

**PROGRAM-TO-PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
AND  
NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**AA in Individualized Transfer Studies to BS in Health Education –  
Concentration in Community Health**

**THIS AGREEMENT**, dated this 23rd day, of August 2006, is made by and between East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, an educational institution of the State System of Higher Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (hereinafter called “ESU”), and Northampton Community College, (hereinafter “NCC”).

Both ESU and NCC agree to cooperate in the articulation of students between institutions ultimately majoring in Health Education with a concentration in Community Health. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the educational progress of students by eliminating duplication of degree requirements where possible. This agreement also serves as the basis for guiding students as they develop their academic plans. This agreement will not be applicable for students entering ESU with limited credits. Students transferring without the Associate in Arts Degree in Individualized Transfer Studies will have their transcripts evaluated by the department chairperson to determine the transferability of individual courses. Subject to the terms of this agreement, a student who has earned an Associate in Arts Degree in Individualized Transfer Studies from NCC will be guaranteed admission into the Bachelor of Science in Health Education with a concentration in Community Health on the condition that they:

- Graduate from the NCC with a minimum QPA of 2.50 on a (4.0 scale).
- Enroll at ESU within one year of graduation from the NCC.
- Do not attend another institution of higher education between the time they graduate from the NCC and enroll at ESU.
- Satisfy all conditions stated in this Agreement and all other regular ESU admission requirements.

**NOW THEREFORE**, ESU and NCC officially confirm the following terms of this Agreement:

**a. Admission of Transfer Student.** At the beginning of their final semester at NCC, the student submits an application with applicable application fee, for admission as a transfer student to ESU. Students are encouraged to apply well before the application deadline dates. (Please refer to the University’s most recent application for the applicable fall and spring transfer application deadline dates). Students will then be admitted into the B.S. in Health Education Degree major with a concentration in Community Health at ESU.

**b. Acceptance into Bachelor of Science Degree Program.** Upon formal admission to ESU, the student must submit appropriate advanced deposits that will be credited towards the first semester fees/tuition. The student will follow curriculum requirements in effect at ESU at the time of the student's enrollment into ESU's Health Education program with a concentration in Community Health and will thereafter comply with any changes to the curriculum at the discretion of ESU.

**c. Student Transcript.** The student must submit his or her official final transcript from NCC verifying receipt of the Associate in Arts Degree in Individualized Transfer Studies directly to ESU prior to matriculating at ESU. The student is responsible for all costs associated with the transcript.

**d. ESU Student Registration:** After acceptance into ESU, the student registers for courses in accordance with ESU's procedures. A process for advising prospective transfer students will be developed by ESU's Department of Health Education.

**e. Transfer Credits.** ESU will accept 62 credits from NCC in general education/pre-requisite, co-requisite, & Health Education major credits with grades of "C-" or better as stated in (EXHIBIT A).

**f. ESU Transfer Advising.** Using "Exhibit A" as a guide, the ESU Health Education Department Chairperson or Academic Advisor will ensure that all transfer course equivalencies listed in "Exhibit A" are applied towards the students ESU academic record. The ESU Dept. Chairperson or Academic Advisor will also contact the ESU Registrar and ensure that the transfer equivalencies as listed in "Exhibit A" are awarded for students following this agreement for the purpose of satisfying the requisites and co-requisites of the Health Education major with a concentration in Community Health.

**g. University Requirements for the Bachelor of Science Degree:** Students are expected to complete all stated University Graduation Requirements and all other General Education, Pre-Requisite, and Major Field requirements as described in ESU's catalog and departmental policies in order to receive the BS in Health Education degree with a concentration in Community Health from the University.

**h. Academic Policies and Requirements.** While enrolled at either NCC or ESU the student shall comply with each school's academic policies and requirements.

**i. Discipline Policies.** While enrolled at either NCC or ESU the student shall comply with each school's discipline policies and requirements. However, the specific discipline policies/degree requirements in effect, for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Education with a concentration in Community Health as awarded by ESU will be as such exist at the time of the student's enrollment into the program.

**j. School Calendar.** ESU's calendar will control as to pertinent dates for registration, exams, semesters and school breaks

**k. Promote and Publicize:** NCC agrees to publicize this Agreement to prospective students in the NCC's admissions literature and as part of regular student recruitment, and to inform qualified students matriculating at the NCC of the opportunity for admission to ESU under the terms of this Agreement.

**l. NCC Advisement:** NCC agrees to advise NCC students regarding which courses will transfer under this Articulation Agreement for the Arts & Humanities, Sciences and Social Science electives.

**m. Coordination of Agreement:** Each institution will designate a representative who will coordinate the Transfer Articulation Agreement between the two institutions.

**n. Review of Agreement:** Both ESU and NCC will review this Agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement. Each will keep the other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement.

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## **Mutual Terms and Conditions:**

**a. Term of Agreement:** The term of this agreement will be for five (5) years from the date of final execution. This agreement may not exceed a period of five (5) years from the date of final execution.

**b. Termination of Articulation Agreement:** Either institution may terminate this agreement for any reason with ninety (90) days notice. However, students who are in their final semester at NCC or have already been accepted into ESU's BS in Health Education Program will be afforded the opportunity to enter ESU's Health Education Program with a concentration in Community Health in accordance with this Articulation Agreement.

**c. Nondiscrimination:** The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**d. Interpretation of the Agreement:** The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of this agreement.

**e. Modification of Agreement:** This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement. Representatives from each institution are responsible for monitoring this agreement on an annual basis and for making amendments if necessary to improve transfer procedures.

**f. Relationship of Parties:** The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.

**g. Liability:** Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the Commonwealth's rights, claims or defenses which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education or the University.

**h. This Agreement** is not a legally binding contract and is not enforceable in a court or in the Pennsylvania Board of Claims. In the event of a dispute between the parties, advice and direction will be offered by the Office of the Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education.

**i. Entire Agreement:** This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regards to this relationship.

**EXHIBIT A: Program-to-Program Articulation Agreement**  
**AA Individualized Transfer Studies at Northampton CC to BS in Health Education – Community Health concentration at ESU**

**Transfer Credits:** Upon receiving an AA Degree in Individualized Transfer Studies from NCC, ESU accepts the following 62 credits with grades of “C- better towards the BS degree in Health Education – Community Health Concentration. At this point, he/she will be able to major in BS in Health Education – Community Health Concentration and receive credit for the following courses:

<b>General Education, Pre-Requisite, Co-Requisite &amp; Major Course Equivalencies</b>			
<b>Northampton Community College</b>		<b>East Stroudsburg University</b>	
<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Credits</b>
BIOS 204 – Human Anatomy & Phys. I	4	BIOL 111 – Human Anatomy & Phys. I	4
CMTH 102 - Speech Communication	3	CMST 111 - Speech Communication	3
SOCA 103 - Prin. of Sociology [SSB]	3	SOC 111 - Intro. to Sociology	3
ENGL101C - English I [Req.]	3	ENGL 103 - English Composition	3
CISC 101 - Intro. to Computers	3	CPSC 100 - Personal Computers & Their Uses	3
BIOS 254 - Human Anatomy & Phys. II	4	BIOL 112 – Human Anatomy & Phys. II	4
ENGL 151C - English II [Req.]	3	ENGL 199 - [GE Elective, Arts & Letters, Group A]	3
PSYC 103 - Intro. to Psychology	3	PSY 101 - Intro. to Psychology	3
SCWK 101 - Intro. to Social Work	3	HLTH 210 - Found. of Health Science	3
CMTH 215 – Intercultural Communication	3	CMST 299 – Dept. Elective	3
MATH 150 - Introductory Statistics [Math]	3	MATH 110 - GE: General Statistics	3
POLS Elective	3	POLS 199 [GE Elective, Social Sciences, Group C]	3
SOCA 102G - Cultural Anthropology [SSA/XC]	3	SOC 102 - Intro. To Cultural Anthropology	3
Arts & Humanities Elective [A/H]	3	Elective 199 [GE: Arts & Letters, Group A]	3
ECON 201 - Macroeconomics [Econ. Elec.]	3	ECON 111 - Principles of Macroeconomics	3
HIST 163 - American History II [WC]	3	HIST 142 - the US as a Developing Nation in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	3
PHIL 202G - Ethics & Moral Problems	3	HLTH 382 - Health Law & Ethics	3
ACCT 101 - Financial Accounting I	3	EMGT 299 – Department Elective	3
MDLA 103 - Elementary Spanish I	3	FLSP 116 - Spanish I [GE: Arts & Letters, Group A]	3
HEAL 150 - Contemporary Health	3	HLTH 220 - Personal & Consumer Health	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>

<b>General Education &amp; Free Elective Recommendations</b>	
<b>Arts &amp; Humanities [A/H]</b>	ARTA 101, MUSC 101, or CMTH 110
<b>Political Science</b>	POS 110 or 251

<b>Special Notations for Transfer and Degree Requirements</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When available, NCC students may enroll in HLTH 280 Fundamentals of Health Administration at ESU and transfer it to NCC in place of HEAL 150 Contemporary Health.</li> <li>▪ ESU HLTH Department will waive 1 required elective in program for CMTH 215.</li> <li>▪ ACCT 101: ESU Health Services Administration Program will accept the NCC course ACCT101 to equal the Accounting requirement of the major.</li> </ul>

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date previously indicated.

**Accepted By: Northampton Community College**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael J. McGovern, Ed.D., Vice-President of Academic Affairs

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth Tyler Bugaighis, Ph.D., Dean, Humanities & Social Sciences

**Accepted By: East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenneth W. Borland, Jr. D. Ed. Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Mark Kilker, Ed.D., Dean School of Health Sciences & Human Performance

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Lynn D. Woodhouse, M.Ed., Ed.D., MPH, Chairperson Health Sciences

**Approved as to form and legality:**

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East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania Legal Council

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Effective date of Agreement:

*[Agreement established 1/25/2007. This is a copy of the original document, signatures on file.]*