

Memorandum of Understanding between Northpoint Bible College and Nelson University April 2026

Northpoint Bible College, accredited by The Association for Biblical Higher Education and **Nelson University**, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, agree to enter into the following Memorandum of Understanding in order to enable undergraduate students currently enrolled at **Northpoint Bible College** an opportunity to complete their programs of study and to provide for a smooth and seamless transfer to **Nelson University**. Both **Northpoint Bible College** and **Nelson University** understand that the terms enumerated herein should serve as guidelines to foster student success.

Specifically, **Northpoint Bible College** and **Nelson University** agree to the following:

1. **Nelson University** will offer courses of study toward three Associate in Arts degrees: Bible/Theology, Specialized Ministry, and Assemblies of Credentialing Preparation; a Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies with a second vocational major in one of the following: Pastoral Ministry, Ministerial Leadership, Evangelism, Student Ministry, Children and Family Ministry, Intercultural Ministry, or Worship Arts; a Master's Degree in Practical Theology with the following concentrations: Pastoral Leadership, Preaching, or Spiritual Formation for which it is already approved.
2. **Nelson University** will waive admission fees for students applying.
3. **Nelson University** will work to admit and enroll **Northpoint Bible College** students who are interested in admission to Nelson on-campus programs at the undergraduate level and the online courses and degree programs for our undergraduate and graduate programs for potential online degree completion. Nelson only offers graduate degrees in an online delivery format.
4. **Nelson University** will provide housing for **Northpoint Bible College** students currently residing in campus housing in fall/spring 2025-2026, and choosing to relocate to the Waxahachie, Texas campus, based upon normal Nelson University housing processes, policies, and availability.
5. **Nelson University** will accept students who are in good conduct and academic standing at **Northpoint Bible College** as of the 2025-2026 academic year.
6. For any **Northpoint Bible College** student transferring into **Nelson University**, Nelson University will provide the highest institutional financial aid awards available to each student, if any, comparable to those granted to the student by **Northpoint Bible College**. The goal will be to allow **Northpoint Bible College** students to complete their programs of study with minimal disruption and additional costs.
7. **Northpoint Bible College** students who have fulfilled one of the following conditions will not be required to complete **Nelson University's** general education requirements and will be considered to have satisfied all general education requirements at **Nelson University**:
 - a. Students who have satisfactorily completed all general education requirements at **Northpoint Bible College**; or

- b. Students who have completed the equivalent of the general education requirements of **Nelson University** as reviewed and certified by the **Nelson University Registrar**.
8. **Nelson University** will accept and compute into each student's Grade Point Average (GPA) all letter and numerical grades for coursework as they appear on the **Northpoint Bible College** transcript. Those courses and grades will appear on the student's **Nelson University** transcript as **Northpoint Bible College** coursework.
9. Any **Northpoint Bible College** student who fails to apply, be accepted, and matriculate at **Nelson University** by **August 1, 2027**, shall be excluded from this MOU.
10. **Northpoint Bible College** students matriculating at Nelson University will graduate with a **Nelson University** diploma. All credits taken previously at **Northpoint Bible College** will be clearly marked on students' transcripts. On student request, Nelson University can provide a letter explaining the student's graduation journey and the relationship between the two institutions.
11. **Nelson University** will provide academic support to **Northpoint Bible College** students transferring to **Nelson University** in line with support provided to all Nelson University students and will ensure that **Northpoint Bible College** students are able to complete their programs of study with minimal disruptions, helping them to register for the classes needed or authorizing appropriate substitute courses.
12. **Nelson University** will conduct special orientations for transferring **Northpoint Bible College** students to answer questions, provide advising, and course registration.
13. At the same time an announcement is made concerning the closure of **Northpoint Bible College**, a simultaneous announcement will be made regarding this agreement with **Nelson** and information will be provided to students, staff, and parents about the existence of this MOU and the information contained in the MOU.
14. **Northpoint Bible College** and **Nelson University** will provide direct links between their institutional websites, indicating the existence of this MOU.
15. **Northpoint Bible College** and **Nelson University** will exchange data and documents that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of these transfer arrangements and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions. **Northpoint Bible College** will provide **Nelson University** with admissions, grades, student conduct, billing, and financial aid data for all students matriculating to Nelson University after obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved in compliance with local laws and U.S. Department of Education guidelines.
16. **Nelson University** staff will have meetings with **Northpoint Bible College** students and staff to provide information to students about transferring to **Nelson University** and work with students and staff on transitioning students to **Nelson University**.
17. **Nelson University** will request from its accreditor an exception to SACSCOC standards 9.4 (Institutional Credits for an Undergraduate Degree) and 9.5 (Institutional Credits for a Graduate Degree) to accommodate students near the end of their program of study upon matriculation to Nelson University.
18. The obligations pursuant to this MOU shall terminate when the first of the following has occurred:
 - a. All **Northpoint Bible College** students accepted by Nelson University pursuant to this MOU have either graduated from Nelson University or failed to be continuously enrolled at **Nelson University**; or

b. Four years from the date of this MOU.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MOU on the date indicated:



Dr. Kermit Bridges
President
Nelson University

Dr. Dan Howell
Provost
Northpoint Bible College

04-01-2026

Date

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