

Dakota College Programs at VCSU

VCSU has partnered with Dakota College at Bottineau to offer several associate degree and college preparation programs on the VCSU campus. The opportunities created by this partnership are an ideal solution for working adults in the Valley City area who would like to earn a degree around their busy schedule.

Associate degrees can be completed in two years and provide the skills necessary for specific career areas, so they are a great fit for students looking to earn a credential that lands them a challenging and rewarding career.

General education courses taken through either campus will count toward a degree plan at both campuses.

Bridges Program

The Bridges Program is a collaborative program offered by Dakota College and Valley City State University for students who are not eligible for admission at VCSU but want to attend college, pursue a four-year degree, and remain in the Valley City area.

Students apply to DCB to become a part of the Bridges Program. After the completion of 24 credits and required GPA, the students will then transfer to VCSU and complete a four-year degree. To learn more about the Bridges Program visit www.vcsu.edu/bridges (<http://www.vcsu.edu/bridges/>).

Bridges Program students can fully participate in VCSU's student life, housing, dining services, organizations, facility usage and activities (excluding varsity sports). This strengthens students' academic foundation to help them succeed in a four-year setting.

DCB Academic Programs

Caregiver Services (A.A.S./Diploma)

The Caregiver Program has two options. The CHILD option (diploma) focuses on services for children, and the ADULT option (A.A.S.) focuses on services for the elderly and disabled.

Medical Assistant (A.A.S.)

Medical Assistants are multi-skilled professionals who work in health care settings and perform administrative and clinical procedures.

Practical Nurse (Certificate)

This program prepares students to take the state board exams to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN).

Associate Degree Nurse (AND)

This program prepares students to take the state board exams to become a Registered Nurse (RN).

Paraeducation (A.A.S.)

Paraeducators are employed as teacher assistants in early childhood, special education, elementary and secondary schools.

Associate in Science/Associate in Arts (A.S./A.A.)

An Associate Degree is an undergraduate award typically conferred by a two-year college. However, through an accommodating and innovative arrangement, a four-year university like VCSU and a two-year college like DCB cooperate to offer the Associate Degree where availability previously did not exist. Such is the case with this unique VCSU/DCB collaboration. The Associate of Science and the Associate of Arts Degrees prepare students to transfer to an upper level Bachelor Degree program.

Steps to Enroll in a DCB Program

1. Complete a DCB application for admission by visiting the following link: www.dakotacollege.edu/admissions (<http://www.dakotacollege.edu/admission-and-aid/how-apply/>).
2. Submit a \$35 application fee to: Dakota College at Bottineau, 105 Simrall Blvd., Bottineau, ND 58318
3. Submit the following records: immunization records (MMR & meningitis), ACT or Accuplacer test scores.
4. Submit the VCSU housing application online and \$50 deposit fee to the VCSU Housing Office.

For general information on DCB programs at VCSU, visit www.vcsu.edu/bridges (<http://www.vcsu.edu/bridges/>).