Articulation Agreement between

Northern Essex Community College

And

Northeastern University College of Professional Studies

This articulation agreement (this "Agreement") dated September 12, 2017 is between NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE, a public institution of higher education, formed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its principal office located at 100 Elliott Street in Haverhill, Massachusetts (hereafter referred to as "NECC"), and NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY on behalf of the COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its principal office at 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA (hereafter referred to as "CPS").

It is agreed by and between NECC and CPS for the mutual consideration and covenants herein contained as follows:

1. This Agreement states and memorializes opportunities NECC students may have to transfer credits and experiences earned at NECC into existing CPS degree programs. This Agreement neither creates new programs nor modifies the terms and conditions of existing programs at NECC and/or CPS.

2. NECC students who successfully complete their degree programs at NECC are eligible for admission into CPS baccalaureate degree program, subject to and in accordance with the limitations and procedures set forth in the Agreement and Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated herein. All reference to standards will be those published in the respective current catalog of each institution and other applicable materials published by each institution.

3. NECC graduates who successfully complete a NECC associate degree program with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale are eligible for admission to CPS to pursue a baccalaureate degree. CPS retains the right to make the final decision on each student’s application.

4. Upon acceptance into a CPS baccalaureate degree program, NECC graduates are subject to all requirements and other published standards issued by CPS, as may be amended from time to time in the sole discretion of CPS.
5. NECC graduates who complete a CPS baccalaureate degree with a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale as part of this Agreement are eligible for admission into a CPS graduate degree and certificate program. CPS retains the right to make the final decision on each student’s application.

6. As a Service members Opportunity Colleges (SOC) member, CPS agrees to award up to 75% of transfer credits toward a baccalaureate degree and 70% toward a master’s degree for active service members.

7. The Admissions Offices, Transfer Staff, or other appropriate offices or designees of both institutions agree that they will communicate at the beginning of each fall term to discuss recruiting, entrance requirements, and any other concerns that either may have about the affiliation. Other communications between them may be scheduled as needs arise. Each party agrees that it will communicate as soon as possible to the other party of any changes to its programs that will impact the Agreement. Each institution shall provide the other with advance copies of any written materials that it publishes to describe the terms of this Agreement.

8. NECC and CPS shall
   a. Not provide materials or information or make any promotion or other communication about the affiliation relevant to the other party to any person without the prior written consent of the other party in each case.
   b. Obtain written approval from the other party in each case prior to using any name or logo of the other party ("Northeastern University," "College of Professional Studies," or the "Lowell Institute School" or "Northern Essex Community College") on any advertising, marketing, promotional or fundraising materials.

9. NECC shall permit CPS to obtain written verification, if necessary, from NECC of an applicant’s eligibility for course credit transfer under this Agreement in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

10. This Agreement shall continue until terminated by either party. Either institution may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, provided that the terminating institution has given the other institution written notice at least 90 days prior to the effective date of such termination and further provided that no such termination shall adversely affect any student attending or accepted by CPS by virtue of the terms of this Agreement. In the event that the said Agreement is not terminated, it will automatically be extended year by year.

11. The parties agree that this Agreement embodies all of the agreements made by and between them and supersedes any prior agreements and the understanding with regards to the acceptance of NECC students into CPS and that any modifications or amendments thereof must be in writing executed by both parties in order to be effective. The Agreement is being executed within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the parties agree that this Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of said Commonwealth.
12. All notices or other communications made or given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be
deemed made or given upon receipt, or three business days after deposits in the U.S. Mail, in an
envelope, postage prepaid, registered or certified mail, and addressed as follows:

If to NECC:
President
Northern Essex Community College
100 Elliott Street
Haverhill, MA 01843

With copy to:
Dean of Academic Support Services,
Articulation and Transfer
Northern Essex Community College
100 Elliott Street
Haverhill, MA 01843

If to CPS:
Dean
Northeastern University
College of Professional Studies
40 BV
360 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115

With copy to:
Office of General Counsel
Northeastern University
378 Columbus Place
Boston, MA 02115

EXECUTED AS OF THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

NORTHERN ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BY: [Signature]
PRINT: Lane Glenn, Ph.D.
TITLE: President
DATE: 9/1/17

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF
PROFESSIONAL STUDIES
BY: [Signature]
PRINT: Mary Loeffelholz, Ph.D.
TITLE: Dean
DATE: November 7, 2017

BY: [Signature]
PRINT: Judy Zubrow, Ph.D.
TITLE: Acting Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs
DATE: 9/22/17
Appendix A

Additional Terms and Conditions of the Articulation Agreement:

1. To be considered for the College of Professional Studies, Northern Essex Community College students must:
   a. Successfully complete the associate degree at Northern Essex Community College with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5. To gain admission to a CPS graduate degree program under this Agreement, students must graduate with a CPS baccalaureate degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0.
   b. Submit a completed online application and required supporting credentials to the College of Professional Studies by the posted term entry deadline.
   c. At its discretion, CPS will evaluate courses with a grade of C or better for transfer credit toward the baccalaureate degree. Courses designated as remedial or developmental are non-transferable. Science and technology courses completed more than seven years prior to the application date may be considered for transfer at the discretion of the CPS program director.

2. The College of Professional Studies reserves the right to rescind an offer of acceptance if student is no longer considered in good academic standing or disciplinary sanctions occur between the times of acceptance to matriculation.