

Quinsigamond Community College offers assistance to Becker students

WORCESTER — Quinsigamond Community College is opening its doors to Becker College students after learning of the College's closing at the end of the Spring 2021 semester.

"It is with a heavy heart that we learned of the impending closing of Becker College, one of the oldest institutions of higher education in our region. Becker has made a profound and last-

ing impression on our community and many QCC transfer students," said President Luis G. Pedraja, Ph.D.

QCC has developed a transfer agreement and memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Becker College to assist current Becker students in seamlessly continuing their education. This agreement is for all current Becker students in programs

transferrable into QCC's comparable programs that include:

- Associate Degree in Business Administration Transfer
- Associate Degree in Criminal Justice
- Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education Birth – Eight Years Old
- Associate Degree Nurse Education
- Associate Degree Nurse Education – Evening

"We are here to offer Becker College students a way to achieve their higher education dreams," President Pedraja said. "We want to ensure that no one is left behind because of circumstances beyond their control. We worked diligently on this transfer/MOU agreement and while this agreement does not include all programs at Becker, we will endeavor to enroll and support all transfer students and those who were considering Becker in the fall."

In addition to the programs listed in the MOU, many of Becker's programs can easily transfer to QCC, such as its well-known video-game design program. QCC already has a robust gaming program, as well as an esports team, formed during the start of the pandemic.

QCC offers strong financial support to its students and many attend for free by qualifying for financial aid. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the College has increased its financial support to students, by way of \$2.4 million in federal emergency funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund II, authorized by the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA), and \$1 million in institutional funds. QCC also has a Student Emergency Fund available to current students in significant hardship due to the pandemic, regardless of citizenship, residency or enrollment status. All current and prospective Becker students will be offered the same financial supports and services, and will have the ability to transfer to other four-year institutions once they complete their education at QCC.

"Becker students and their families are not without options and we will be here to support them every step of the way," President Pedraja said.

For more information, visit <https://www.QCC.edu/becker>.

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