

Articulation Agreement between

Holyoke Community College

And

Northeastern University College of Professional Studies

This articulation agreement (this "Agreement") dated March 7, 2016 is between HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, an educational corporation formed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its principal office located at 303 Homestead Avenue, Holyoke, MA (hereafter referred to as "HCC"), and NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY on behalf of the COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its principal office at 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA (hereafter referred to as "CPS").

It is agreed by and between HCC and CPS for the mutual consideration and covenants herein contained as follows:

- 1. HCC and CPS hereby agree to an articulated program as stated in this Agreement, including without limitation, Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated herein whereby certain students from HCC may complete a Bachelor of Science degree at CPS, as long as they fulfill the prerequisites for the chosen program.
- 2. Upon successful completion of the degree program at HCC, which completion shall be in accordance with all the standards applicable to HCC students, said students will be accepted to CPS, in accordance with its published standards, subject to and in accordance with the limitations and procedures set forth in the Agreement. All reference to standards will be those published in the respective current catalog of each institution and other applicable materials published by each institution.
- 3. HCC students who have successfully completed a HCC Associate in Science (A.S.) or Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree program with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 are eligible for admission to CPS. CPS retains the right to make the final decision on each student's application.
- 4. HCC students accepted into CPS are subject to the graduation requirements of the college's catalog and other published standards issued by CPS and Northeastern University in the year of their respective matriculation. HCC student is subject to changes that may be required to meet accreditation standards, including, but not limited to, those established by the New England

Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) or those determined by Northeastern University faculty as warranted to ensure a quality educational program.

- 5. The Admissions Offices, Transfer Staff, or other appropriate offices or designees of both institutions agree that they will communicate at the beginning of each fall term to discuss recruiting, entrance requirements, and any other concerns that either may have about the affiliation. Other communications between them may be scheduled as needs arise. Each party agrees that it will communicate as soon as possible to the other party of any changes to its programs that will impact the Agreement. Each institution shall provide the other with advance copies of any written materials that it publishes to describe the terms of this Agreement.
- 6. This Agreement shall continue until terminated by either party. Either institution may terminate this Agreement in any year, without cause, provided that the terminating institution has given the other institution written notice at least 90 days prior to the effective date of such termination and further provided that no such termination shall adversely affect any student attending or accepted by CPS by virtue of the terms of this Agreement. In the event that the said Agreement is not terminated, it will automatically be extended year by year.
- 7. The Agreement is being executed within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the parties agree that this Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of said Commonwealth.
- 8. The parties agree that this Agreement embodies all of the agreements made by and between then supersedes any prior agreements and the understanding with regards to the acceptance of HCC students into CPS and that any modifications or amendments thereof must be in writing executed by both parties in order to be effective.
- 9. All notices or other communications made or given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed made or given upon receipt, or three business days after deposits in the U.S. Mail, in an envelope, postage prepaid, registered or certified mail, and addressed as follows:

If to HCC:

President Holyoke Community College 303 Homestead Avenue Holyoke, MA 01040

If to CPS:

Dean and Vice President for Professional Education Northeastern University College of Professional Studies 40 BV 360 Huntington Avenue Boston, MA 02115

With copy to:

Transfer Affairs Holyoke Community College 303 Homestead Avenue Holyoke, MA 01040

With copy to:

Office of University Counsel Northeastern University 378 Columbus Place Boston, MA 02115

EXECUTED AS OF THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF
	PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
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TITLE: President	TITUE: Dean and Vice President for Professional Education
DATE: 3/28/16	DATE: 3/23/16

Appendix A

Additional Terms and Conditions of the Articulation Agreement:

- 1. To be considered for the College of Professional Studies, Holyoke Community College students must:
 - a. Successfully complete the associate degree at Holyoke Community College and earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
 - b. Submit a completed online application and required supporting credentials to the College of Professional Studies by the posted term entry deadline. HCC students are encouraged to submit an official HCC transcript at the time of application in order to expedite the admissions process.
 - c. At its discretion, CPS will evaluate courses with a grade of C or better for transfer credit. Courses designated as remedial or developmental are non-transferable. Science and technology courses completed more than seven years prior to the application date may be considered for transfer at the discretion of the CPS program director.
- 2. The College of Professional Studies reserves the right to rescind an offer of acceptance if student is no longer considered in good academic standing or disciplinary sanctions occur between the times of acceptance to matriculation.