

Articulation Agreement

Bachelor of Arts in Public Health Degree Completion Program at Regis College

Between

Regis College
235 Wellesley Street
Weston, MA 02493

And

Northern Essex Community College
45 Franklin Street
Lawrence, MA 01840

**Associate Degree in General Studies: Health Specialization with
Ophthalmic Assistant Certificate**

Spring 2017

This Articulation Agreement (Agreement) is entered into by and between Regis College ("Regis") and Northern Essex Community College ("NECC"). Regis and NECC hereby agree as follows:

I. Transfer Admissions to Regis

- A. This Agreement establishes standards for admissions for NECC students who are seeking to transfer into the Regis Bachelor of Arts in Public Health degree completion program to be provided in the city of Lawrence, MA ("Regis North").
- B. Regis will admit NECC students who have:
 - 1. Earned a minimum Grade Point Average of 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) at NECC, and;
 - 11. Successfully completed all requirements for an Associates Degree in General Studies: Health Specialization from NECC with an Ophthalmic Assistant Certificate.

II. Transfer Credit

- A. Regis will award transfer credit to students for college-level courses successfully completed at NECC towards an Associate's Degree.
- B. Regis will not award transfer credit for non-credit or remedial courses. Regis has sole discretion in determining which courses/credits will not transfer in this manner.
- C. Exhibit A, attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference, provides a listing of courses students are expected to have taken at NECC to earn their Associate's Degree and the courses students must take at Regis to earn their Bachelor's Degrees in Public Health.

III. Academic Quality

It is agreed and understood that each party has the right and responsibility to make changes to its curricula and enrollment standards in order to maintain its academic integrity and meet accreditation standards. Such changes, if any, will be communicated in writing between the parties as they occur. NECC and Regis will work together in good faith to resolve any doubts or concerns regarding academic quality pursuant to this Agreement.

IV. Term and Termination

- A. This Agreement becomes effective as of the date of the signatures of both parties and is valid for ten (10) years from that date. This Agreement may be amended by written mutual agreement and may be terminated by either party with six (6) months' written notice to the other party.
- B. Either party, with a minimum of six (6) months written notice, may terminate this Agreement. At the time of termination, where an NECC student has been admitted to Regis or where NECC has notified Regis of a student's intent to transfer, the parties will continue to honor their commitments to such student pursuant to this Agreement.

V. Non-Discrimination

Both NECC and Regis subscribe to a policy of equal opportunity and will not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation or physical disability. Regis and NECC shall abide by these principles in the administration of this Agreement, and neither party shall impose criteria for participation in this arrangement which would violate the principles of non-discrimination.

VI. Notices

All notices sent pursuant to this Agreement shall be sent via regular and/or electronic mail to the following, unless the parties specify otherwise in writing:

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VII. Marketing and Intellectual Property

Any marketing materials or publications whether print or electronic, or other efforts used by either party pursuant to this Agreement to promote the system of guaranteed admissions must have the prior written approval from the other party before distribution or use. Neither party may use the other party's name, trademarks, or logos without prior written consent. The parties acknowledge that the respective intellectual property rights and interests of each party shall remain the exclusive property of each party.

VIII. Indemnification

To the extent allowed by law, each party hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party from and against any and all losses, damages, liabilities and other expenses of every kind and nature, including reasonable attorney's fees, sustained by or incurred by the indemnified party as a result of any debts, actions, causes of action, claims, suits, liabilities, obligations or damages whatsoever arising out of the indemnifying party's actions pursuant to this Agreement.

IX. Miscellaneous

- A. No Agency Relationship: Nothing in this Agreement is intended to or shall be construed to constitute or establish an agency, employer/employee, franchise, joint venture or fiduciary relationship between the parties. Neither party shall have the right or authority or shall hold itself out to have the right or authority to bind the other party, nor shall either party be responsible for the acts or omissions of the other except as provided specifically to the contrary herein.
- B. Entire Agreement and Amendment: This Agreement supersedes all previous contracts or agreements between the parties and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may be amended only in writing and executed by both parties.
- C. This is a stand-alone agreement.
- D. Severability: The invalidity of any provision of this Agreement will not affect the validity of any other provision or any other agreement, including the MOU between Regis and NECC.
- E. Assignment: This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party.
- F. Captions: Captions in this Agreement are for convenience only.
- G. Governing Law: This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts without regard to its conflict of laws principles.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has caused its duly appointed representatives to execute this Agreement on its behalf.

Regis College

 3/16/12
Date

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Exhibit A: Curriculum Guide

Regis Public Health Bachelor's Degree Requirements for Students Completing:

AA General Studies: Health Specialization Imbedded with the Ophthalmic Assistant Certificate

In order to graduate from Regis College with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Health, students must have a minimum of 120 credits, at least 30 of which must be taken at Regis College.

Years 1 & 2 at NECC			AA GS: Health Spec with imbedded Ophthalmic Certificate		
	Course Name	Credits		Course Name	Credits
ENG101	English Composition I	3	OPT101	Introduction to Ophthalmic Assisting	2
ENG102	English Composition II	3	OPT102	Ocular Anatomy and Physiology	2
HES 102	Learning Strategies for Success in Health care	3	OPT103	Introduction to Diseases of the Eye	2
HES103	RICCS: Preparing for Success in a Healthcare Career	1	OPT104	Ophthalmic Optics & Refractometry	2
HES 108	Intro to Health Services	3	OPT105	Ophthalmic Clinical Procee I	2
HES 115	Medical Terminology	3	OPT106	Basic Ophthalmic Pharmacology	2
HES201	Healthcare Law & Ethics	3	OPT107	Ophthalmic Clinical Practicum I	4
Science Requirements (2)	Pathway 1: choose one pathway BIO121 (Anatomy and Physiology I) <u>and</u> BIO 122 (Anatomy & Physio II) OR Pathway 2: BIO111 (Introduction to Biology) <u>or</u> BIO121 (Anatomy <u>and</u> Physiology I) & BIO220 (Microbiology)	8	OPT108	Ophthalmic Clinical Procedures I	2
Behavioral Science	PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3	OPT109	Ophthalmic Clinical Practicum II	4
Behavioral Science	SOC101 Introduction to Sociology	3			
Literature Elective	Literature Course	3			
Math Elective	MAT 125 Statistics	4			
History Elective/Govt	History course	3			
Humanities Elective	ART, DAN, MUS, THE, or NECC-recommended foreign language course	3			
Humanities Elective	PHI101 Introduction to Philosophy	3			
Free Elective	CHW101 Intro to Public Health	3			
Total Credits					65-69
Years 3 & 4 at Regis					
Course #	Course Name	Credits			
PBH-203	Introduction to Epidemiology	3			
PBH-206	Introduction to Global Health	3			
PBH-300	Health and the Environment	3			
PBH-303	Public Health Policy & Advocacy	3			
PBH-305	Public Health Leadership and Management	3			
PBH-307	Health and Society	3			
PBH-409	Public Health Internship I	3			
PBH-410	Public Health Internship II	3			
PBH-402	Developing a Public Health Program	3			
EN-329	Writing for the Community	3			
TBD	Research Methods	3			
TBD	Health Informatics	3			
Courses Required for Regis Core					
RS-309	Religious Hope & The Future	3			
Total Credits		39			
Additional Courses Needed to Complete the Bachelor's Degree (from any accredited institution)					
Electives*	3-6 courses			12-16	

* Electives can come from MA Transfer Block – doesn't matter what courses. The Aa General Studies: Health Specialization includes the Transfer Block, th only Bio, Stats & Intro to Public Health are needed as pre-requisites for Regis.

NECC-required credits	65-69
Regis-required credits	39
Additional required credits (from any accredited institution)	12-16
TOTAL CREDITS	120-122

NECC credits left: _____
 Regis credits left: _____
 Additional credits left: _____
 Total credits left: _____