

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE

Associate of Applied Science in Digital Arts to Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design

General Transfer Benefits

Bellevue University accepts the Associate of Applied Science in Digital Arts, in its entirety from Montcalm Community College to count towards requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design at Bellevue University. The generous credit transfer policy for students also includes the identification of additional elective credits beyond the associate degree that can be taken at Montcalm Community College and count towards bachelor degree requirements at Bellevue University*. Any courses considered remedial/developmental (less than 100-level) will not transfer for college credit. A free, preliminary transfer credit evaluation can be requested at any time by providing unofficial transcripts to your Bellevue University Next Degree Navigator who will provide one-on-one advising and transfer support throughout the process

Other Benefits include:

- Credits from courses with a letter grade of D- will transfer if they are earned as part of the associate degree requirements.
- No prerequisites will be required for students starting an accelerated cohort program with a completed associate degree.
- Students may transfer up to a total of 78 credit hours inclusive of the associate degree and any eligible elective credits earned at the community college**.

Bachelor Degree Requirements

Minimum Credits for Bachelor of Science:	127
Minimum Hours in Residence at Bellevue University (includes online courses):	30
Minimum Upper Level Hours to be completed with Bellevue University:	30
Minimum Upper Level Hours in the Major at Bellevue University	12
Minimum Cumulative GPA required to graduate:	2.0
Minimum Major GPA required to graduate:	2.5

Admissions Requirements***

For admission into Bellevue University, students are required to complete:

1. Application for Admission – Completed at <https://transfer.bellevue.edu/pssc>.
2. Official Transcripts – Order all necessary official transcripts to satisfy program admissions requirements. Electronic transcripts should be sent from the school to: BUSRTranscripts@bellevue.edu
3. Academic Readiness Assessment – This short assessment gauges the student's current academic skillset. This is not a pass or fail test; this helps the student identify their strengths and weakness and allows their Admissions Counselor to address any areas of concern before the student enrolls. Once the application for admission is finished, the student will receive a unique link to complete the assessment.
4. Financing – Complete the FAFSA and add Bellevue University's school code: **002538**
OR discuss alternate financing options with your local Next Degree Navigator and Admissions Counselor.

*Some exclusions may apply. Consult with your Next Degree Navigator/Admissions Counselor to determine eligible elective credits, which can be transferred in to count towards your chosen degree program and to verify minimum graduation requirements for this degree.

***Additional Admission Requirements – Due to accreditation, licensing, or other determining factors, additional admission requirements may apply. After meeting these qualifications, the student may be granted full admittance.

Associate Degree:	 BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY	Major:
School:		Emphasis:
Catalog: 2024/2025		Degree:

Montcalm Community College
AAS in Digital Arts (min 60 hrs.)

Bellevue University,
BS in Graphic Design (127 hrs.)

Major Courses (60 hrs)

ARTS 140 - Two-Dimensional Design & Color	3
ARTS 270 - Art Entrepreneurship	3
ARTS 275 - Portfolio	3
DART 110 - Photographic Foundations I	3
DART 120 - Commercial Design I	3
DART 130 - Digital Imaging	3
DART 210 - Photographic Foundations II	3
DART 220 - Commercial Design II	3
DART 250 - Studio Photography	3

General Education Courses (26 -29 hrs)

Life Skills	3
Written Communication	3
Oral Communication	3
Laboratory Science	4-5
Mathematics	4-5
Global and Cultural Awareness (Social Science, Humanities & Fine Arts, Other Discipline)	12-13

Summary:

Hours* School Name

60		MCC AAS in Digital Arts
60		Total Transfer Hours
waved		LA 105 Requirement
0		Integrative General Education to be completed
9		Signature Series to be completed
49		Major Requirements
9		Electives to be completed (at Community College, Bellevue University or Other)
127		TOTAL HOURS

Major Courses (49 hrs)

3	GD 116 – Problem solving and Idea Generation
3	GD 210 - Design Basics
3	GD 211 - Design Basics II
3	GD 215 - History of Contemporary Graphic Design
3	GD 220 - Fundamentals of Print Design
3	GD 230 - Fundamentals of Web Design
3	GD 260 - Typography
3	GD 320 - Single Page Design
3	GD 332 - Interactivity Basics
3	GD 350 - Branding
3	GD 355 - Identity Design
3	GD 362 - Typography II
3	GD 420 - Publication Design
3	GD 430 - Web Page Design
3	GD 435 - Website Development
4	GD 495 - Portfolio

Electives (9)
*Can be taken at Community College, Bellevue University, Military, CLEP, or other regionally accredited institutions**

(9)	Elective Credits
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Kirkpatrick Signature Series (KSS) (9 hrs)
Must be taken in residence

3	LA 400 American Vision & Values
3	LA 410 Tradition & Change
3	LA 420 Freedom & Responsibility

Minimum Credits for BS: 127
Minimum Hours in Residence: 30
Minimum Upper-Level Hours: 30
Minimum Cumulative GPA: 2.0

*Consult with your Next Degree Navigator/Admissions Counselor to determine your eligible credits, as well as to verify minimum graduation requirements for any degree. Transfer credits must be from a regionally accredited college or University. Bellevue University makes no promises to prospective students regarding the acceptance of credit awarded by examination, credit for prior learning, or credit for transfer until an evaluation has been conducted.