</b>	<b>NMU Degree Requirements</b>
	Fall Semester – Year One			
	Computer Science Elective	4		General Elective
EN 111	College Composition	4	EN 111	English Comp. & EFFC
*NA 113	Native American Awareness	1	NAS 1009	*Used with NA 125 = NAS 204
SO 106	Introduction to Sociology	4	SO 101	PERS & HBC Minor
PY 101	Introduction to Psychology	4	PSY 101	PERS & HBC Minor
		17		
	Spring Semester – Year One			
EN 112	Content Area Comp. & Research	4	EN 211	English Comp. & EFFC
ES 101	Fitness & Wellness	2	HP 1009	General Elective
PY 214	Developmental Psychology	3	PSY 210	General Elective
SO 204	Social Problems	3	SO 113	General Elective
BI 101 OR BI 107	Science Elective w/Lab Biological Science Human Anatomy & Physiology	4	BI 100 OR BI 104	HBC Minor
		16		
	Fall Semester – Year Two			
*NA 125	Native Studies Elective *Must take BOTH NA113 + NA125	3	*NAS 204	HBC Minor, Social Resp. & World Cultures
NL 105	Ojibwe Language (Communication Elective)	4	NAS 101	HUME
	Science Elective	4		SCII Gen Ed or General Elective
SW 110	Introduction to Social Work	4	SW 100	SW Major
		15		
	Spring Semester – Year Two			
LA 219	Liberal Arts Capstone Seminar	3	GEN 1009	General Elective
MA 206	Statistics	4	DATA 109	HBC Minor
PY 205	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSY 240	
SO 209	Family Systems	3	SO 1009	
	Humanities Elective	3		Gen Ed or General Elective
		16		
	<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>64</b>		

**Students must apply to Upper Level Social Work Curriculum by Oct. 1 in Junior Year.**

## Third and Fourth Years at NMU...

The third and fourth years of NMU's Bachelor of Social Work degree is comprised of 60 credits, including 48 credits in the Social Work major and completing requirements toward the 27 required credits in the required Human Behavior Cluster Minor that were not met at the community college level. To qualify for a bachelor's degree at NMU, students must meet all graduation requirements, which include the courses listed below at NMU.

NMU Course #	NMU Course Title	Credit Hours	NMU Degree Requirements
	Fall Semester – Year Three		
	*Apply to Upper Level Curriculum by October 1		
SW230	Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	4	Major
SW308	Research Methods II (pre-req of C or better in stats)	4	Major
SO 322, 362, or 372	Upper Level SO	4	Cluster Minor
	Other required course or Elective	4	
		16	
	Winter Semester – Year Three		
SW370	Social Work Practice Methods I	4	Major
SW372	Social Work Practice Methods II	4	Major
SW341	Social Work Policy Analysis	4	Major
SW 331	Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	4	Major
		16	
	Fall Semester – Year Four		
SW473	Senior Seminar I	2	Major
SW480	Senior Field Placement I	4	Major
SW472	Anti-Oppressive Social Work Practice	4	Major
	Other required courses or Elective	4	
		14	
	Winter Semester – Year Four		
SW474	Senior Seminar II	2	Major
SW481	Senior Field Placement II	4	Major
SW440	Social Welfare Policy Analysis	4	Major
	Other required courses or Elective	4	
		14	
	<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>60</b>	

## Suggested Course Sequence:

<b>Third Year</b>	<b>Fourth Year</b>
<p data-bbox="204 287 362 315"><u>Fall Semester:</u></p> <p data-bbox="204 317 764 378"><b>Students must apply to Upper Level Social Work Curriculum by Oct. 1</b></p> <p data-bbox="204 415 781 533">SW 230 Human Behavior I, 4 cr SW 308 Research Methods II (Stats is a pre-req), 4 cr SO 322, 362, 372 Upper Level SO, 4 cr Other required course or elective as needed, 4 cr</p> <p data-bbox="396 571 634 598">Semester Total: 16 cr.</p>	<p data-bbox="896 287 1053 315"><u>Fall Semester:</u></p> <p data-bbox="896 317 1417 434">SW 473 Senior Seminar, 2 cr SW 480 Senior Field Placement, 4 cr SW 472 Diversity, 4 cr Other required course or elective as needed, 4 cr</p> <p data-bbox="1089 472 1328 499">Semester Total: 14 cr.</p>
<p data-bbox="204 714 394 741"><u>Winter Semester:</u></p> <p data-bbox="204 743 561 861">SW 370 Practice Methods I, 4 cr SW 372 Practice Methods II, 4cr SW 341 Policy Analysis, 4 cr SW 331 Human Behavior II, 4 cr</p> <p data-bbox="420 898 659 926">Semester Total: 16 cr.</p>	<p data-bbox="896 714 1086 741"><u>Winter Semester:</u></p> <p data-bbox="896 743 1417 861">SW 474 Senior Seminar, 2 cr SW 481 Senior Field Placement, 4 cr SW 440 Social Work Policy Analysis, 4 cr Other required course or elective as needed, 4 cr</p> <p data-bbox="1089 898 1328 926">Semester Total: 14 cr.</p>

## **Additional Graduation Requirements:**

1. An overall GPA of 2.00 is required.
2. A GPA of at least 2.50 is required in the Social Work Major and Human Behavior Cluster Minor.
3. Students must earn at least a C (73%) or equivalent in both Practice Methods Courses (SW 370 & SW 372).
4. At least 8 credits of the major and 4 credits of the minor must be earned at NMU.
5. A total of 120 credit hours with a minimum of 30 earned at NMU, and a minimum NMU GPA of 2.0 must be earned for any degree.
6. Any minimum grade or GPA requirements for the major and/or minor must be met.
7. NMU's General Education Program and all graduation requirements must be completed by the student, including the World Cultures requirement, Laboratory Science requirement, and Math and English Competency requirement.

## **Notes to Students:**

1. Complete the articulated program as indicated in this articulation guide. Any course substitutions should only be made with the guidance of an advisor or counselor to assure that all requirements are met;
2. Students are encouraged to meet with the Bachelor of Social Work Program Director (or designee) at NMU early, before completing an admission application to NMU; and
3. A copy of the articulation agreement should be brought to all advising sessions. Copies of this agreement are available on the **NMU Undergraduate Admissions Website** and at the **Academic Affairs Office, NMU**.

**Based on NMU's 2022 -2023 University Bulletin**

For further information regarding the selection and transfer of courses, contact one of NMU's Transfer Admissions Counselors, at 1-800-682-9797 or [transfer@nmu.edu](mailto:transfer@nmu.edu).