



MASSACHUSETTS INDEPENDENT COLLEGE TRANSFER GUARANTEE

IMPLEMENTATION CONVENING:
MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

September 30, 2020



Agenda

1. Updates
2. Massachusetts Guarantee Memorandum of Agreement Discussion
3. Presentation: Articulation of Transfer Credit in Practice
 - Presenters: Dan Connelly (Suffolk University), Arielle Morton (Dean College), and Kate Stano (Springfield College)
 - Moderated Q&A
4. Next Steps
 - Deadline to submit: October 30, 2020

NEBHE Massachusetts Guarantee Updates

- CollegeSource (TES and Transferology Agreement)
- Updated NEBHE websites
 - Internal resource site
 - Forward facing Massachusetts Guarantee site at nebhe.org/the-guarantee
- MA Guarantee landing page (permanent home)
- Marketing and outreach development

Memorandum of Agreement Discussion

- Outline of sections
- Roles and Responsibilities
 - Participating Institution
 - Designated Guarantee Coordinator & Cross Functional Team Form
- Articulation of Transfer
 - Student Eligibility Criteria
 - Features and Benefits to Students
 - Recommended Transfer Articulation Guidelines
 - Recommended Transfer Credit Policy
 - Institution Specific Transfer Policies Form
 - Massachusetts Guarantee Pathway Identification Form
 - Internal implementation process document

MOA: Additional Sections

- Institutional Incentives and Financial Aid
- Student Advising
- Promotion
- Data Collection and Reporting
- Terms and Withdrawal Provisions
- Other Provisions
- Impact on Other Articulation Agreements
- Signatories



ARTICULATION OF TRANSFER CREDIT IN PRACTICE

Suffolk University - Dan Connolly

Springfield College - Dr. Kate Stano

Dean College - Arielle Morton



SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY TRANSFER: CREDIT REVIEW PROCESS

- Credit review handled by Admissions Office. Faculty consulted in art and design and upper level major specific courses.
- No credit awarded for 300 level Business courses.
- Most course equivalencies from MA community colleges are saved in Colleague software. Auto-fill when adding the course to a student record.
- Will use TES in cases where courses have not been seen before or if course numbers change.
- Merit Award: GPA of 3.0 or higher, you're guaranteed a merit scholarship grants you at least 33 percent off Suffolk tuition (a minimum of \$15,000).

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY: GENERAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION BLOCK

- Suffolk's core curriculum for the College of Arts and Sciences is 53-54 credits. Waivers and substitutions are awarded to students with the General Ed Foundation completed.
- Students are sometimes left with one or two courses remaining in the block due to the course selection in the program.
- No specific mapped pathways for majors are available at this time.
- Suffolk accepts up to 75 credits in Transfer.
- Final Transcript required showing block completed.

DEAN COLLEGE: TRANSFER CREDIT REVIEW PROCESS

- Credit review handled by Admissions, the Registrar's Office & often faculty for performing arts majors.
- 90 credits towards a Bachelor's Degree & 30 towards an associate degree.
- Courses with a grade of a C- or better.
- Official college transcript needed.
- Utilize unofficial copies for unofficial evaluations pre and post acceptance.
- Place students in contact with their Career & Success Advisors.
- Currently implementing the Transferology system from CollegeSource.
- Began linking standard equivalencies in Colleague.
- Students transferring in 45+ credits receive an additional \$3,000 Transfer Achievement Award and associate degree holders receive additional \$5,000 Transfer Achievement Scholarship.

DEAN COLLEGE: GENERAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION BLOCK

- Transfer Agreements with certain community colleges (certain majors per school) where a student with a 2.0 or higher will be accepted (depending on transfer student status report) and will not need to complete lower-level courses in gen ed's or in major (provided they do not change major).
- We will accept the **34**-credit general education foundation from any Massachusetts community college.
- Must complete 50% of the credits required for their major at Dean.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE: TRANSFER CREDIT REVIEW PROCESS

- Credit review handled by Academic Advising, with input from faculty when needed (for accepted students).
- No portfolios required for admissions to any program.
- We accept up to 75 credits total--doesn't matter how they're split.
- All courses transfer if associate's degree is earned. If not, C- or higher.
- All official college transcripts needed.
- Utilize unofficial copies for unofficial evaluations pre acceptance.
- Place students in contact with faculty or Academic Advising if they have "deeper" questions.
- Utilize TES for course evaluation and store historical equivalencies in CX.
- Merit scholarships (\$18-24K), Director's Award (\$12K), and PTK scholarship (\$3,500).

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE: GENERAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION BLOCK

- Will waive outstanding general education requirements with associate's degree earned in the last decade.
- Working with a short list of eligible majors, we will develop equivalency sheets for participating majors, using the MassTransfer pathway documents.

Question and Answer: TRANSFER ARTICULATION IN PRACTICE

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Submission Process & Next Steps

- Discussions on campus
- Submission and Promotion
 1. Submit signed MOA to Emily by 10/30/20
 2. A counter-signed copy will be returned
 3. Institution-level development of transfer practices, promotion and enrollment of students in the Massachusetts Guarantee