Memorandum of Understanding
Offered to Bethany University Students

Agreement between incoming Bethany University Students and

Northwest University (Kirkland, WA)
http://www.northwestu.edu

Agreement is Effective for the 2011-2012 Academic Year

APPLICATION and ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Bethany students desiring to attend Northwest University should contact Jessica Velasco at:
Northwest University - Admissions
PO Box 579
5520 108th Ave NE
Kirkland WA 98033
Phone: 800.669.3781
Fax: 425.827.0148
Email: admissions@northwestu.edu

Bethany students who desire to attend Northwest University in fall 2011 should utilize the specially prepared abbreviated application found at:

www.northwestu.edu/ admissions/apply

Undergraduate application deadline: ASAP, but applications will be received up to the Add/Drop deadline for fall and spring semesters.

Transcripts submittal deadline: ASAP, but transcripts will be received up to the Add/Drop deadline for the fall and spring semesters

FAFSA and other financial aid forms deadline: ASAP; Students should complete their FAFSA and submit the NU Financial Aid application and a copy of the most recent financial aid award letter from Bethany

Deposits are refundable before: July 15
Bethany Applicants will be notified on the following time schedules and for the following “reasons”:

Documents received: as soon as we receive them

Approval of application: within one week

Special Student categories and any unique information (such as for International Students)

International students should contact the Admissions Office directly.

TUITION and FEES

Bethany Students who are accepted at Northwest University will have the following tuition and fees for the 2011-2012 Academic Year.

Undergraduate Package – Full-time: 12-17 per semester: $11,515.00
Online Courses: $291/credit
Graduate programs:
  • MBA - $748/credit
  • MA Social Entrepreneurship - $624/credit
  • MA Counseling Psychology - $628/credit
  • MA International Care & Community Development - $628/credit
  • MA Theology & Culture - $485/credit
  • MA Missional Leadership - $485/credit
  • Master in Ministry - $485/credit
  • Master in Teaching - $740/credit
  • M.Ed. - $600/credit
  • Doctor of Psychology - $721/credit

FINANCIAL AID/ SCHOLARSHIPS

The goal of Northwest University for the 2011-2012 academic year is to award financial aid to students who attended Bethany University during the 2010-2011 academic year so that their out of pocket TUITION costs at NU are the same as they would have been at BU. Thus, although the tuition at Bethany for the 2011-2012 academic year was scheduled to be less than that of
Northwest, we are committed to making the out of pocket tuition expense to students the same. This will be done with a combination of Federal grants and loans, institutional awards, and tuition grants. The Financial Aid Office will be able to assist students with specifics in this regard once a copy of your 2011-2012 FAFSA is received. Students should add NU to their list of recipient schools to the FAFSA. A copy of your most recent BU award letter is also needed, which may be your 2010-2011 award in some cases. A copy of your most billing statement for the spring 2011 term could also be helpful in this regard.

Scholarships: Scholarships are considered a part of a student’s financial aid package. Thus, a student’s out of pocket expenses that would be required at Bethany University – including scholarships – will be the same at Northwest University. This includes ministerial and missions scholarships. Athletic scholarships will be handled on a case-by-case basis due to the unique nature of individual sports and athletes, and conference regulations.

Accepted Applicants to Bethany University: Students who were accepted to attend Bethany University for the fall 2011 or spring 2012 semesters will be considered as New Incoming Northwest University students, and will be financially packaged as new NU students. We will need the FAFSA and related financial aid documents and new award package will be created. However, all courses that Bethany University was able to apply towards their degree or major will also be applied to their Northwest University equivalent degree for the 2011-2012 academic year, following the guidelines below.

**ACADEMIC CREDIT/ PROGRAMS**

Northwest University is committed to serving Bethany students by matching their completed courses that would apply towards a Bethany major to the equivalent major at Northwest. Thus, English majors who had one year to complete their Bethany major would have one year to complete their Northwest English major. Thus, all courses that would apply to their Bethany major will count towards their Northwest major.

Transfer of Credit: All credit recognized by Bethany University towards a degree or major will be recognized by Northwest University towards the equivalent degree or major, as shown in the listing below. However, degrees and majors
designed to satisfy specific requirements of licensing agencies, such as Teacher Education and Counseling, may have additional or different requirements not satisfied by Bethany courses. In these cases, every possible effort will be used to maximize credits already earned by the student.

Comparison of Bethany and Northwest Majors:

**BU major**
- Biblical and Theological Studies
- Church Leadership *(depending on completed coursework)*
- General Ministries
- Music Ministries Leadership
- Youth Ministries
- Psychology
- Communication
- English
- Music *(Education Emphasis)*
- Music *(Music Ministries Leadership Emphasis)*
- Music *(Performance Emphasis)*
- Social Science *(depending on Emphasis and courses completed)*

**NU major**
- Biblical Literature
- Pastoral Ministries, Children’s Ministries, or Christian Leadership
- General Ministries
- Music Ministries
- Youth Ministries
- Psychology
- Communication
- English
- Music Education *
- Music Ministry
- Music *(BA)*
- History, Political Science, or General Studies *(depending on Emphasis and courses completed)*
- Management
- Business Administration *(Business Admin)*
- Business Administration *(Elem Ed)*
- Elementary Education *
- MA Counseling Psychology *
- MA in Education *
- Master in Teaching or M.Ed. *

* Northwest University programs are designed to satisfy Washington State requirements, if applicable. Contact the associated program office for additional details.

Northwest Residency Requirements: Students who would have met the residency requirements of Bethany University will be considered as satisfying the residency requirements for their degree or major at Northwest University.
Thus, the following catalog graduation requirements will be waived based upon work satisfactorily completed at Bethany:

- 30 credits completed at NU
- at least one 3-credit Bible/Theology credit completed at NU
- last semester completed at NU-satisfied by earning at least one credit at NU
- one third of the major completed at NU
- grade point average requirements of the major (unless required by an approving licensure agency)
- any credit limitations for non-traditional credits, ensemble music, physical education activity, student development training, and yearbook credits, as long as the indicated credits would have been recognized by Bethany University towards its graduation requirements.

**ANCILLARY SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

**Athletic Opportunities**: Northwest University is a member of the NAIA conference, and offers the following sports:

- men's and women's basketball
- men's and women's soccer
- women's volleyball
- men's and women's cross country
- men's and women's track and field

Northwest University will work individually with student athletes to approximate athletic scholarships awarded by Bethany for the 2011-2012 academic year.

**Ministry Opportunities**: The organized student outreach consists of a variety of ministry opportunities - children's ministry, campus ministry, community ministry, evangelism ministry, youth ministry, and prayer ministry. Student ministries provide practical experience in specific areas of Christian education, world missions (including summer and short-term assignments), pastoral care, pastoral ministry, church music, youth ministry, etc. The Campus Ministries Office oversees Student Ministries and provides information and referrals for ministry opportunities, on and off campus. Student teams selected and approved for summer ministry also provide an outreach of service for interested and qualified students.
Resident Life: Northwest University has student housing in Residence Halls, Student Apartments, and Married Student Apartments. Contact the Housing Office for availability and details.

Approvals:

Jim Jessup, Dean of Academic Services
Northwest University

Dr. Lewis R. Shelton, President
Bethany University

July 8, 2011