

# The Commonwealth Commitment Participation Form



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## Commonwealth Commitment Participation Form Northern Essex Community College

### Dear Future College Graduate:

We are thrilled that you want to participate in the Massachusetts *MassTransfer* Commonwealth Commitment! The Commonwealth Commitment seeks to help you achieve college savings while you earn your degree.

By participating in a *MassTransfer* A2B Mapped Pathway, you may be eligible<sup>1</sup> to receive the following Commonwealth Commitment benefits:

- A freeze on tuition and mandatory fee rates at a Massachusetts public community college from the moment you enter the Commonwealth Commitment and a ten percent (10%) rebate off frozen community college tuition and mandatory fees at the end of every successfully completed semester.
- Upon transfer to a baccalaureate institution, a *MassTransfer* tuition credit, and a freeze on mandatory fee rates from the state university or University of Massachusetts (UMass) campus to which you transfer<sup>2</sup> and a ten percent (10%) rebate off frozen mandatory fees at the end of every successfully completed semester.

Carefully review the program details listed **on the back of this page**. Your academic advisor will help you determine if the Commonwealth Commitment is a good fit for you. More information, including a *Fact Sheet* and *Frequently Asked Questions*, is available at [www.mass.edu/macomcom](http://www.mass.edu/macomcom).

### Available *MassTransfer* A2B Mapped Pathways at the Community Colleges for Transfer to (Space Permitting):

#### State Universities & UMass (with completion of a 60-credit associate degree pathway)

- Art (Fine Arts, Graphic Design)
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Communications and Media Studies
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education
- Economics
- Elementary Education
- Engineering (Civil, Chemical, Electrical, Mechanical)
- English
- History
- Human Services/Social Work
- Liberal Arts
- Mathematics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- STEM Physical or Natural Sciences

#### Massachusetts Maritime Academy (with completion of a 45-credit MMA mapped pathway)

- Emergency Management
- Energy Systems Engineering
- Facilities Engineering
- International Maritime Business
- Marine Safety and Environmental Protection

#### Massachusetts College of Art and Design (with completion of the 30-credit MassArt mapped pathway)

- 3D Minor
- Animation
- Architectural Design
- Art Education – Art Teacher
- Art Education – Community Education
- Art Education – Studio Art
- Ceramics
- Fashion Design
- Fibers
- Film/Video
- Glass
- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Industrial Design
- Jewelry/Metalsmithing
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Studio and Interrelated Media

<sup>1</sup> Students must meet all eligibility criteria to receive benefits.

<sup>2</sup> Freeze reflects the tuition and mandatory fees rates in effect the year the student enters the program. For example: If a student enters the Commonwealth Commitment at Bunker Hill Community College in Fall 2020, that student will be charged the same rates while at BHCC. If the student transfers to UMass Boston in Fall 2022, the student will pay the mandatory fees rates at UMass Boston at their Fall 2020 rates for the next two years and get the *MassTransfer* tuition credit. This freeze does not include discretionary fees and non-mandatory fees.

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## STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name/Family	First Name	Middle Name	Other Name that may appear on official records	Date Form Completed	
Community College Student ID # (if known)	Date of Birth	Phone Numbers	Email Address (include campus email address)	Participation Form Start Term	Must complete Associate Degree by the end of
		( ) -		<input type="checkbox"/> Fall 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> Spring 2021	-- Fall 2022 -- Spring 2023
		( ) -			

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE INFORMATION

Community College		MassTransfer A2B Mapped Pathway	

## STATE UNIVERSITY OR UMASS INFORMATION

Intended MassTransfer Institution		Intended MassTransfer Major	
Alternate Choice MassTransfer Institution		Intended MassTransfer Major	

### Participant Checklist

- Massachusetts resident eligible for in-state tuition under the terms of the Board of Higher Education's residency policy.
- Student who has a high school diploma or its equivalent.
- Student who has earned no more than 15 college-level credits (excluding developmental course work). This requirement does not pertain to any dual enrollment coursework taken while enrolled in high school.

### Eligibility Requirements

1. At the **community college**:
  - a. Enroll in at least 12 college-level credits per semester at the same community college.
  - b. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above (not including developmental course work).
  - c. Enroll as a degree-seeking student in an approved *MassTransfer* A2B Mapped Pathway (continuous Fall/Spring semesters).
  - d. Complete a *MassTransfer* A2B Mapped associate degree within two and a half years of submitting the Participation Form<sup>3</sup>.
2. **When transferring to a baccalaureate institution**:
  - a. Enroll in at least 14 college-level credits per semester at the same institution (additional forms may be required for admission and students should read all institutional correspondence).
  - b. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above (not including developmental course work).

Massachusetts State University or UMass Campus:	Massachusetts Maritime Academy: (May require more than 120 total credits to graduate) <sup>3</sup>	Massachusetts College of Art/Design: (May require more than 120 total credits to graduate) <sup>3</sup>
c. Immediately following completion of a <i>MassTransfer</i> A2B Mapped associate degree, enroll as a degree-seeking student in a <i>MassTransfer</i> A2B Mapped major (continuous Fall/Spring semesters). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Additional forms may be required for admission; students should read correspondence sent from the institution.</i></li> </ul> d. Complete a bachelor's degree within two years of transferring (except for Education programs).	c. 1.5 years (45 credits) after submitting the Participation Form at the community college, enroll as a degree-seeking student in a <i>MassTransfer</i> A2B Mapped major (continuous Fall/Spring semesters) <sup>3</sup> . d. Complete a bachelor's degree within three years of transferring.	c. 1 year (30 credits) after submitting the Participation Form at the community college, enroll as a degree-seeking student in a <i>MassTransfer</i> A2B Mapped major (continuous Fall/Spring semesters) <sup>3</sup> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Students must submit a portfolio as part of the acceptance criteria.</i></li> </ul> d. Complete a bachelor's degree within three and a half years of transferring. e. Students must enroll during the Fall semester.

<sup>3</sup> If intending to transfer to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy or the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, students must transfer prior to earning an associate degree at the community college and reverse transfer credits back to the community college to complete an associate degree.  
**Please NOTE:** Students must maintain all eligibility requirements to remain eligible for the program.

I understand that, by signing below, I consent to the release of the information that I have provided above, including my campus email address, and my academic information, to the institution(s) to which I intend to transfer.

Signature		Date	
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY - DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE			
Participation Form Reviewed by		Date	
Participation Form Entered into Student Record by		Date	