Memorandum of Understanding
between
University of Wisconsin Colleges at UW-Richland and
University of Wisconsin-Platteville for the
UW Colleges Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Degree

Foundation for Collaboration

The nearly century-old history of the University of Wisconsin (UW) Colleges is one of collaboration with other academic institutions, especially campuses of the University of Wisconsin (UW) System. The nature of these collaborations has evolved as the university has adapted to different social-economic eras and changing state and local needs. The Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) degree falls squarely within this tradition of collaboration and is aligned with the historic UW Colleges mission of accessibility, affordability, and responsiveness to the needs of the many communities that provide and support its campuses.

Program Description

The BAAS degree is a 60-credit (20 courses) degree completion program to be offered regionally on six of the thirteen UW Colleges campuses in partnership with six UW System comprehensive universities.

The six UW Colleges campuses include: UW-Baraboo/Sauk County, UW-Barron County, UW-Marshfield/Wood County, UW-Richland, UW-Rock County, and UW-Waukesha. The six UW partner institutions include: UW-La Crosse, UW-Parkside, UW-Platteville, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stout, and UW-Superior.

The fundamental goal of the BAAS degree is to prepare place-bound adults who live in the six UW Colleges service areas for a life of creative and productive work in a changing and increasingly interdependent world. To accomplish this goal, the BAAS degree prepares students to apply theoretical knowledge, higher-order intellectual skills, and practical experience to achieve solutions to complex problems encountered in contemporary workplace and community settings.

This agreement applies specifically to the collaboration between UW-Richland and UW-Platteville. UW-Richland will draw on its extensive experience in student-centered course delivery to employ multiple modes of instruction, including compressed video, streaming video, online, and blended modes of delivery. Further, courses will be offered in a variety of instructional formats, including accelerated courses, regional seminars, and evening courses, and at times convenient for adult learners to enroll in classes.

UW-Platteville is also committed to flexible modes of delivery, including face-to-face instruction on the UW-Richland campus, online, compressed and streaming video. When possible, UW-Richland faculty will be approved by the appropriate academic department(s) at UW-Platteville to teach a UW-Platteville junior- or senior-level course at the UW-Richland campus.