



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THE CCSNH & PSU BLOCK TRANSFER PROGRAM

The Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) and Plymouth State University (PSU) recognize the value of partnering to provide students seeking higher education a variety of accessible pathways toward achieving their goals.

Participating in the CCSNH & PSU Block Transfer Program allows qualified students to complete an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts at any of the CCSNH colleges and move seamlessly to PSU.

PSU will honor at minimum 60 credits earned from an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts as fulfilling PSUs General Education requirements, plus applicable electives, with the possible exception of any course required by the major. This program guarantees qualified students entry to PSU via any of the CCSNH colleges in a supportive and transparent pathway that will strengthen accessibility to higher education. In all of its policies and procedures the program will aim toward simplicity, efficiency, and affordability for participating students.

It is recognized that this program is a new initiative that benefits New Hampshire students and their families, in alignment with both institution's missions. As such, it is understood that the provisions of this agreement will continuously improve and evolve under the guidance and oversight of a CCSNH/PSU and points-of-contact will be the Chief Operating Officer at CCSNH (Charles Ansell) and the Associate Director of Enrollment Management at PSU (Matthew Wallace). At any time, if another PSU program wants to join this agreement all that is required is for appropriate curriculum approvals at both institutions, steering committee approval, and an updated and signed MOU that is shared with both institutions. Such modifications would be in addition to the fulfillment of general education requirements and applicable electives already encompassed for all Associate in Liberal Arts students, as described above.

### PROGRAM ELEMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS:

- Single application (fee waived) completed with any CCSNH college and shared with PSU.
- Academic advising to make sure students know the terms and conditions of the program and to start and stay on track.
- Completion of an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts at a CCSNH college with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
- Programming during the CCSNH enrollment period preparing students for transition to PSU.
- Sharing and exchange of information where appropriate with metrics to measure success.

#### **ACADEMIC POLICIES:**

- 1. Students entering Plymouth will follow the admission procedures for transfer students as outlined in the Academic Catalog for their entering academic year.
- 2. Academic policies and regulations as specified in the entering academic year Plymouth State University Academic Catalog will apply to all students accepted from throughout CCSNH.

#### AGREEMENT PERIOD:

 This Transfer Agreement takes immediate effect and will remain in effect until a written notification is sent from either party to the other party to the addresses indicated below. At the time the written notification is sent, both institutions will indicate how students currently in the pipeline will be handled. This program will be available for entry immediately and will be available to students enrolled at any of the CCSNH colleges.

## PSU and CCSNH's RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. Annual review, including but not limited to, assessment of participation rates, policies and procedures effectiveness and ultimate student transfer success. The annual review will take place in October each year and will be conducted by the CCSNH/PSU and points-of-contact.
- CCSNH will promote this transfer agreement with all Liberal Arts students earning an Associate
  Degree in Liberal Arts. PSU will promote this transfer agreement with all prospective students during
  recruitment travel who demonstrate interest in beginning their collegiate education at a community
  college.

The success of this program requires close collaboration between CCSNH and PSU, and we pledge the administrative resources necessary to support this program's success. The efficacy of the program will be monitored on an ongoing basis, with periodic updates to each system and institution and a more comprehensive annual report.

Participating colleges include: CCSNH
Great Bay Community College
Lakes Region Community College
Manchester Community College
Nashua Community College
NHTI — Concord's Community College
River Valley Community College
White Mountains Community College

White Mountains Community College
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**Community College** 

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**Authorized Signer:** 

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