

Northland Community and Technical College Transfer Institutions

The following information is compiled from several one-on-one telephone interviews with individuals from the top five transfer institutions. The primary objective of this study was to assess the current relationship between Northland Community and Technical College and these institutions.

Representatives from the following colleges participated in this study:

**University of North Dakota
Bemidji State University
University of Minnesota Crookston
Minnesota State University Moorhead
North Dakota State University
St. Cloud State University**

Individual respondents:

In your opinion, does NCTC do a good job in assisting students that are transferring to your institution?

- ❖ Yes, and we see many students transferring from NCTC, specifically in the area of nursing. These students are advised appropriately and have fulfilled their requirements without taking classes that are outside their area of study.
- ❖ Students who transfer from NCTC always have very good things to say about having attended the institution. They create a positive learning environment for students.
- ❖ They do a very good job. Students come to our school having been counseled and are very well prepared. NCTC counselors do a good job of educating their students on what to expect when transferring from a two-year to a four-year institution.
- ❖ To date we have nine transfer students enrolled from NCTC. We typically receive approximately 15 per year. They seem to be very knowledgeable and know what steps need to be taken when they arrive.
- ❖ I can not say for sure that NCTC does a good job, but there is nothing that I can recall that stands out as a negative experience in working with NCTC.
- ❖ We see many floater students transfer here (NDSU). They attend NCTC, pick up a few classes, change their minds a few times and then transfer here. Often times it is not with the first two years completed.
- ❖ NCTC does an excellent job educating their students on the various options and opportunities they have with education. We see lots of students transferring and the

counselors at NCTC do a very good job with these individuals prior to coming to us (UND).

- ❖ Our office is contacted by students directly, but in my experience I have never had an advisor from NCTC contact me directly regarding a student. Students call with various questions regarding classes and whether or not they will transfer.

Does NCTC do a good job with assisting your institution with the transfer process?

- ❖ Yes, they do. When we request a transcript it is always sent out in a timely manner.
- ❖ I think they do a very good job. Personally I have never heard any complaints from our campus. We do not communicate with NCTC often, other than when we visit their campuses.
- ❖ Transcripts are sent in a timely manner. Working with NCTC, as well as other Minnesota schools, has become much easier.
- ❖ NCTC is very good to work with. They are quick with our requests and always willing to go the extra mile in a crunch.
- ❖ We have a very good, no, we have an EXCELLENT working relationship with NCTC. They work with us during each application process and urge their students to register early, which is a huge benefit to the transfer student.
- ❖ Occasionally we will have a student transfer to our school after just one year at NCTC. This is because they need to enroll in certain classes early on. The counselors do a good job of educating these students and moving them toward their degree rather than enrolling them in classes that are not necessary.
- ❖ We do not have a strong relationship with NCTC like we do with other two-year institutions (Anoka Ramsey or Central Lakes).
- ❖ They have a great web site. Very helpful to me and I can usually find the answers I am looking for there.

Does the transfer arrangement you currently have in place with NCTC seem to work well or are there many flaws?

- ❖ In my opinion, it works very well. With the new Minnesota curriculum guidelines, the transfer process is much easier.
- ❖ NCTC's website is very user-friendly and it is extremely beneficial to have the catalog available on-line. Also, they do a very good job of posting announcements pertaining to the list of changes to the curriculum (mn.transfer.org).

- ❖ I believe it works very well. In the past we have visited the two campuses once a year. Their staff and counselors are friendly and offer us a very warm welcome. They view us (UND) as a partner, not just a competitor. We are constantly expanding the types of agreements we have between the two institutions and NCTC is always more than willing to cooperate in the best interests of the students.
- ❖ Personally, I would like to see the advisors take a larger roll in assisting the students to transfer to our campus. I think it would be beneficial if we had an articulation agreement with NCTC.
- ❖ I think our relationship and the process works great.

Is there anything that you believe NCTC could do to make the transfer process easier for the student?

- ❖ None that I can think of.
- ❖ I think their counselors could be educated and more aware of the types of programs we offer (UMC).
- ❖ We have run into situations where students from NCTC apply, but are not admitted because of their grades. Students should be made aware of this problem prior to applying.
- ❖ Nothing that I am aware of. In my experience, students who come from NCTC are more informed than any other transfer students I visit with.
- ❖ Draft and implement an articulation agreement between NCTC and the University of Minnesota Crookston. The majority of students who transfer to our campus come from schools we have articulation agreements with.
- ❖ No, nothing off the top of my head.
- ❖ Many of the schools in the metro area create, for their transfer students, guide sheets for each of the transfer institutions. They are very informative and include courses, class information, housing, etc. I am not sure if NCTC provides these or not, but they have proven to be very valuable.

Is there anything that you believe NCTC could do to make the transfer process easier for your institution?

- ❖ In their catalog, as well as on the web site, I would like to see the goal area listed right after the course description in the catalog. This would be very beneficial for us.

How could Northland Community and Technical College serve you better?

- ❖ They do an excellent job in working with us!
- ❖ I don't feel we have a strong relationship with NCTC. This is something that I would like to see in the future. We would be happy to work with them in developing curricular guides for students that will result in a seamless transition between NCTC and our institution (NDSU). We would be happy to come up and visit with students. We work closely with the schools in Brainerd and Fergus Falls and would love to create a stronger relationship with NCTC.
- ❖ I would like to visit both campus more often – twice a year rather than once a year – if they are open to this (UND).
- ❖ I would like to see our campus develop a stronger relationship with NCTC, and explore agreement opportunities (UMC).
- ❖ I would like to see the development of more faculty to faculty relationships between NCTC and our institution. This provides greater benefit to the students who start out, and then transfer. I am constantly trying to promote these relationships (NDSU).