

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
**Articulation Agreement for the Bloustein Direct Admit Programs in:  
Health Administration, Public Health, Public Policy, and Urban Planning and Design**

Mercer County Community College  
and the  
Rutgers University Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Articulation Agreement (hereafter "Agreement") is to enable students who graduate with an Associate Degree (A.A., or A.S.) from Mercer County Community College (hereinafter MCCC) to continue their education at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey for the purpose of matriculating for a Baccalaureate degree (Bachelor of Science, or B.S.) in Health Administration, Public Health, Public Policy, or Urban Planning and Design from the Rutgers University Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy (hereinafter Bloustein).

**Mutual Recognition of Community College Degree and Advanced Standing**

This Agreement will allow for continued progression toward the bachelor's degree as part of a Rutgers-MCCC Partnership through direct admission to the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy (Bloustein School) and matriculation toward the New Brunswick Campus B.S. programs in Public Health, Health Administration, Public Policy, Planning and Public Policy and Urban Planning and Design.

Accordingly, the Agreement speaks specifically to admission to the Bloustein School with guaranteed advanced standing as a third year student. Unconditional admission criteria include:

Students completing their A.A. or A.S. degree at MCCC shall be considered as having completed all lower division distribution requirements, and shall enter Bloustein with 60 credits toward the 120 credit B.S. in Health Administration, Public Health, Public Policy, and Urban Planning and Design. Accordingly, MCCC graduates in the A.S. or A.A. degree programs shall enter with third year standing. Similarly, such students so admitted shall be considered as having completed all lower division distributional requirements.

**Students Presenting an A.S. or A.A. Degree seeking matriculation for the Bachelor of Science degree at the Bloustein School – Admission criteria:**

Students completing their A.A. or A.S. degree at MCCC shall be provided a seamless transfer and acceptance to the Bloustein School program of student choice in the Public Health (832D), Health Administration (501D), Public Policy (833D), or Urban Planning and Design (971D) program after having met the following admissions criteria:

- They will have completed the Associate degree for which they were enrolled with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average or better in all college level courses at MCCC.
- They will have completed the lower division program pre-requisites, for the appropriate program for which they are seeking admission, as noted below –

- For Public Health (832D), students must have completed the following courses at MCCC:
  1. ENG102 – English Composition II  
*(will need to complete MCCC prerequisite of ENG 101)*
  2. ECO112 –Microeconomics  
*(will need to complete MCCC prerequisite to ECO112)*
  3. MAT125 – Elementary Statistics
  4. CHE107 –General and Physiological Chemistry;  
OR CHE 101 or CHE 102) – General Chemistry I/II;
  5. BIO103 & BIO104 – Human Anatomy and Physiology I/II;  
OR BIO101 & BIO102 – General Biology I/II;
  
- For Health Administration (501D), students must have completed the following courses at MCCC:
  1. ENG102 – English Composition II  
*(will need to complete MCCC prerequisite of ENG101)*
  2. ECO112 –Microeconomics  
*(will need to complete MCCC prerequisite to ECO112)*
  3. MAT125 – Elementary Statistics
  
- For Public Policy (833D), students must have completed the following courses at MCCC:
  1. ENG102 – English Composition II  
*(will need to complete MCCC prerequisite of ENG101)*
  2. ECO112 –Microeconomics  
*(will need to complete MCCC prerequisite to ECO112)*
  3. MAT125 – Elementary Statistics
  4. POL101 – The American Political System
  
- For Urban Planning and Design (971D), students must have completed the following courses at MCCC:
  1. ENG102 – English Composition II  
*(will need to complete MCCC prerequisite of ENG 101)*
  2. ECO112 –Microeconomics  
*(will need to complete MCCC prerequisite to ECO 112)*
  3. MAT125 – Elementary Statistics
  4. SOC101 – Introduction to Sociology
  
- For Planning and Public Policy (862D), students must have completed the following courses at MCCC:
  3. ENG102 – English Composition II  
*(will need to complete MCCC prerequisite of ENG101)*
  4. ECO112 –Microeconomics  
*(will need to complete MCCC prerequisite to ECO112)*
  3. MAT125 – Elementary Statistics

**Admission for Students Presenting an A.A.S. degree for the B.S. in Health Administration (501D)**

Students completing their A.A.S. degree at MCCC with a 2.5 cumulative grade point average in all college level courses at MCCC, and the three lower division courses specified in the table above under Health Administration with a "C" or better, will also be considered as having met the admission requirements for acceptance into the Bloustein School program in Health Administration.

In the case of A.A.S. degree holders, once admitted:

- A.A.S. students may be required to complete up to 12 credits in distributional requirements as assessed by Bloustein based upon the courses completed with a "C" or better. These credits will be determined upon admission and may include (a) social and behavioral aspects (3 to 6 credits), math (0 to 3 credits), humanities (3 to 6 credits) and/or science (3 to 6 credits). Lower division pre-requisites may at the discretion of Bloustein be included in determination of the 12 credit post admission requirement.
- For A.A.S. graduates, conditional upon satisfactory performance as specified below ("C" or Better in Major Courses..."), "post admission" upper division requirements shall not exceed 61 credits for A.A.S. degree recipients, as outlined as follows:
  - Major requirements 49 credits
  - Post admission distribution – 12 credits
  - Total upper division requirements – 61 credits

This upper division limit of 61 credits is based on all courses in the major earned at Rutgers be at or better than a "C".

Students not presenting the required pre-requisite courses shall complete said courses within the first semester at Rutgers.

**All admitted students: "C" or Better in Major Courses While at Rutgers University**

Failure to maintain a "C" or better in all major courses will necessarily result in requiring completing additional courses with a "C" or better or the retake of courses in which a "C" or better was not earned. Such additional courses and/or retakes will result in the need to complete more than 121 credits.

Once admitted to the Bloustein School, students are subject to the academic performance requirements of Rutgers University and the Bloustein School. In all instances, 30 of the last 42 credits must be completed at Rutgers University.

**Continued On-Going Mutual Discussion of Curricula:** MCCC and the Bloustein School shall annually review degree programs to discuss whether any curriculum changes may be recommended, or to advise the other partner of changes contemplated that may affect this agreement; each institution remains in full control of the degrees for which it is authorized.

**Review of Agreement**

This agreement shall be for a term of five (5) years and must be reviewed and extended (or renewed) during its fourth year, with extensions presumed to be approved.

Both MCCC and the Bloustein School commit to resolve unidentified issues and challenges in a manner that insures the greatest educational opportunity while recognizing fiscal constraints that may emerge.

Cancellation of this Agreement may be initiated by either party. Cancellation of this Agreement must be in writing, and provide for a prior full academic year advance notice of the date of termination. For the purposes of such advance notice, July 1 shall be the date by which cancellation may occur on July 1 the following year (for fall semester-spring semester sequence) and January 1 shall serve as the notification date for dissolution the following January 1<sup>st</sup> (i.e. Spring Semester, Fall semester)

#### **Conditional Dual Admission Option**

Under terms of this agreement, the Bloustein School shall also offer concurrent conditional admission to incoming MCCC students who decide to opt-in to this option for early decision for matriculation in one of the Bloustein on-campus New Brunswick programs leading to the B.S. degree. Such option may be exercised upon their first enrollment (defined as within the first term attending MCCC), contingent upon:

- (a) successful completion of the A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. degree within four (4) years of first enrollment at MCCC, having
- (b) maintained a 2.5 or better cumulative grade point average at MCCC in all courses taken at MCCC, while
- (c) achieving a grade of "C" or better in the appropriate program pre-requisites as specified above.

Under this conditional dual admission agreement, the application fee for Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey will be deferred until registration at Rutgers, and waived at the time of their registration at Rutgers. However, students applying to the program must complete an academic records waiver (*Conditional Admission Application and Academic Record Release Form*) allowing MCCC to share academic records with Rutgers University (grades, warnings, grade point average, and other such appropriate information related to progression toward the Associate degree).

Timing of notification to the Bloustein School by MCCC of students so electing conditional dual admission shall be within 90 days of the completion of their first semester at MCCC (or some other timeline mutually agreed to under separate agreement). Both institutions agree to develop appropriate processes to facilitate execution of this option.

Students not presenting the required pre-requisite courses shall complete said courses within the first semester at Rutgers and such deficiency(ies) are excluded from the 60/61 upper-division credit maximum; accordingly, all students considering this option should integrate as many Bloustein program pre-requisites in their MCCC County College coursework as possible.


Further, nothing in this conditional dual admission option shall prevent or otherwise inhibit a MCCC student who did not exercise the option upon first enrollment from applying to the Bloustein School as a transfer student, through the normal and accepted transfer admission process, as he/she anticipates completion of their Associate degree at MCCC. Such transfer applicant shall too benefit from the conditional admission criteria specified herein.


**In the Interest of Students**

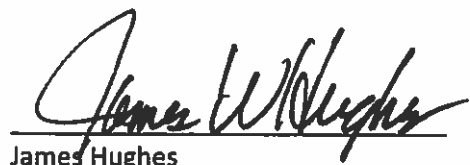
This Agreement is intended to serve as a guide for students seeking to transfer to the Health Administration, Public Health, Public Policy, or Urban Planning and Design programs at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University, New Brunswick Campuses. It is designed to make transfer and admission transparent and feasible, recognizing the assets offered by both MCCC and Rutgers University.

That said, we each recognize that every student is different, offering different skills and competencies. The EJB School is committed to providing MCCC students/graduates interested in these programs with guidance and information as may be required to facilitate their academic planning and transfer potential.

This agreement shall become effective immediately upon execution, on this the 31st day of March, 2016.

  
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