

## AA: Communication Studies Transfer Pathway 2021-2022

The Communication Studies Transfer Pathway Degree is designed to provide students a broad background in theory and skills development in the study of communication. This program will 1) prepare students to transfer to a baccalaureate program in Communication Studies and 2) prepares students for entry level positions in a variety of careers. The program emphasizes the development of communication skills in presentation, promotion, conflict management, persuasion, debate, and campaign communication.

This transfer pathway specifically ensures that a student who successfully completes a Communication Studies AA can transfer the entire completed degree into a designated parallel baccalaureate degree program in Communications at any of the following universities:

- Metropolitan State University
- Minnesota State University Moorhead
- Bemidji State University
- Minnesota State University Mankato
- Southwest State University
- St. Cloud State University
- Winona State University

### Program Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
COMM1010	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
COMM1110	Principles of Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM1210	Small Group Communication	3
COMM1310	Intercultural Communication	3
COMM1910	Argumentation and Public Advocacy	3

### Program Electives

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
<b>Not required, but recommended to choose one</b>		
COMM1410	Human Communication Theory	3
COMM1510	Nonverbal Communication	3
COMM1610	Introduction to Mass Communication	3
COMM1710	Oral Interpretation and Traditions	3
COMM1810	Introduction to Health Communication	3

### General Education Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
<b>College Writing I: (minimum grade 1.67)</b>		
ENGL1200	Gateway College Writing (minimum grade 1.67) <i>or</i>	4
ENGL1201	College Writing I (minimum grade 1.67)	4
ENGL1202	College Writing II	2
<b>1 course from PSYC1150, PSYC1160:</b>		
PSYC1150	General Psychology <i>or</i>	3
PSYC1160	Introduction to Psychology	4
SOC1110	Introduction to Sociology	3

### MnTC Electives

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
<b>Natural Science - 2 courses, 7 credits from 2 different disciplines, one must be a lab</b>		
<b>Mathematical/Logical Reasoning - 1 course, at least 3 credits:</b>		
Highly Recommended: MATH 1010, 1130, or 1140		
<b>History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences - 1 course, 3 credits</b>		
<b>Humanities and Fine Arts - 3 courses from 2 different disciplines, 9 credits</b>		
<b>Ethical and Civic Responsibility - 1 course, 3 credits</b>		
Highly recommended courses: COMM 1610, COMM1810		
<b>People and the Environment - 1 course</b>		
Highly recommended - ANTH 1020, GCST 1040		

**Additional Electives, if needed, to reach 40 total MnTC credits:**

### Health Requirement

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
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**Health or Exercise Science - 2 credits**

### NHCC Residency and GPA

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
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**15 Credits must be earned at NHCC:**

**2.00 Overall GPA for NHCC Courses**

**Total Credit Required 60**

### Degree Requirements

2.00 Overall GPA for NHCC Courses

#### Degree Information

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) is awarded for successful completion of 60 credits and is designed to constitute the first two years of a liberal arts bachelor degree program. An A.A. degree includes the entire 40 credit Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) as the general education requirement.

Students may also choose to concentrate in a particular field of study in preparation for a planned major or professional emphasis at a four-year college by following the pre-major requirement of the desired transfer institution in addition to the MnTC and A.A. requirements.

A student shall:

Earn a minimum of 60 semester credits.

Earn a grade point average of 2.00 (C) or higher in courses taken at North Hennepin Community College. Earn a minimum of 20 semester credits of the 60 semester credits required for the A.A. Degree at NHCC.

Complete the general education distribution requirement listed in the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum. The student shall select general education (MnTC) courses numbered 1000 or above to complete a minimum of 40 credits.

Have four years in which to complete their work under the terms of the catalog in effect at the time of their first enrollment.

Students taking more than four years to complete their graduation requirements may follow any catalog in effect during the four-year period preceding their date of graduation.

Required A.A. Degree Course Distribution:

Complete 40 credits in the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum satisfying the requirements for each of the 10 goal areas. Complete at least 2 credits for the Wellness requirement from either Health (all courses) or Physical Education (all courses).

If the student intends to transfer, he/she is encouraged to work with an advisor to fulfill requirements for transfer to the other institution.

Completion of an A.A. degree fulfills the Goal Area 2 requirement of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC).

#### Developmental Courses

Some students may need preparatory course(s) in Math and/or English. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward a degree.

#### Equal Opportunity Employer and Disability Access Information

North Hennepin Community College is a member of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system and an equal opportunity employer and educator. This document is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling 763-493-0555 or through the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.

#### Career Opportunities

Information on careers, including salary and employment outlook data, is available on the iseek and Bureau of Labor Statistics websites: [www.iseek.org](http://www.iseek.org) and [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).

#### Transfer Information

If you are planning on transferring to another institution, follow the guidelines available on our transfer resources web page to help you plan the process: [Transfer Information](#)

#### Accreditation

North Hennepin Community College is accredited by the: Higher Learning Commission 30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, IL 60602-2504 1-800-621-7440