

**GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT**

between

**BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

and

**NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

for

**Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership Degree Program**

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016, between Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education and Northampton Community College.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises hereinafter expressed and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties agree as follows:

**INTRODUCTION**

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and Northampton Community College agree to establish this program-to-program guaranteed admissions agreement whereby students who complete the requirements for an Associate of Arts (A.A) Degree, Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree, or Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree and meet the admission requirements as stated in this agreement may enter the fifth semester with at least full junior standing in Bloomsburg University's Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership (BAS-TL) Degree Program. The purposes of this agreement are:

1. To demonstrate the establishment of a seamless Program to Program guaranteed admissions agreement that involves the participating community college and a 4-year Bachelor Degree granting institution.
2. To enable qualified graduates of Northampton Community College to build upon their education and training by earning a baccalaureate degree.
3. To enable Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania to attract a more diverse population of students to the Technical Leadership program.
4. To enable community college graduates to obtain a quality education at a low cost, and, in doing so, provide the Commonwealth with qualified technical leaders.
5. To ensure recognition of the continuity of academic progress and transferability of credits between two-year and four-year programs.

## **PROCEDURES**

Northampton Community College (hereinafter referred to as “NCC”) agrees to publicize this guaranteed admissions agreement to prospective students in NCC admissions literature and as part of regular student recruitment, and inform qualified students matriculating at NCC of the opportunity for admission to Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (hereinafter referred to as Bloomsburg University) under the terms of this agreement.

The following items are the responsibility of students participating in the guaranteed admissions program:

1. Complete an Associate of Arts (A.A.) Degree, Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree, or an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree at NCC with a GPA of 2.0 or greater.
2. At the time of application to Bloomsburg University, provide official high school transcripts or GED and official transcripts of all college courses taken up to and including the previous semester. The application fee will be waived.
3. Upon receiving the associate degree, NCC students are responsible for providing a final official transcript to Bloomsburg University.
4. Students must pay Bloomsburg University tuition and fees when completing Bloomsburg University courses.

The following items will apply to all matriculated students who have earned the appropriate A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. degree at NCC:

1. A block transfer of 60 credits will be accepted from NCC for graduates of A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. majors to Bloomsburg University Bachelor of Applied Science in Technical Leadership major. Additional courses not used to satisfy requirements the A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. degree will be evaluated for transfer credit on a course-by-course basis. Credits earned at a college or institution which does not hold accreditation by a regional accrediting body will not transfer.
2. Bloomsburg University recognizes the A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. degree may be certified and confirmed by the completion of community college courses, dual admission credits, transfer course credits, life experience portfolio credits, developmental course credits, credits from courses with grades below ‘C’, articulated credits from Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, CLEP testing, AP courses, military training credits and any other courses or learning elements that have been accepted by the community college as meeting the requirements for their A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. degree.
3. Bloomsburg University assumes the A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. degree graduate has fulfilled thirty (30) General Education Points (GEP’s) reflective of MyCore, Bloomsburg University’s General Education program. Students will fulfill their remaining ten (10) GEP’s earned through the required fifteen (15) courses in the BAS-TL program. These

points will be earned by the prescribed courses that have been identified and delivered in the program by the Department of Instructional Technology, to meet the graduation requirements for the BAS-TL major.

4. For students entering the Bachelor of Applied Science degree with an A.A. or an A.S. degree, these additional five (5) courses or fifteen (15) credits of coursework will be career-oriented focused through consultation with their Bloomsburg University advisor. For students entering the Bachelor of Applied Science degree with an A.A.S. degree, these additional five (5) courses or fifteen (15) credits will be completed through General Education coursework. A.A.S. graduates should complete at least one course in the following areas: mathematics, natural science and public speaking. Bloomsburg University encourages students to take these five (5) courses at their community college.
5. Community College courses that are completed to fulfill the 15 General Education or career-oriented coursework credits while enrolled in the BAS-TL program are, as such, part of the BAS-TL curriculum. Courses completed at the community college with a grade below a 'C' will be accepted in the same manner as a resident student on the Bloomsburg University campus. Procedurally, this approach applies the same standards to students in our off-campus BAS-TL programs that are applied to students who are resident at the Bloomsburg University main campus.
6. Students who elect to change their major at Bloomsburg University will receive a new transfer evaluation using the standard course-by-course method of evaluation.

#### **CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT**

1. Each institution will identify an appropriate contact person who will monitor compliance with the terms of this agreement.
2. The term of this agreement shall be five (5) years commencing when all applicable signatures are obtained.
3. Either institution may withdraw from the Agreement upon written notification of the other, except that commitments already in effect for students who have applied to Bloomsburg University will be honored. In the event of a substantial breach such as a lack of response to requests for information or a lack of adequate participation, either party may terminate this agreement.
4. The relationship of the parties to this contract shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
5. Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities as a result of this agreement. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit Bloomsburg University's rights, claims or defenses, which arise as a

matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education or Bloomsburg University.

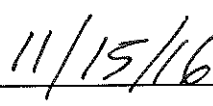
6. This agreement represents the understanding between the parties at this time.
7. This agreement can be modified only in writing with the same formality as the original agreement.
8. This agreement shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed pursuant to due and legal action authorizing the same to be done the date first written above.

**For Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania:**

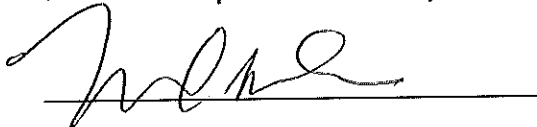


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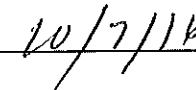


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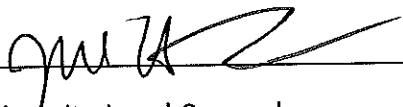


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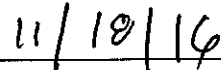


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**For Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education:**



University Legal Counsel



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