



# MASSACHUSETTS STATE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
AND  
MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER 74 APPROVED SECONDARY CAREER/VOCATIONAL  
TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

## DRAFTING

Effective Date: December 2, 2010

### MASSACHUSETTS STATE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

*From:*  
*A Chapter 74 Approved Secondary  
Career/Vocational Technical Program*

*To:*  
*Community College Course(s)*

**In this Program:**

Drafting

**One or more of the following course(s) or equivalent:**

Introduction to Drafting (e.g. Architectural, Mechanical)  
Introduction to Computer Aided Drafting (CAD)

In accordance with the definition of an articulation agreement found in the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006, this state level articulation agreement has been established between all Massachusetts Community Colleges and all Massachusetts high schools having Chapter 74 approved secondary career/vocational technical programs in *Drafting* to provide students with a non-duplicative sequence of progressive achievement leading to technical skill proficiency, a credential, a certificate, or a degree linked through this credit transfer agreement

The principles, policies, and guidelines in this transfer agreement shall apply uniformly to all students attempting to transfer credits earned in Massachusetts secondary CVTE programs.

## **SECTION I: ADMISSION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES APPLY**

- 1) Students eligible for credit are subject to the same application and admission requirements as all other students. The graduation requirements will be no different from the graduation requirements for all other students.
- 2) The minimum high school grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 plus an average grade of B (3.0/80% or higher) earned in the technical course/s that comprise the Massachusetts Chapter 74 approved Secondary Career/Vocational Technical program listed above.
- 3) Massachusetts students who have completed the Chapter 74 approved secondary career/vocational technical program covered by this agreement shall provide evidence (transcript) that he/she earned a 3.0 GPA/80% or higher in the technical courses that will be awarded advanced credit at all 15 Massachusetts Community Colleges.

## **SECTION II: AWARDING OF CREDIT**

- 1) Articulated credits accepted by a community college pursuant to this agreement shall be placed on the student's college transcript prior to the end of the first semester. When possible the posting will be within 60 days of receiving the student's high school transcript but no later than 30 days after the semester add-drop deadline.
- 2) The credit *shall not* be held in escrow or be dependent upon the results of the college placement test results, required prerequisites, etc.
- 3) Student will receive credit regardless of their college major.
- 4) The student will be awarded up to 4 credits or the number of credits (3–4 credits) that will allow the student to move to the next class level without penalty. The intent of this section is to award the student the appropriate number of credits so that he/she will be in sync with the native student who attends the community college and who has completed the introductory class.

## **SECTION III: SECONDARY SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY FOR ADVANCED CREDIT**

The 15 Massachusetts Community Colleges will honor this agreement for two years after the student's date of high school graduation. In cases where a student's graduation exceeds 2 years, the community college will determine eligibility on a case by case basis.

This agreement is contingent upon a high school with Chapter 74 approved programs maintaining:

- 1) Current accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges; and
- 2) Current approval by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 74 and the Vocational Technical Education Regulations.

#### **SECTION IV: APPEAL PROCESS**

Matriculated students have the right to petition the college responsible for certifying credit (e.g. college transfer coordinator, academic dean or other person/s) if credit is not awarded under this agreement. Students may appeal or grieve denial of credit with any community college by referring to the grievance process in that college student handbook. If a student prevails on appeal the college must place the credit on the student's college transcript prior to the end of the first semester – within 60 days of receiving the student's high school transcript but no later than 30 days after the add-drop deadline.

#### **SECTION V: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT**

- 1) Students receiving articulated credits are strongly advised to review all enrollment, transfer and graduation requirements for four-year post-secondary schools prior to making plans to apply to any Massachusetts Community College.
- 2) The transferability of the associate degree credit to a baccalaureate program is determined by each four year institution and cannot be guaranteed.
- 3) This agreement is endorsed by the Executive Office of Community Colleges on behalf of Massachusetts Community College Presidents' and the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators.
- 4) This agreement will be reviewed when a substantive change in the framework occurs by the framework's review committee.

#### **SECTION VI: FAIR NOTICE OF MATERIAL MODIFICATION**

- 1) A fair notice period of 24 months by a community college will provide confidence to students and parents that the agreement will be in effect when the student graduates from high school. It is intended that this section not be combined with any other section for the purpose of extending the warning period to be more than 24 months.

#### **SECTION VII: COLLEGES ARE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP ARTICULATION**

- 1) Individual colleges are encouraged to continue the practice of developing individual articulation agreements in a variety of classes/programs.
- 2) Colleges are encouraged to consider adopting this agreement to apply to secondary non-chapter 74 programs where appropriate.
- 3) The community colleges continue to have the discretion to award advanced credit in cases not specifically covered by this agreement. This agreement may apply to students in secondary non-chapter 74 approved programs or in cases where a word or course title or program title may vary from this agreement, etc.
- 4) Program or class title changes alone will not impact this agreement because the agreement is based upon student achievement of knowledge and skills in this area as outlined in the Massachusetts frameworks.

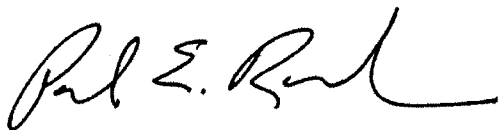
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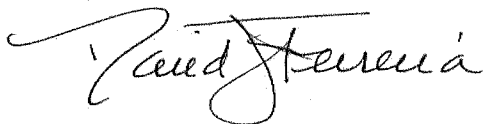
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**Massachusetts Community Colleges**

Berkshire Community College  
Bristol Community College  
Bunker Hill Community College  
Cape Cod Community College  
Greenfield Community College  
Holyoke Community College  
Mass Bay Community College  
Massasoit Community College  
Middlesex Community College  
Mt. Wachusett Community College  
North Shore Community College  
Northern Essex Community College  
Quinsigamond Community College  
Roxbury Community College  
Springfield Tech Community College

**Massachusetts Chapter 74 Approved Secondary  
Career/Vocational Technical Programs (Drafting)**

Assabet Valley Regional Vocational Technical  
Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical  
Blue Hills Regional Vocational Technical  
Bristol-Plymouth Regional Vocational Technical  
Chicopee Comprehensive High School  
Dighton-Rehoboth High School  
Doherty High School  
Greater Fall River Regional Vocational Technical  
Greater Lowell Regional Vocational Technical  
Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical  
Leominster High School  
Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical  
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical  
Newton High School  
Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical  
Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational Technical  
Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical  
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical  
Plymouth High School  
Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical  
Somerville High School  
Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical  
South Shore Regional Vocational Technical  
Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational Technical  
Tantasqua High School  
Weymouth High School  
Whittier Regional Vocational Technical  
Worcester High School