

**Northwestern Michigan College
Health Occupations-Allied Health Program
Respiratory Therapy Program
Traverse City, Michigan**

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) through its Allied Health Program of the Health Occupations Department College wishes to enter into a formal articulation agreement (Agreement) with Muskegon Community College (MCC) (collectively the Parties) for the expressed purpose of establishing the admission criteria, performance standards, and inter-institutional considerations that will allow for the admission of associate degree students at NMC to the MCC Respiratory Therapy Program under the following terms and conditions which may be amended or revised only by the mutual, written consent of both parties:

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

NMC and MCC agree to admit annually to the MCC Respiratory Therapy program in Health Professions, and accept prerequisite courses completed at NMC toward the Associate Degree completion from the MCC Respiratory Therapy Program. The Respiratory Therapy Program of MCC agrees to accept NMC students to matriculate in its Respiratory Therapy Program professional curriculum on a competitive basis, according to MCC's admissions requirements. The stipulated criteria to the respective programs are:

I. FULFILLMENT OF ALL NMC-MCC Requirements

Students from NMC seeking admission to the MCC Respiratory Therapy Program under the terms of this Agreement must satisfy all pre-admission requirements listed in the MCC catalog for the student's declared admission year. MCC agrees to accept the specific science credits earned by students from NMC for admission into the MCC Respiratory Therapy program and upon the completion of the MCC program be awarded an Associates of Applied Science degree in Respiratory Therapy from MCC.

II. SUBMIT A COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET TO MCC

- a. NMC students who have completed the prerequisite requirements will submit a completed application packet to the Respiratory Therapy Department by May 1st prior to the desired Fall semester start. The application packet shall include a completed Respiratory Therapy application form, official transcripts, and any other NMC or MCC required application documents. It is the student's responsibility to submit an Application to MCC's Admissions Office to complete the admissions requirements for the college.

III. MEET MINIMUM CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE REQUIREMENT

- a. To be eligible to apply for admission under the terms of this Agreement, an NMC student applying for the MCC Respiratory Therapy program must have completed the required prerequisite NMC coursework with a C or better.

b. Selection of Students

- i. Once all of the above criteria have been completed, candidates will receive letters of admission to the MCC Respiratory Therapy Program based on timing of application submission.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE AND MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE RESPIRATORY THERAPY PROGRAM

a. Muskegon Community College shall assume responsibility for the following:

i. MCC RESPIRATORY COURSEWORK

1. MCC agrees to offer, on a regular basis, the curriculum courses necessary for the Respiratory Therapy (RT) curriculum. MCC agrees to accept the NMC courses pertaining to basic science, social science, arts, and humanities necessary to earn the AAS in Respiratory Therapy. The only courses necessary for NMC students to complete are in the RT and AH portions of the Respiratory Therapy curriculum.

ii. Northwestern Michigan College shall assume responsibility for the following:

1. NMC agrees to offer, on a regular basis, the science and general education curriculum courses necessary for the Respiratory Therapy (RT) curriculum.

V. PERFORMANCE CONSIDERATIONS

a. MARKETING OF THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

- i. NMC and MCC will be responsible for announcing and marketing this articulation agreement and curricula as part of their general promotional literature available to prospective applicants. NMC and MCC will also be responsible for informing students already enrolled in either College about this Agreement, the articulations curricula, and the career opportunities available in this profession. This information will be shared with and readily available to all interested NMC and MCC students.

VI. RECRUITING QUALIFIED STUDENTS

- a. NMC and MCC will be responsible for making bona fide recruiting efforts to attract and retain students annually who will meet the terms of this Agreement.

VII. CAREER COUNSELING

- a. NMC and MCC agree to provide career counseling and advising about the profession of Respiratory Therapy in a manner commensurate with other services provided to NMC and MCC students through advisor(s) or other suitably qualified staff members of the institution's choosing.

VIII. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

a. NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES

- i. NMC and MCC agrees to provide timely notification (within 90 days) of impending changes within either College that may adversely impact the ability or

willingness of NMC and/or MCC to meet the terms of this agreement; e.g., changes in graduation requirements or changes in the course offerings required in the Respiratory Therapy curriculum.

b. SITE INSPECTION

- i. NMC and MCC shall on reasonable request, permit the inspection of its facilities and other such items pertaining to this agreement as may be relevant by representatives of either college and/or agencies charged with the responsibility for the accreditation of the program.

c. FINANCIAL AID

- i. If a student is enrolled in only NMC or MCC course(s) for an academic term, the respective institution's Financial Aid Office will endeavor to provide the necessary student financial aid through already existing processes. If a student is enrolled in both institutions it is up to the student to coordinate financial aid based on which institution is the primary and secondary one.

TERM AND TERMINATION

This Agreement shall continue for a period of five years unless earlier terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days written notice of termination, provided that the students then accepted in the program shall be given an opportunity to complete the full program within MCC Respiratory Therapy and NMC degree completion guidelines. At the end of five years the parties agree to discuss renewal upon these or similar terms and conditions.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

I. ENTIRE AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS.

- a. This Agreement and the attached exhibits hereto constitute the entire agreement between the parties. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations, or representations relating to the subject matter are of no force or effect, except as otherwise provided by federal or state law. Any paragraph or provision of this Agreement may be amended only by mutual written consent of both parties.

II. GOVERNING LAW

- a. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan.

III. WAIVERS

Any paragraph or provision of this Agreement may be waived only by the prior written consent of the parties and the failure of any party to insist on strict performance of any term or condition of the Agreement shall not constitute waiver of such terms and conditions in the future.

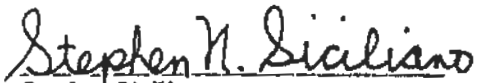
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed or caused **this** Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the date and year written below

By:



Tamella Livengood
Director of Nursing and Allied Health
Northwestern Michigan College

9/15/2023
Date



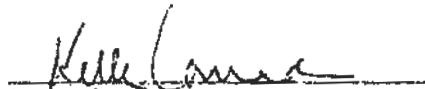
Stephen Siciliano
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Debra Grubo
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Kelley Conroy
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