

# ***TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT***

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**North Shore Community College**

**and**

**University of Massachusetts Lowell**

**Paralegal Associate in Science Degree**

**to**

**Criminal Justice, Legal Studies Minor, Bachelor of Science Degree**

*Spring 2014*

## **Statement of Purpose**

This Agreement is formed to enable the smooth transfer of North Shore Community College graduates of the Paralegal (PAD) program to University of Massachusetts Lowell Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Legal Studies Minor.

The purpose of this agreement is to provide smooth transition between the two academic programs by identifying all required and equivalent courses for the relevant programs at each institution; and facilitating credit transfer and guarantee of admission for students who meet the agreed upon criteria.

## **Programs/courses included in this agreement**

- A. The North Shore Community College **Paralegal Associate in Science Degree Program** will be accepted in full toward the **Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Legal Studies Minor** at University of Massachusetts Lowell.
- B. Specified coursework included in the Paralegal Associate Science degree will be accepted and applied towards required coursework and electives in the Criminal Justice, Legal Studies Minor, Bachelor of Science degree as stipulated in the attached **Appendix A**.

## **Terms and Conditions of Transfer:**

- A. Students who graduate from the NSCC Paralegal Associate in Science degree with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher will be guaranteed admission into the Criminal Justice, Legal Studies Minor, Bachelor of Science degree under the terms of this agreement.
- B. All Transfer students must enroll in and successfully complete at least one legal studies course at UMass Lowell, at the 300 or 400 level, for full minor status.
- C. 60/61 (could be 61, if Lab Science completed at NSCC) credits of the Associate in Science degree will be accepted by University of Massachusetts Lowell and be applied to the Bachelor of Science degree.
- D. All coursework from the sending program must be completed with grades of "C-" or better in order to transfer.
- E. NSCC students who do not meet the aforementioned standards will be considered for admission to University Massachusetts Lowell on a case-by-case basis.

## ***Communications and Advising***

Communication and advising is central to effective transfer/articulation. Recognizing this:

- A. The institutions agree to include information about this articulation agreement in relevant publications for the purposes of promotion and advising;
- B. The institutions agree to jointly develop appropriate transfer guides and make these available to students and advisors as appropriate;
- C. The institutions agree to notify each other promptly, in writing, of substantive changes in curricula that might affect the Agreement.

## ***Implementation and Length of agreement***

- A. North Shore Community College and University of Massachusetts Lowell agree that this Agreement becomes effective Spring, 2014.
- B. This agreement will remain in effect for 3 years from the date above unless terminated or amended by either party with prior written notice.
- C. This Agreement does not preclude either college from entering into similar agreements with other institutions of higher education.

**Signatures of appropriate institutional leaders and representatives**

North Shore Community College

University of Massachusetts Lowell

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Dr. Patricia Gentile,  
President

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Martin T. Meehan,  
Chancellor

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Dr. Karen Hynick,  
Vice President, Academic Affairs

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Ahmed Abdelal,  
Provost

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Ellen O'Donnell,  
Dean of Human Services

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Luis M. Falcón, Ph.D  
Dean, College of Fine Arts,  
Humanities, & Social Sciences

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Kathleen Hirbour,  
Program Coordinator, Paralegal Program

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Eve Buzawa, Ph.D.  
Chair, Dept. of Criminal Justice

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Susan Curry  
Director, College Articulations

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Gerald J. Durkin,  
Associate Dean of Enrollment  
and Director of Transfer Admissions

## APPENDIX A

### North Shore Community College & University of Massachusetts Lowell Articulation from AS Paralegal to BS Criminal Justice, Legal Studies Minor

<b>Course#</b>	<b>NSCC Course</b>	<b>Cr</b>	<b>Course #</b>	<b>UMass Lowell Course</b>	<b>Cr</b>
CMP101	Composition 1	3	42.101	College Writing 1	3
PLG101	Intro to Law & Paralegal Practice	3	41.261	Intro to Legal Concepts (Minor Course Requirement #1)	3
PLG102	Legal Research	3	41.299	Legal Studies 200 Elective (Minor Course Requirement #2)	3
PLG104	Basic Criminal Law & Procedure	3	44.234	Criminal Law (CJ Core Requirement)	3
GOV104	State & Local Govt. in America	3	46.265	State & Local Politics (Social Science Requirement)	3
CMP104	Composition 2 Intro to Lit	3	42.102	College Writing II	3
CPS100	Into Tech & Its Applications	3	90.160	Intro to Info Sys (Language/ Computer Skills Requirement)	3
PLG106	Legal Writing	3	41.287	Legal Writing (Minor Course Requirement #3)	3
PLG202	Litigation	3	41.299	Legal Studies 200 Elective (Free Elective #1)	3
ACC101 or ACC108	Basic Accounting or Financial Accounting	3	60.199 or 60.201	Accounting 100 Elective or Acct/Financial(Free Elective #2)	3
BUS102	Business Law	3	41.262	Business Law(Free Elective #3)	3
LIT202-216	Advanced Literature Elective	3	42._____	Literature (Art & Hum Requirement)	3
PLG-Elective	Recommend: Humanities Elec.	3		A&H Requirement	3
PLG201	Estates & Trusts	3	41.299	Legal 200 Elect. (Free Elec. #4)	3
RES104	Real Estate Law	3	41.299	Legal 200 Elect. (Free Elec. #5)	3
OPN Elective	Recommend: SS Elective, Science w/ Lab or MAT143	3/4		Social Science, Sciences or Math Requirement	3/4
PLG203	Business Organizations	3	41.299	Legal Studies 200 Elective (Free Elective #6)	3
PLG204	Family Law	3	41.376	Family Law (Minor Course Requirement #4) <b>*Exception form must be completed.</b>	3
PLG206	Field Placement for Paralegal	3	41.497	The Paralegal Practicum (Minor Course Requirement #5) <b>*Exception form must be completed.</b>	3
SPE102/104	Speech or Small Group Communication	3	42.222 or 42.199	Oral Communication or English 100 Elective (Art & Hum Req.)	3
	<b>Total Credits Required</b>	<b>60/61</b>		<b>Total Credits Transferred</b>	<b>60/61</b>