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Montana students have more options thanks to DSU/MCC expanded partnership

DICKINSON, N.D. – Miles Community College (MCC) students will have more educational opportunities thanks to Dickinson State University (DSU) and the Miles City, Montana, school adding business curricula to their cooperative programs.

MCC students will be able to easily transfer their credits to programs in accounting, administration, business education, finance, and human resource management as well as to certificates including accounting technician, banking, business fundamentals, human resources, digital marketing, and office administration.

High-performing Miles Community College students will also have access to DSU's 4+1 program, which provides the option of completing both a bachelor's and master's degree in five years, eliminating one year of time and tuition typically needed to accomplish both programs.

Through the 4+1 program, students can choose between master's programs in business administration, entrepreneurship, and teaching with a licensure track and a non-licensure track in athletic leadership.

The eastern Montana school is happy it can offer its students more programs. "I am very excited about the agreement between DSU and MCC," said Kristy Atwood, career and technical division chair and business instructor at Miles Community College. "I believe it will provide a tremendous opportunity for MCC business students to continue their education at an excellent four-year university. In addition, I am thrilled at the business

degree options DSU provides to students, allowing them to pursue their business-related goals.”

“After the overwhelmingly positive feedback from MCC transfers, Miles City, and its surrounding communities, we felt now was the time to further our partnership and offer high-demand programs in business,” said Loretta Heidt, chair of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship at DSU.

The new articulation agreement builds on the MCC/DSU partnership established in 2020 which allowed MCC students to remotely complete a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education through Dickinson State University.

Students interested in the business pathways can begin their studies in January 2022. Those wanting to participate can contact Dickinson State University at 701-483-2175 or visit www.dickinsonstate.edu/admissions. Classes begin at MCC on January 19, 2022.

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