

**Program-To-Program Articulation Agreement
between
East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania
and
Northampton Community College**

AS Sports Medicine for ESU's BS Exercise Science

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 Degree in Exercise Science; and

WHEREAS Northampton Community College, located at 3538 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020 (hereinafter "NCC"), offers an AS Degree in Sports Medicine; and

WHEREAS, both ESU and NCC desire to facilitate the transfer of students from an AS Degree in Sports Medicine at NCC to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science 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 AS Degree in Sports Medicine at NCC shall be guaranteed admission to ESU.

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

- a. **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 quality point average ("GPA") of 2.75 (on a 4.0 scale);
 - 2) Graduate from NCC with a minimum Major GPA of 2.75 (4.0 scale);
 - 3) Enroll at ESU within one year of graduation from NCC;
 - 4) Not attend another institution of higher education between the time they graduate from NCC and enroll at ESU;
 - 5) Satisfy all conditions stated in this Agreement and all other regular ESU admission requirements
- b. **Admission of Transfer Student.** The student must submit a complete application for admission, an official final NCC transcript, indicating receipt of the AS Degree in Sports Medicine directly to the ESU Office of Admissions. Students are encouraged to apply well before the application deadline dates. (Please refer to University's most recent application for the applicable fall and spring transfer application deadline date)
- c. **Once Admitted to ESU:** Upon 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 Exercise Science 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 as directed in the acceptance letter.
- e. **Transfer Credits.** ESU will accept a total of 64 credits from NCC which include credits in general education/pre-requisite, co-requisite and free electives, all with grades of "C-" or better. 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 Department of Exercise Science Chairperson will ensure that all transfer course equivalencies listed in "Exhibit A" are applied.
- 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 Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science.
- h. **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.
- i. **NCC Advisement:** NCC agrees to advise NCC students regarding which courses will transfer under this Agreement for the Exercise Science major as well as General Education requirements that include, but are not limited to, coursework in the Humanities, Sciences, and Social Sciences.
 - a. **Coordination of Agreement:** Each institution will designate a representative who will coordinate the terms of this Agreement between the two institutions.
- j. **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.
- k. **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 Exercise Science Program will be afforded the opportunity to enter ESU's Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science 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) This Agreement shall not be 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.

9) 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.

[The remainder of this page has intentionally been left blank. Signature page follows.]

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

FOR: Northampton Community College

FOR: East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

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Mark H Erickson, Ph. D. President

Date 9/28/2021 | 1:53 PM EDT

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Date 10/7/2021

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University Legal Counsel

Date _____

EXHIBIT A

**AS in Sports Medicine at NCC
to
Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science at ESU**

Obligations of ESU: Upon receiving an AS Degree in Sports Medicine from NCC, ESU accepts the following 64 credits towards the BS degree in Exercise Science. At this point, he/she will be able to major in Exercise Science and receive credit for the following courses:

General Education, Pre-Requisite, Co-Requisite Equivalencies			
Northampton Community College		East Stroudsburg University	
NCC Course Number	Credit	ESU Course Number	Credit
COLS 101 College Success	1	FYE 100 First Year Experience	1
CMTH 102 Intro to Communication	3	CMST 111-GE Speech Communication	3
ENG 101 – English I	3	ENG 103 – English Composition	3
Math 140 – College Algebra	3	MATH 130-GE: Applied Algebraic Methods	3
SMAT 101- Foundations of Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Sciences	3	EXSC 100 – Intro to Exercise Science	3
SMAT 202 – Kinesiology Applied Anatomy	3	EXSC 202 – Kinesiology Applied Anatomy	3
BIOS 204- Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	BIOL 116/117 – Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
ENG 151L – English II	3	ENGL 199 – GE	3
MATH150 – Introductory Statistics	3	MATH 110 – GE: General Statistics	3
SMAT230 – Prevention and Management of Injury and Illness	3	ATEP 230 – Prevention and Management of Sport & Fitness Injuries	3
SMAT235 – Basic Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Sciences Techniques	1	ATEP 235 – Basic Athletic Training Lab	1
BIOS254- Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	BIOL 118/119 – Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
NUTR105 – Introduction to Nutrition	3	HLTH 299 - Elective	3
PSYC103 – Intro to Psychology	3	PSY 101 – General Psychology	3
SMAT280 – Measurement and Evaluation of the Lower Extremity	4	ATEP 299 – Departmental Elective	4
General Education Elective (AH)	3	General Education Elective	3
CHEM135 – Chemistry of Life	4	CHEM 115 – Chemistry Molecules and Life/Lab	4
PHYS101 – Physics I	4	PHYS 131 – Fundamental Physics I	4
SMAT245G – Acute Care of Illness and Injury	3	ATEP 240 – Acute Care Athletic Injuries	3

SMAT260 – Exercise Physiology & Exercise Prescription	3	EXSC 310 – Exercise Physiology I	3
SOCA102 – Cultural Anthropology	3	SOC 102 – Intro to Cultural Diversity	3
TOTAL	64	TOTAL	64

Junior Year at ESU			
Fall		Spring	
Course Number	Credit	Course Number	Credit
EXSC 342 – Power Training for Sport Performance	3	EXSC 447 – Sport Nutrition	3
EXSC 451 – Aerobic Fitness Workshop	2	EXSC 452 – Exercise and Weight Control Workshop	2
EXSC 453 – Reducing Coronary Workshop	2	EXSC 454 – Anaerobic Training Workshop	2
EXSC 230 – Personal Training Workshop	1	EXSC 311- Exercise Physiology II	3
EXSC 322 – Strength and Conditioning Training	3	EXSC 286- Early Internship	3
EXSC 330- Health Assessment and Programming	3	Elective	3
Elective	2		
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	16

Senior Year at ESU			
Fall		Spring	
Course Number	Credit	Course Number	Credit
EXSC 402 – Psychology of Sport and Exercise	3	EXSC 410 – Organization and Administration of Exercise and Wellness Programs	3
EXSC 431 – Analysis of Performance Skills	3	EXSC 445 – Seminar in Adult Fitness	3
Elective	3	EXSC 455 – Health/Fitness Specialist Workshop	1
Elective	3	EXSC 456 – Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist Workshop	1
		EXSC 486 – Field Experience and Internships	3
		Elective	1
TOTAL	12	TOTAL	12
		Minimum Total To Graduate	120