TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Westfield State University

and

Holyoke Community College

A.A. Biotechnology

To

B.S. Biology with Biotechnology concentration

2020

Westfield State University and Holyoke Community College have created a transfer articulation agreement between the Department of Biology at Westfield State University and the Biotechnology program at Holyoke Community College. This articulation agreement is built on the foundation of a professional and collaborative relationship between these two institutions of higher learning.

OBJECTIVES:
1. To encourage and streamline the transfer of qualified students from Holyoke Community College (HCC) to Westfield State University (WSU).
2. To award academic credit for courses completed at HCC that meet the terms of the Biotechnology degree and apply them toward the requirements for the WSU Bachelor of Science in Biology with concentration in Biotechnology degree.
3. To provide effective and concise guidelines for students seeking to transfer to WSU. Students will have accurate and clear information regarding the transfer of their course work and credits, both completed and outstanding, as they apply to the Bachelor of Science in Biology with concentration in Biotechnology at WSU.

TERMS OF THE TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT:
1. Students may be admitted to WSU under terms of this program-to-program articulation agreement via either the full-time undergraduate day Office of Admission or the College of Graduate and Continuing Education (CGCE). Placement in university-sponsored housing is not guaranteed as part of this agreement and CGCE students generally do not request housing. However, CGCE students may request housing, which is provided on a space-available basis, by contacting the Office of Residential Life after being admitted to CGCE.
2. This agreement assumes successful completion of the designated associate degree program, including all courses specified on the curriculum sheet. Students must earn a cumulative average of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher at the time of admission, as calculated by WSU, to be admitted to the University. Qualified students are admitted to the Biology major as long as space remains available for new transfer students in any given enrollment term.
3. WSU requires that 30 credits be completed in residence to earn the bachelor's degree; a minimum total of 20 Biology department credits must be completed at WSU to earn the Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. Further, the 81 credit major/concentration must be completed with a cumulative average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) including WSU and HCC course work combined.
4. At the time of admission, students must demonstrate proficiency in mathematics through college preparatory-level high school Algebra II or its equivalent in one of the following ways: by successfully completing a HCC Mathematics course that fulfills one of WSU's Mathematics core requirements (TMTH) as part of the associate degree before transferring, such as MAT 142 Statistics, which is strongly recommended; or by successfully completing non-transferable course work in either MAT 098 or MAT 099 at HCC before transferring; or, by submitting as part of the application process a high school transcript documenting successful completion of college preparatory-level Algebra II.
5. This articulation agreement is based upon the evaluation of current course descriptions and or other course materials presented to WSU. Terms of the MassTransfer agreement will be honored for students who transfer under this agreement. (D grades [1.0 on a 4.0 scale] will transfer only as part of the 60-credit guarantee of the MassTransfer program.)
6. WSU will accept a maximum of 79 credits in transfer from all two-year colleges combined (including AP, CLEP, and military experience). To ensure the transfer of the maximum number of credits allowed, students should choose any elective course requirements for the associate degree program from those listed as transferable in the current WSU course equivalency guide, available online at **www.westfield.ma.edu/ceg.**
7. Students who complete requirements for the designated associate degree program, but fail to select one or more courses specified on the attached curriculum sheet as those required by WSU for the bachelor's degree still may be admitted to WSU's Biology program, but will be required to complete all outstanding requirements for the degree program at WSU. Further, students who do not maximize the number of credits to be applied to the WSU Biology major, the Biotechnology concentration and Common Core of Studies while at the community college may extend the length of time it will take to complete bachelor's degree requirements.
8. This agreement shall remain in effect for a period of two years from the date listed below, with the provision that the terms specified herein will continue to apply to students admitted from HCC's Biotechnology degree program within one year of the expiration date of the agreement. Each institution agrees to provide timely notice to the other in the event of any modification to the curriculum that might affect admission and/or the transferability of course work. This agreement may be subject to change without notice if curriculum requirements change at either institution. Students admitted to HTCC's Biotechnology degree program prior to such notification will be admitted to WSU on the basis of this agreement.

Approved on (date): _____

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Holyoke Community College & Westfield State University
For AA in Biotechnology Transfer Pathway

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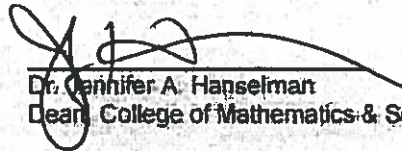Interim Dean of Science Engineering & Math

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