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.
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.
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