



TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN New England College AND Holyoke Community College

Overview:

In a joint effort to assist students in attaining their full professional and academic potential, New England College (NEC) agrees to offer **admission and junior year standing** to graduates of **Holyoke Community College (HCC)** who have completed the requirements for an Associate Degree with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a four-point scale; and a minimum of sixty credits; and who have not been subject to disciplinary action at HCC.

NEC courses are generally offered on a four-credit basis. Equivalent courses taken at HCC at a three-credit level may satisfy a four-credit requirement at NEC; however, only three credits of transfer credit will be awarded to the student. The minimum number of total credits required for graduation for all students is 120 credits. At least 30 credits must be completed at New England College, and 12 of these credits must be requirements within the student's program of interest.

Note: All institutional requirements must be satisfied in order to receive a degree from New England College. Please reference the NEC catalog for further details.

Transfer Credit Policy:

All courses completed at HCC for earned credit with a grade of "C-" or better will be considered transferable to NEC. An exception will be made for students who have completed an Associate Degree, who may transfer up to 16 credits of grades recorded "D", as well. However, "D" grades may not be able to fulfill major-specific course requirements. Courses taken outside the context of programs listed above will be evaluated on an individual basis. While we encourage students to continue their studies in their original majors, they will not be limited to the program of their Associate Degree. The majority of students transferring from HCC will be able to transfer into any major at NEC with a minimal loss of credit. This is the favorable result of similarities in general education requirements.

Students completing the General Education program from HCC will be considered to have completed all General Education requirements at New England College, provided that the HCC general education program includes College Writing, or their equivalents; a Mathematics course (non-remedial); a Natural Science course with Lab component; and a Creative Arts course. Any student who wishes to transfer under the terms of this agreement must provide NEC with a current official transcript, or equivalent copy of academic work, in addition to a description of any social disciplinary action taken against the student during his/her enrollment at HCC.

Financial Aid Opportunities:

Students who are accepted to NEC under the terms of this agreement are eligible for financial aid and housing as entering students with junior standing.

Students transferring to NEC in accordance with the policies listed in this agreement (minimum GPA of 2.00) will be guaranteed a Transfer Merit Scholarship of at least \$21,000 per year.

Transfer merit scholarships range from \$21,000 - \$25,000 per year, are awarded at the time of acceptance, and are largely determined by the cumulative college GPA the admission committee has at time of application review. If a student plans to live on campus, 75% of the scholarship is applied to tuition and 25% is applied to room and board. A commuting student will be eligible for the tuition only percentage of the merit scholarship awarded. Students may qualify for other need-based financial aid, both federal and institutional. To determine eligibility, students need to file the FAFSA and select NEC as a recipient of the results. Students enrolling in NEC courses online, or those eligible for the "NEC Plus Program" do not qualify for merit scholarships based on the difference in tuition rates.

For more information, please contact:

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