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University of Northern Iowa and Northwest Iowa Community College Announce Admissions Partnership Program

Students admitted to Northwest Iowa Community College who plan to pursue a bachelor's degree at the University of Northern Iowa can now sign up for the Admissions Partnership Program to streamline the transfer process.

“UNI has a long history of working with Iowa's community colleges, which play an important role in providing higher education to Iowans,” UNI President Ben Allen said. “This new partnership with Northwest Iowa Community College gives students a direct link to UNI from the day they sign up for the Admissions Partnership Program, and we believe it will make earning a bachelor's degree a reality for more and more Iowans.”

Dr. Bill Giddings, President of Northwest Iowa Community College, stated, “This Admissions Partnership Program with the University of Northern Iowa will be of great benefit to students in Northwest Iowa. This gives students who have an interest in attending UNI the opportunity to begin studies at Northwest Iowa Community College yet gain the same benefits of advising and college resources as if they were on UNI's campus. We look forward to working with the University of Northern Iowa with this partnership as one additional means of NCC serving the educational needs of the area.”

Through the program, NCC students who plan to pursue bachelor's degrees at UNI will receive special benefits to help pave the way for academic success at both schools. Students accepted into the program while enrolled at the NCC will benefit from:

- Guaranteed admission to UNI, provided all requirements are met.
- A transfer plan that will allow for maximum applicability of coursework.
- Career exploration programs for undecided students.
- Timely progress toward graduation.
- Academic advising at both NCC and UNI from the point of acceptance into the Admissions Partnership Program.
- Early orientation and scheduling for the first semester at UNI.
- Guaranteed placement in UNI housing, provided the student complies with established residence policies and application procedures and deadlines.
- Receipt of updated UNI materials and information about campus events and opportunities.
- Updated NCC transcripts automatically sent to UNI at the end of each semester.

Students who want to be a part of the UNI Admissions Partnership Program must enroll as a student at NCC as a degree-seeking student in a program appropriate for the transfer and then apply to the program. Once accepted into the Admissions Partnership Program, the student will meet with a community college adviser/counselor each semester to select course work that meets UNI's transfer requirements and consult with a UNI adviser each semester prior to transfer.

Beth Frankenstein, Transfer Academic Advisor/Counseling and Special Needs Coordinator, said, “It is exciting to see more opportunities develop like this that allow our NCC students to have a smooth and easy transfer onto a 4-year university.”

Additional information about the UNI Admissions Partnership Program and applications are now available. Contact the NCC Admissions Office at studentservices@nwicc.edu or call 712-324-5061 or 1-800-352-4907. Or visit our website at www.nwicc.edu.