

Agreement Between  
**QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
and  
**MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES**  
(Worcester, MA campus)

This agreement dated March 1, 2011 is between **Quinsigamond Community College**, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its usual place of business in Worcester, Massachusetts, hereinafter called QCC, and **Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences**, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its usual place of business in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, hereinafter called MCPHS.

It is agreed by and between QCC and MCPHS for the mutual considerations and covenants herein contained as follows:

1. QCC and MCPHS hereby agree to an articulated program whereby students from QCC may complete an **Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN)** at QCC, and then transfer to MCPHS-Worcester to complete the requirements of the **Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Bridge Program**, hereinafter called the Bridge Program.

2 (a). MCPHS shall accept up to 10 qualified QCC students each year into the Bridge Program. If more than 10 students meet the established requirements, the 10 students deemed most qualified by MCPHS [based upon overall grade point average, grade point average in required prerequisite coursework, and TOEFL (minimum score: 213 computer-based/79 internet-based) or IELTS (minimum score: 6.5) scores, if applicable] will be assured admission, with the remaining students given equal consideration as other applicants to the Bridge Program and accepted on a space-available basis to the Worcester campus. Articulation students who have met the ENG 101 and ENG 102 requirements will be exempt from the TOEFL/IELTS requirement. Students must notify, in writing, the Office of Admission at MCPHS of their intent to apply at least ninety (90) days prior to the start of the semester they wish to enroll in (i.e. if applying for fall enrollment, they must notify the Admission Office of their intent by June 1). Completed applications must be submitted to the Office of Admission at MCPHS by October 1 prior to anticipated matriculation in January, and by June 1 prior to anticipated matriculation in September.

2 (b). Upon the successful completion of the degree program at QCC, which completion shall be in accordance with all the standards applicable to QCC students, said students will be accepted by MCPHS, in accordance with its published standards, to the Bridge Program in Worcester, subject to the limitations and procedures set forth in paragraph 3. All reference to standards will be those published in the respective current catalog of each institution and other applicable materials published by each institution.

3. QCC students, who have successfully completed a QCC Associate's Degree in Nursing program with an overall grade point average of 3.0 (on a scale of 4.0) with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 in the specified prerequisite coursework, with no grade below C and no

repeats, are eligible for assured admission to the Bridge Program in Worcester, contingent upon other admissions requirements, and subject to the availability of openings in the Bridge Program within the limit set forth in paragraph 2(a). Students for whom English is a second language must also submit a TOEFL or IELTS score. **A current Massachusetts RN License must be submitted to the MCPHS Admission Office prior to matriculation.** MCPHS retains the right to make the final decision on each student's application.

4 (a). QCC students accepted in the Bridge Program are subject to the graduation requirements of the college catalogs (and other published standards) issued by QCC and MCPHS in the years of respective matriculation at each institution, subject to changes that may be required to meet accreditation standards, including those established by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the Massachusetts Board of Nursing, or which are determined by the QCC or MCPHS faculty as warranted to ensure a quality educational program.

4 (b). The required prerequisite courses offered by QCC must be the equivalent of those offered by MCPHS at its Boston campus. QCC students may apply a maximum of 18 credit hours toward the prerequisite requirements through College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests with written approval from the Office of Admission at MCPHS. A minimum of 83-86 prerequisite and nursing credits must be completed prior to enrollment (71 credits required for ADN program plus 12-15 additional prerequisite credits – see attached prerequisite equivalency list). **Any changes to the approved QCC prerequisite courses must be agreed upon by both parties in writing.**

5. An Advising staff member at QCC will act as advisor to students interested in the nursing program and will serve as the liaison with the MCPHS Admission office on all aspects of the Bridge Program.

6. The Admission offices of both institutions agree that the Admission directors and/or academic advisors will communicate at the beginning of each fall term to discuss recruiting, entrance requirements, and any other concerns that either may have about the affiliation. Other communications between them may be scheduled as needs arise. Each party agrees that it will communicate as soon as practicable to the other party any changes to its programs as will impact this Agreement. Each institution shall provide the other with advance copies of any written materials that it publishes to describe the terms of this Agreement.

7. *Indemnification.* Each party hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the other party from and against any and all losses, damages, liabilities and other expenses of every kind and nature, including reasonable attorney's fees, sustained by or incurred by the other party as a result of any debts, actions, causes of action, claims, suits, liabilities, obligations or damages whatsoever resulting from the indemnifying party's (i) breach or default under this Agreement; and (ii) the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnifying party. The right to indemnification set forth herein shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other rights contained in this Agreement. Each party shall promptly notify the other party of any action commenced or claim made or threatened against the notifying party arising from the indemnifying party's conduct. The indemnifying party may assume the defense of, and may settle that part of any such action commenced against the notifying party which relates to the indemnifying party's indemnification, and the indemnifying party may take such other steps as may be necessary to protect itself. If the indemnifying party assumes such defense, the notifying

party shall have the right to participate in such defense at the notifying party's expenses and through counsel of its own choice. If the indemnifying party does not assume such a defense, the notifying party may take such other steps as may be necessary to protect itself. In such a case, the notifying party shall conduct the proceedings through its own counsel, but the indemnifying party shall have the right to participate through counsel of its own choice. The assumption of such defense by the notifying party shall in no way affect the indemnification by the indemnifying party of all liabilities and expenses. The indemnifying party shall not be liable to the notifying party on account of any settlement of any such claim or litigation effected without the indemnifying party's consent. The right of the indemnifying party to assume the defense of any action shall be limited to that part of the action commenced against the notifying party which relates to the indemnifying party's indemnification.

8. This Agreement shall be effective on March 1, 2011 and shall continue until terminated by either party. Either institution may terminate this Agreement in any year, without cause, provided that the terminating institution has given the other institution written notice at least six (6) months prior to the effective date of such termination and further provided that termination may occur only at the end of a full academic year. In the event that said Agreement is not terminated, it will automatically be extended year by year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that MCPHS terminates this Agreement with respect to the Bridge Program in Worcester, the Bridge Program will continue to be offered for two years to QCC students so as to afford them an opportunity to complete the program, or those students will be provided the opportunity to undertake the program at another MCPHS campus.

9. Both MCPHS and QCC represent and agree that they are and shall remain during the term of this Agreement fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (or any successor organization). Each party further represents and warrants to the other that it is duly commissioned by the appropriate state governing authorities to offer post-secondary educational degrees.

10. This Agreement is being executed within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the parties agree that this Agreement shall be interpreted under the laws of said Commonwealth.

11. The parties agree that this Agreement embodies all of the agreements made by and between them and supersedes any prior agreements and understandings with regard to acceptance of QCC students into the MCPHS Bridge Program, and that any modifications or amendments thereof must be in writing executed by both parties in order to be effective.

12. All notices or other communications made or given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed made or given upon receipt, or three business days after deposits in the U.S. Mail, in an envelope, postage prepaid, registered or certified mail, and addressed as follows:

If to QCC:

With copy to:

If to MCPHS:

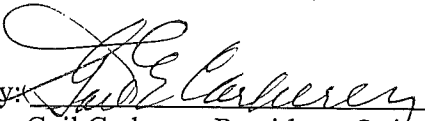
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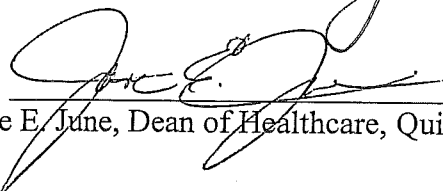
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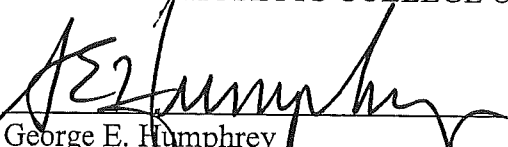
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QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

By:  Date: 2/17/11  
Dr. Gail Carberry, President, Quinsigamond Community College

By:  Date: 2/17/11  
Jane E. June, Dean of Healthcare, Quinsigamond Community College

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

By:  Date: 3-8-11  
George E. Humphrey  
~~Interim~~ Vice President for Academic Affairs

**MCPHS-Worcester ADN to Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program  
Quinsigamond Community College Prerequisite Equivalents**

**Anatomy and Physiology I and II with laboratories**

BIO 111 Anatomy and Physiology I  
BIO 112 Anatomy and Physiology II

**English Composition and Literature I and II**

ENG 101 English Composition & Literature I  
ENG 102 English Composition & Literature II

**General or Medical Microbiology with laboratory**

BIO 232 Medical Microbiology

**Introduction to Psychology**

PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology

**Introduction to Sociology**

SOC 101 Introductory Sociology *or* SOC 111 Social Problems & Social Change

**Human Development (Life Span)**

PSY 121 Survey of Life Span Development: Conception to Death

**Statistics**

MAT 122 Statistics

**Algebra and Trigonometry**

MAT 100 College Algebra *and* MAT 124 College Mathematics II: Trigonometry

**Healthcare *or* Biomedical Ethics**

IDS 215 Bioethics

**History Elective**

Any history (HST) course (minimum 3 semester hours)

**Humanities Elective**

A course that covers one of the following topics: Philosophy, Ethics, Humanities, Music, Art, Dance, Theatre, Foreign Language, Religious Studies, Creative Writing, or a 200+ level English/Literature course (minimum 3 semester hours)