

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

Associate in Arts in Social Work
to
Bachelor of Science in Social Work

WHEREAS, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, located at 200 Prospect Street, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, 18301, an educational institution of the State System of Higher Education, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, (hereinafter called "ESU"), offers a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Social Work; and

WHEREAS Northampton Community College, located at 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, 18020 (hereinafter "NCC"), offers an Associate in Arts (AA) in Social Work; and

WHEREAS, both ESU and NCC desire to facilitate the transfer of students from an AA in Social Work at NCC to the BS in Social Work program at ESU and avoid duplication of degree requirements where possible; and

WHEREAS, subject to the terms of this Agreement, a student who has earned the AA in Social Work at NCC shall be guaranteed admission to ESU.

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

a. **Minimum Qualifications.** In addition to the other requirements set forth in this Agreement, to be eligible for transfer from NCC to ESU under this Agreement, a student must:

- 1) Graduate from NCC with a minimum grade point average ("GPA") of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale);
- 2) Graduate from NCC with a minimum Major GPA of 2.5 (4.0 scale);
- 3) Submit an official final NCC transcript, at the student's own cost, indicating receipt of the AA in Social Work directly to the ESU Office of Admission prior to matriculating to ESU;
- 4) Enroll at ESU within one year of graduation from NCC;
- 5) Not attend another institution of higher education between the time they graduate from NCC and enroll at ESU;
- 6) Satisfy remaining pre-professional requirements during the next available scheduled summer session at ESU; and
- 7) Satisfy all conditions stated in this Agreement and all other regular ESU admission requirements.

b. **Admission of Transfer Student.** At the beginning of their final semester at NCC, the student must submit 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).

c. **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 the curriculum requirements in effect at ESU at the time of the student's enrollment into ESU's Social Work program and will thereafter comply with any changes to the curriculum.

d. **ESU Student Registration:** After acceptance into ESU, the student must register for courses in accordance with ESU's procedures. A process for advising prospective transfer students will be developed by ESU's Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice.

e. **Transfer Credits.** ESU will accept a total of 63 credits from NCC which include 54 credits in general education/pre-requisite, co-requisite and free electives, and 9 major credits, all with grades of "C" or better. Remedial/developmental courses are not transferable. The current accepted credits, as for the date of this Agreement, are detailed in Exhibit "A", attached hereto.

f. **ESU Transfer Advising.** Using "Exhibit A" as a guide, the ESU Social Work Department Chairperson or Academic Advisor will work with the ESU Registrar to ensure that all acceptable transfer course equivalencies listed in "Exhibit A" are applied towards the students ESU academic record.

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 Social Work Degree from the University.

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

i. **Discipline Policies.** While enrolled at either NCC or ESU, the student shall comply with each institution's discipline policies and requirements. However, the specific discipline policies/degree requirements in effect for the BS in Social Work Degree 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 admissions literature and as part of regular student recruitment, and to inform qualified students matriculating to 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 Agreement.

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

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

o. **Mutual Terms and Conditions:**

1) Term of Agreement: The term of this Agreement will be for five (5) years from the date of final execution by the parties and their respective legal counsel. This agreement may not exceed a period of five (5) years from the date of final execution.

2) Termination of 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 and have already been accepted into ESU's Social Work Program will be afforded the opportunity to enter ESU's BS in Social Work Program in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

3) 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, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), as well as the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

4) Interpretation of the Agreement: The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern the interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement.

5) Modification of Agreement: This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.

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

7) Liability: Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other for death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this Agreement. 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 Agreement. 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.


8) 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.

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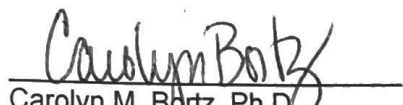
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date previously indicated.

FOR: The Northampton
Community College


FOR: East Stroudsburg University of
Pennsylvania


Mark H. Erickson, Ph.D., President

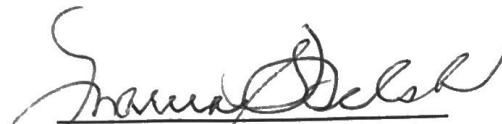
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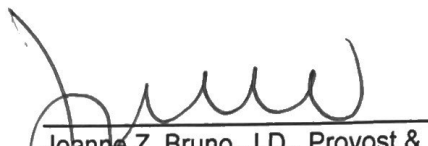
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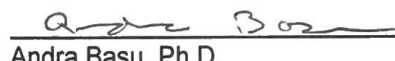
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Marcia Welsh, Ph.D., President

Date 12/18/2019


Joanne Z. Bruno, J.D., Provost &
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date 12.19.19


Andra Basu, Ph.D.
Dean College of Arts and Sciences

Date 12/19/19

Approved as to form and legality:

College Legal Counsel

Date _____

Ann St. Ledger
PASSHE Legal Counsel

Date _____

EXHIBIT A

Associate in Arts in Social Work at the Northampton Community College to Bachelor of Science in Social Work at East Stroudsburg University

Obligations of ESU: Upon receiving an AA Degree in Social Work from NCC, ESU accepts the following 63 credits towards the BS degree in Social Work. At this point, the student will be able to major in the BS in Social Work and receive credit for the following courses:

General Education, Pre-Requisite, Co-Requisite Equivalencies			
Northampton Community College		East Stroudsburg University	
Course Number	Credit	Course Number	Credit
BIOS 105 Contemporary Biology	4	BIOL 105 GN: General Biology	4
BIOS 130 Basics of Human Anatomy and Physiology	4	BIOL 111 GE: Human Anatomy & Physio	4
CMTH 102 Intro to Communication	3	CMST 111 GN: Intro to Communication	3
CISC 101 Intro to Computers	3	CPSC 100 GN: PCs and Their Uses	3
COLS 101 College Success	1	Elective 199	1
ENGL 101 English I	3	ENGL 103 English Composition	3
ENGL 151L English II	3	ENGL 162 GN: Intro to Literary Analysis & Interpretation	3
ENGL 2__G	3	ENGL 299 or articulate accordingly	3
HIST 163 American History II	3	HIST 143 GN: US History since 1877	3
MAT 150 Introductory Statistics	3	MATH 110 GN: Statistics	3
PHIL 202 Ethics & Moral Problems	3	PHIL 231 GN: Ethics	3
POLS 110 American National Gov't	3	POLS 120 GE: American Government	3
PSYC 103 Intro to Psychology	3	PSY 100 GN: General Psychology	3
PSYC 258 Developmental Psychology	3	PSY 225 GN: Lifespan Develop Psychology	3
SOCA 103 Principles of Sociology	3	SOC 111 GN: Intro to Sociology	3
SOCA 105 American Ethnicity	3	SOC 199 GE: American Ethnicity	3
SOCA 125 Sociology of Families	3	SOC 231 GN: Marriage and Family	3
SOCA 204 Social Problems	3	SOC 241 GN: Contemporary Social Problems	3
Major Course Equivalencies			
SOCA 102 Cultural Anthropology	3	SOC 102 GN: Intro to Cultural Diversity	3
SCWK 101 Intro to Social Work	3	SOSW 140 Found of Social Work Practice	3
SCWK 280 HBSE	3	SOC 331- HBSE	3
Total	63	Total	63

EXHIBIT A continued

Courses To Be Completed At ESU			
B.S. in Social Work			
First Semester		Second Semester	
ECON 111 Principles of Macroeconomics	3	GN: Arts & Letters (artistic expression)	3
SOC 254 Quantitative Analysis in Sociology	3	SOC310 Introduction to Social Welfare Policy & Services	3
SOC 331 Human Environment	3	SOC 312 Research Methods	3
SOSW 220 Contemporary Social Work Practice	3	SOSW 372 Social Work with Groups	3
SOSW 371 Social Work with Individuals & Families	3	SOSW 373 Social Work with Communities and Organizations	3
Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
		Free Elective (or minor/concentration)	3
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Social Work Elective	3	Social Work Elective	3
SOSW 483 Social Work Practice and Skills I	6	SOSW 484 Social Work Practice and Skills II	6
MINIMUM CREDITS NEEDED TO GRADUATE:			57