

# RCTC PROGRAM PLAN

## COMMUNICATION STUDIES TRANSFER PATHWAY

Associate of Arts

### I. MINNESOTA TRANSFER CURRICULUM (MnTC)/

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.....44 CREDITS**

**GOAL 1: COMMUNICATION ..... 11 CR**

COMM 1114, Fundamentals of Public Speaking, 3 cr

ENGL 1117, Reading and Writing Critically I, 4 cr

ENGL 1118, Reading and Writing Critically II, 4 cr

**GOAL 2 is fulfilled when all other MnTC goals for this plan are completed.**

**GOAL 3: NATURAL SCIENCES ..... minimum of 6 CR**

A minimum of two courses with a lab from two different areas that meet MnTC Goal 3

**GOAL 4: MATHEMATICAL/LOGICAL REASONING ..... minimum of 3 CR**

Credits from MnTC Goal 4

**GOAL 5: HISTORY AND THE SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES..... minimum of 9 CR**

A minimum of two credits from each of three different areas that meet MnTC Goal 5

*Recommended:* COMM 1110, Introduction to Mass Communication, 3 cr;

COMM 1337, Social Media, 3 cr

**GOAL 6: THE HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS ..... minimum of 9 CR**

A minimum of two credits from each of three different areas that meet MnTC Goal 6

*Recommended:* COMM 1125, Oral Interpretation, 3 cr

**GOAL 7: HUMAN DIVERSITY.....3 CR**

COMM 1130, Interpersonal Communication, 3 cr

**GOAL 8: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE.....3 CR**

COMM 2100, Intercultural Communication, 3 cr

**GOAL 9: ETHICAL & CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY**

To be met by a course taken in Goal 3, 5 or 6.

**GOAL 10: PEOPLE & THE ENVIRONMENT**

To be met by a course taken in Goal 3, 5 or 6.

### II. FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE ..... 0-1 CREDIT\*

FYEX 1000, College Success Strategies, 1 cr

**\*Students entering RCTC with less than 12 credits at the time of admission and pursuing an RCTC Associate of Arts degree are required to take FYEX 1000, College Success Strategies.**

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## III. HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS .....3 CREDITS

Any combination of Health courses (numbered 1102, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1114, 1132, 1135, 2126) and/or Physical Education courses (numbered 1100-1199). 1 credit may be from Varsity Athletics (PHED 1210-1236; PHED 2210-2236).

## IV. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.....3 CREDITS

COMM 2130: Team/Small Group Communication, 3 cr

## V. ELECTIVES: Any course numbered above 1000 .....9-10 CREDITS

**TOTAL.....60 CREDITS**

### **PROGRAM OUTCOMES:**

Upon completion of the Communication Studies Transfer Pathway program at RCTC, students will achieve the following outcomes:

- Select appropriate communication choices for specific audiences.
- Demonstrate effective listening in diverse settings.
- Utilize strategies to reduce communication apprehension.

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

The Communication Studies Transfer Pathway AA offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Arts degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Communication Studies bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities\* enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

\*Universities within the Minnesota State system include Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.

This transfer pathway degree will transfer to the following designated baccalaureate degree majors:

At Metropolitan State University:

Professional Communication, BA

At Minnesota State University, Mankato:

Communication Studies, BS

At Southwest Minnesota State University:

Communication Studies, BA

At St. Cloud State University:

Communication Studies, BA

Communication Studies Supplementary, BA

Communication Studies Interdepartmental, BA

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At Winona State University:  
Communication Studies, BA

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