

APPLICATION FOR JOINT ADMISSION
Mercer County Community College and New England Institute of Technology
For Computer Information Systems, B. S.

New England Institute of Technology is pleased to offer students automatic acceptance to New England Institute of Technology upon acceptance to Mercer County Community College and based upon graduation from Mercer County Community College in accordance with the conditions set forth in the Joint Admissions Agreement between Mercer County Community College and New England Institute of Technology.

The student who wishes to be accepted automatically to New England Institute of Technology upon graduation from Mercer County Community College must: (1) enroll in the Joint Admission Program as a freshman at Mercer County Community College as described above; (2) earn an associate degree in the prescribed curriculum at Mercer County Community College within two years of their initial matriculation at Mercer County Community College; (3) have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0; and (4) meet all non-academic requirements for New England Institute of Technology. It is understood that if a student does not have the foundation or skill to enroll in an upper level course because he/she has not taken appropriate introductory courses, he/she will be required to take the necessary prerequisites. Therefore, New England Institute of Technology cannot assure every student the completion of requirements for the baccalaureate degree in six semesters.

There is no charge for this Joint Application to New England Institute of Technology. Simply complete the form and return it to the <<department>> at Mercer County Community College in care of the <<contact>>.

This application pertains only to the baccalaureate in Computer Information Systems Technology at New England Institute of Technology. Students interested in pursuing a baccalaureate in any other field at New England Institute of Technology must apply directly to New England Institute of Technology.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ M/I

Social Security Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

Permanent Address:

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**Joint Admission Agreement
Between
Mercer County Community College
And
New England Institute of Technology
For Bachelor Degree Program in
Computer Information Systems Technology**

Mercer County Community College and New England Institute of Technology have traditionally sought to provide access to higher education for qualified students. To expand this mutual commitment and to facilitate students' progression from the associate degree into the baccalaureate degree, Mercer County Community College and New England Institute of Technology hereby agree to establish a Joint Admission Program. The terms of this agreement are as follows:

I. Joint Admission Process and Conditions

The Joint Admission Program in Computer Information Systems shall begin in <<effective date>> and is available to incoming Mercer County Community College freshmen enrolled in transferable programs.

- A. In order to participate in this program, students must complete an Application for Joint Admission available in the <<department>> at Mercer County Community College ("Mercer"). Upon receipt and review by Mercer, students accepted by Mercer will simultaneously be accepted into the bachelor program by New England Institute of Technology ("NEIT"). Mercer will forward a copy of the application to NEIT.
- B. Admission officers at NEIT and Mercer shall jointly send an offer of admission to students. That acceptance will explain the requirements for continuation to NEIT following completion of the associate degree at Mercer pursuant to the Joint Admission Program.
- C. To be guaranteed admission to NEIT, under the Joint Admission Program, students must (1) enroll in the Joint Admission Program as a freshman at Mercer as described above; (2) earn an associate degree in the prescribed curriculum at Mercer within three years of their initial matriculation at Mercer; (3) have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0; and (4) meet all non-academic requirements for NEIT. It is understood that if a student does not have the foundation or skill to enroll in an upper level course because he/she has not taken appropriate introductory courses, he/she will be required to take the necessary prerequisites. Therefore, NEIT cannot assure that every student will complete the requirements for the baccalaureate degree in six semesters.
- D. Students who complete the Mercer curriculum listed on the attached document (Rider A)

will be admitted with junior-level standing in the Computer Information Systems Technology B.S. program at NEIT. Students who do not complete the courses exactly as described on Rider A will be evaluated individually; these students may be required to complete coursework at NEIT in addition to the regular junior- and senior-level coursework.

- E. The NEIT catalog which is in effect the year a freshman matriculates at Mercer shall govern the terms of admission and the baccalaureate requirements for a degree from NEIT if the student matriculates at NEIT within thirty-six months of beginning coursework in Information Technology at Mercer. In the event that a student matriculates at NEIT more than thirty-six months after beginning coursework at Mercer or interrupts his or her enrollment at NEIT after transferring from Mercer, the requirements for the baccalaureate degree in Computer Information Systems will be governed by the NEIT catalog in effect in the year of entry or re-entry.
- F. Students in the Joint Admission Program shall be governed by the regulations and procedures of Mercer until such time as they are granted the associate degree. At such time as they matriculate at NEIT, they will be governed by the regulations, requirements and procedures at NEIT.

II. Information Sharing and Exchange

NEIT and Mercer acknowledge that it may be useful to share certain information about their respective students during the term of this agreement. The purpose of this exchange is to monitor the progress of students pursuing a degree under the Joint Admission Program, to educate them about the range of academic choices and provide them with information conducive to academic success at NEIT, and to evaluate the success of the program. To that end, each student will be asked in the Intent to Enroll form to sign a release authorizing NEIT and Mercer to share individual student information as described below.

- A. Beginning in <<effective date>>, Mercer shall provide representatives of NEIT with the name, address, choice of degree program, and academic record of each Mercer student enrolled in the Joint Admission Program described in this Agreement.
- B. Mercer and NEIT shall exchange current data regarding the names, addresses, choice of program, academic performance and other information related to program eligibility for every Mercer student who is enrolled in the Joint Admission Program.

III. Advisement and Communication with Students

Mercer and NEIT recognize that the Joint Admission Program should emphasize collaborative communication, including joint academic counseling for students enrolled in the Joint Admission Program.

- A. Mercer shall make available on campus information regarding requirements for obtaining the progression from the associate degree to the baccalaureate degree at NEIT

RELEASE

The applicant understands that Mercer County Community College and New England Institute of Technology will exchange information concerning all students participating in this Joint Admission Program. The applicant understands that the exchanged information will include all academic records, satisfactory progress records, grade point averages, graduation rates, and retention rates. The applicant hereby authorizes the exchange of the information described.

Applicant's Signature

Date

pursuant to the Joint Admission Program.

- B. Mercer and NEIT shall provide academic counseling to students participating in the Joint Admission Program to assist them in choosing elective courses which satisfy the course requirements of NEIT.

IV. Curriculum Development and Faculty Exchange

For the program listed in this Agreement, Mercer and NEIT are committed to coordinating their respective curricula, developing opportunities for faculty collaboration, and discussing curriculum changes during the term of this Agreement.

- A. Mercer and NEIT shall each appoint an individual responsible for transmitting information in a timely manner about proposed and adopted curriculum changes by his or her respective College. The <<contact>> shall be the contact person for Mercer. An Assistant Provost shall be the contact person for NEIT.
- B. Beginning in <<effective date>>, Mercer and NEIT shall endeavor to have faculties collaborate on issues of curriculum development and course syllabi to insure that students who seek to progress from an associate degree to the baccalaureate degree will be prepared for their course of study at NEIT.

V. Terms of Agreement

The parties agree not to disclose confidential information to any third party individual, corporation, or other entity without the prior written consent of the other.

The parties agree that neither one of them will actively recruit any employee of the other nor will either party offer the other party's employees employment during the term of this contract or for a period of one year from the employee's termination from the respective college.

The parties agree that any and all brochures, advertising, press releases, catalog descriptions and/or other references to this Joint Admission Program will be approved in writing by both parties prior to publication.

This Agreement becomes effective on the date of signatures by both parties and may be terminated or renegotiated at the request of either party with or without cause at any time upon written notice by either party giving due protection to those students currently enrolled Mercer and NEIT.

<<president>>, President
Mercer County Community College
Date

Richard I. Gouse, President
New England Institute of Technology
Date