Articulation Agreement Between

North Shore Community College (NSCC)
Associate Degree of Applied Science in Nutritional Science and Diet Technology
and
Simmons University
Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition and Dietetics and the DPD Certificate

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the movement of individuals identified as women who successfully complete the requirements for the Associate Degree of Applied Sciences in Nutritional Science and Diet Technology at North Shore Community College (NSCC) to pursue either the Bachelor of Science degree in nutrition (for those without a bachelor's degree) or for students of any gender to complete their Didactic Program in Dietetics (for those already holding a bachelor's degree) at Simmons University. This agreement is designed to recognize the value of assessing prior learning through an established academic procedure.

The following conditions apply to this agreement:

1. Students who have received a grade of 3.0/4.0 or better and who have a recommendation from the NSCC faculty documenting their competence in the science and nutrition subject matter will be recognized for credit in courses listed under the "Transfer Course Equivalency Chart" in Appendix A. ***Note: of the nutrition courses listed, a minimum of 8 must be completed at Simmons University within the Simmons University Nutrition Department to receive either a BS degree in nutrition and dietetics or complete the Certificate in Didactic Program in Dietetics.** Decision to award the credits will be at Simmons' sole discretion.

2. Applicants for credit transfer must meet all Simmons University admission requirements and be enrolled as a student in good standing at NSCC.

3. Applicants for transfer must have maintained the following requirement for admission:

    a. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0 at NSCC.
    b. A minimum of C in science prerequisites.
    c. A minimum of B- for required DPD nutrition courses.

    Applicants admitted at Simmons' sole discretion.

4. Students are required to collect and submit work for approval of fulfilling ACEND competencies (e.g. KRDNs) for course work completed at North Shore Community College. These are to be submitted to the DPD Director at Department of Nutrition at Simmons after acceptance to the program. The DPD Director will determine if the specific ACEND competencies are met. Guidance for students will be made available to NSCC students through the program director of NSCC's Nutritional Science and Diet Technology.

5. According to the Commission on Dietetic Registration, a graduate degree and completing an accredited Supervised Practice Program (i.e. Dietetic Internship) is required to sit for the Registered Dietitian examination. Students who wish to continue their graduate education at Simmons may apply according to graduate admissions procedures.

6. NSCC students will have the same grade requirements as Simmons students to remain in the Nutrition and Dietetics major track (as stated in no. 3 above).

7. Accepted NSCC applicants who complete all of the required DPD courses outlined in Appendix I, and meet both the recency and the grade requirements of these courses, can apply to receive a Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) verification statement from Simmons University.

   Recency requirement (as of the date of beginning the DPD program)
   a. 5 years: all nutrition courses, Anatomy and Physiology I&II, and Biochemistry. However, if a student took Anatomy and Physiology I&II, Biochemistry, or the equivalent of NUTR 112 greater than 5 years but less than 10 years prior to beginning the DPD program, the student may choose to take a competency examination to place out of those courses.
   b. 10 years: All other DPD courses
   c. Exemption to these limits may be granted for current work experience and will be considered on a case by case basis by the DPD director.

8. Once matriculated at Simmons, the student must meet all Simmons University graduation requirements to be eligible for graduating with a Bachelor's degree. Simmons University reserves the right to deliver its curriculum in any format that it deems necessary and appropriate, including in a fully online format.

9. Matriculated students with an Associate's degree are exempted from Simmons PLAN requirements and can transfer up to 64 credits associated with the Associate's degree into the Simmons bachelor's degree program.

10. The NSCC Nutritional Science and Diet Technology program agrees to notify Simmons University of any significant curriculum changes during the term of this agreement.

11. NSCC agrees to seek written approval from Simmons University before use of its logo on any promotional materials, including but not limited to, websites, brochures, or press releases.

12. This articulation agreement will be evaluated for renewal two years from the initial date of enactment per the dated signatures of North Shore Community College and Simmons University officials. In July 2027, Simmons University will evaluate, determine, and notify North Shore Community College whether a renewal of this agreement is desired. Should Simmons University decline to renew this agreement, students already enrolled through this agreement will be allowed to finish their degree under the terms of this agreement.

13. This agreement may be terminated at any time with or without cause by either party upon sixty (60) days' written notice; provided, however, that such notice shall not impair the activities of the students then seeking a degree in the Program under the terms of this agreement. Notices shall be sent to Dr. Paul Geisler, Dean of the School of Sciences and Health Professions at Simmons University, and Christian Bednar, Provost and Chief Academic Officer , at NSCC.

    To Simmons University:

    Paul Geisler, EdD, AT Ret, Dean
    School of Sciences and Health Professions
    Simmons University
    300 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115

    To North Shore Community College:

Christian Bednar, Provost/Chief Academic OfficerNorth Shore Community College
1 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923

14. If North Shore Community College enters a similar agreement with another institution for the Didactic Program in Dietetics (either in the BS in Nutrition and Dietetics or the DPD Certificate program for holders of a degree in a discipline other than dietetics), Simmons will treat this agreement as terminated and Simmons shall have no further obligation under this agreement.

15. Neither party shall discriminate against any applicant to the program or in granting of any degree, on the bases of age, sex, race, color, religion, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, veteran's status, or disability.

16. Each party shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless, its officers, trustees, employees and agents for any claims, loss or damages which arise out of this Agreement.

17. The Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to its subject matter. No prior or contemporaneous agreement of understanding will be effective. No amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be made except in writing and signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

18. In the event that any provision of portion thereof, of this Agreement is held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions or portions thereof shall not be affected.

19. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In the event of a conflict or dispute pertaining to the terms of this agreement the parties agree to use their best efforts to resolve their differences in good faith. If the parties cannot resolve their differences, the parties agree to submit to binding mediation with the mutually agreed to mediator, with each party bearing equally the costs of mediation. Mediation shall be held in Massachusetts, if a claim of breach is brought by either of the parties. The parties may mutually agree in writing to an alternative location for mediation.

The individuals signing below on behalf of Simmons University and NSCC in signing this agreement acknowledge that they are duly authorized representatives of their institutions and are authorized to enter this agreement on behalf of their institutions.

Christian M. Bednar
_____ Date: _____11.14.25_____
Christian Bednar, Provost/Chief Academic Officer, NSCC

Paul R. Geisler
_____ Date: 11/17/2025
Paul Geisler, EdD, AT Ret, Dean, School of Sciences and Health Professions, Simmons University

_____ Date: 12/11/2025
Stephanie Cosner, PhD, MSW, Provost, Simmons University

Appendix 1

Transfer Course Equivalency Chart

Transfer Course equivalency from Associate of Science Degree in Nutritional Sciences and Diet Technology to Bachelor of Science Degree in Nutrition or Didactic Program in Dietetics Certificate (for those with a Bachelors degree):

North Shore Community College	**Cr.**	**Simmons University**
DTC102: The Science of Nutrition And DTC208: Nutrition for the Life Cycle	3 4	NUTR 112: Introduction to Nutrition
DTC204: Introduction Dietary Management AND MGT 201 Human Resource Management AND BUS 100 Introduction to Business	3 3	NUTR 249: Leadership in Food Service Management
DTC 202: Food Preparation AND DTC 114: Food Safety, Sanitation and Cost	4 4	NUTR 248: Food Production and Service Systems

Related Courses:

North Shore Community College	**Simmons University**
CHE 101: Introductory Chemistry 1	CHEM 111: Intro Chemistry: Inorganic
CHE 102: Introductory Chemistry 2	CHEM 112: Intro Chemistry: Organic
BIO 211: Anatomy and Physiology 1	BIOL 231: Anatomy & Physiology I
BIO 212: Anatomy and Physiology 2	BIOL 232: Anatomy & Physiology II
BIO 101: Biology 1: The Basics of Life	BIOL 113: General Biology
MAT 143: Introduction to Statistics	Math 118: Intro to Statistics

Recommended Course

BIO 110: Introduction to Microbiology	BIOL 221: Microbiology