

**DUAL ADMISSION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Preface

1. Northampton Community College ("NCC") and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania ("BU") enter into this Dual Admission Agreement to facilitate the transfer of NCC students to BU.
2. This agreement does not pertain to the following BU majors Medical Imaging, American Sign Language and Engineering 3+2.
3. Under the Dual Admissions Agreement, NCC students will be guaranteed admissions into a Bachelor's Degree program with third year (junior) status at BU on the conditions that the major is not at capacity and they meet the following criteria:
 - Complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form with a BU application for the target semester by the beginning of their third semester at NCC (or before completing 30 credits);
 - Graduate from NCC with an Associate Degree and meet (for their major of interest at BU) either 1) the Statewide Program to Program Articulation Agreement standards as specified in TAOC OR 2) the specific NCC and BU Program to Program Articulation Agreement standards with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. If applying to an Education major at Bloomsburg, NCC graduates will be required to hold a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.
 - Satisfy all other BU transfer requirements to the major including preferred GPA requirements.
 - Enroll at BU within one year of NCC graduation.
 - Do not attend another institution between the times the student graduates from NCC and commencement of enrollment at BU.

A full-time student admitted with third year (junior) status to BU should be able to complete a Bachelor's Degree at BU within four regular semesters provided that the student completes the appropriate Associate Degree program requirements at NCC and completes and appropriately sequences his or her remaining required course work at BU. Exceptions to this are programs with extended internships and clinical experiences and majors for which critical sequential requirements are not offered at NCC. NCC students interested in seeking admission to BU are strongly encouraged to speak with BU's admission representative and/or the major academic department to ensure that they are aware of any course-specific academic expectations for their major of interest.

4. BU agrees to do the following:
 - Waive the admissions application fee.
 - Accept NCC courses for transfer as specified by BU's general transfer policy. A Web link to this policy and general BU transfer information can be found at <http://www.pacollege-transfer.com/BloomsburgUniversityofPennsylvania/TransferProfile/tabid/261/Default.aspx>. Some BU majors require a higher level of academic success in specific classes than specified in the general policy above.
 - Send a conditional letter of acceptance to all NCC students who are eligible for admission to BU under this agreement.
 - Ensure that when NCC dual admission students matriculate at Bloomsburg they will have the same rights and privileges of other BU students.
5. At least 30 of the last 45 semester hours credited toward a bachelor degree must be earned at BU. At least 50% of the credits in the major discipline (excluding cognate courses) must be earned at BU.

6. NCC graduates entering BU under the terms of this agreement enter through BU's transfer process and therefore must meet all applicable BU requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission (including admission into specific majors), orientation, registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof, which apply to all BU students.
7. The Dual Admissions Agreement becomes effective the date of the final signature on the documents, and will remain in effect for a maximum period of five (5) years.

Obligations of Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

To facilitate the transfer of NCC graduates to BU in accordance with the foregoing guarantee, the parties agree to the following:

1. To attend regularly scheduled recruitment programs at NCC. BU will provide NCC with "Dual Admission Intent" forms and fact sheets to distribute upon request.
2. To invite NCC students who have completed a "Dual Admissions Intent" form to information/advising meetings with BU faculty and/or staff on a regular basis in order to facilitate smooth curricular and co-curricular integration to BU.
3. To send a BU letter of admission to all NCC students who complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form and meet the conditions set forth in the Preface. Students must confirm their intention to matriculate at BU by June 1st for the fall semester, and by November 1st for the spring semester, and satisfy all other regular BU admission requirements. Students should be aware that high-demand BU majors may be at capacity early in this cycle and therefore NCC students intending to matriculate in these high-demand majors should contact the BU admission office early in their final semester at NCC. NCC students who complete a "Dual Admissions Intent" form will be governed by the BU requirements in effect at the time of signing the "Dual Admissions Intent" form.
4. To provide NCC with copies of all promotional literature published about the dual admission agreement.

Obligations of Northampton Community College

1. To publicize this agreement to prospective and current NCC students in its promotional literature, and to make special arrangements for BU recruiters and advisors to visit NCC to meet with prospective and current Dual Admissions students.
2. To provide BU with copies of the signed Intent to Enroll form.
3. To provide BU with copies of all promotional literature published about the dual admission agreement.

Joint Obligations

1. To consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this agreement and to keep each other informed of any other changes of policy or curricula that affect those students. Both BU and NCC will review this agreement annually and make any changes upon mutual agreement as needed. Such changes will become effective when both NCC and BU sign the revised document.

2. To collaborate in providing students with academic advising and information about this agreement, BU academic requirements, and the process of transferring to BU.
3. To develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of dual admission.
4. To exchange data and documents annually that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this agreement in order to enhance the transfer process and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions. These will consist of data about individual transfer students, including admissions information and grades, retention information, and reports on the results of program reviews, assessments of student learning, and decisions of curricular and other committees. The institutions will exchange data after obtaining appropriate permission from the students as indicated on the Dual Admissions Form.
5. To facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between their faculties related to this agreement, general education, degree requirements, and other academic matters.
6. The Institution of Record will be NCC for the student who has not yet attained the associate degree and BU for the student who has completed the associate degree.
7. To provide direct links between BU and NCC web sites.
8. To designate a representative or representatives from each institution who will coordinate the Dual Admission Agreement between the two institutions.

Revisions, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement

BU and NCC are responsible for identifying, and communicating to each other changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this agreement.

This agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing. It will be reviewed annually by the appropriate parties at each institution, and will be renewed automatically for a maximum total term of five years or until the agreement is formally terminated. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to BU under the terms of this agreement.

The willingness of both institutions to enter this agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from NCC into BU, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures.

This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between BU and NCC regarding the subject matter herein and supersedes any prior written agreement, oral understanding or any other representation or statement between the parties regarding this subject matter. No modifications, alterations, changes, or waiver to this agreement shall be valid unless accomplished by a written amendment signed by both parties.

The undersigned representatives of the parties, Northampton Community College and Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania have executed this agreement on the dates indicated:

For Northampton Community College:

Mark Erickson 1/14/15
Mark Erickson Date
President

For Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania:

David Soltz 2/13/15
David Soltz Date
President

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Chief Counsel, Date
Northampton Community College

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Jim Turner 3-25
University Legal Counsel Date
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