

# The 'ABLE' Initiative

*Affordable Business and Leadership Education*  
 Articulation Agreement

## Nichols College and Quinsigamond Community College

Last Update: Spring 2026

### Statement of Purpose

Quinsigamond Community College and Nichols College recognize that, for many students, the path to a bachelor's degree may begin at a community college. This Articulation Agreement is formed to enable the smooth transfer of Quinsigamond Community College graduates to Nichols College.

Further, the purpose of this agreement is to provide a seamless transition between both institutions by:

1. Identifying all required and equivalent courses for the relevant programs at each institution
2. Facilitating credit transfer and guarantee of admissions for students who meet the agreed upon criteria

### Participants

This agreement is entered into by Quinsigamond Community College (QCC), Worcester, MA and Nichols College (NC), Dudley, MA.

### Programs/Courses

All college-level coursework included in the **QCC Associate of Science in Business Administration - Transfer Degree** and **QCC Associate of Science Business Administration - Career Degree** programs will be accepted and applied towards required coursework and electives in the **NC Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA)** in-person and online programs as stipulated in the current NC Catalog.

Transfer course mapping to the BSBA in General Business has been provided as part of the agreement. Courses that are mapped as a "concentration requirement" or a "concentration elective" may count differently for concentrations other than General Business, but the majority will transfer in the same way for all concentrations.

<b>QCC Associate's degree</b>	<b>Nichols College BSBA Degree *</b>	
Associate of Science in Business Administration, TRANSFER	<i>In- Person Programs</i>	<i>Online Programs</i>
	All BSBA Programs	BSBA in Accounting BSBA in General Business
Associate of Science in Business Administration, CAREER	<i>In- Person Programs</i>	<i>Online Programs</i>
	All BSBA Programs	BSBA in General Business
<b>A2B and Beyond (90 credit transfer)</b> Associate of Science in Business Administration, TRANSFER Nichols Consortium	BSBA in General Business Degree ONLY (Online and In-person)	

\*In-person programs are at the day in-person cost. Online students can take one in-person class per semester at the rate of one online course.

Other programs of study may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Students ONLY considering a **Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree with a Concentration in General Business** at Nichols College are eligible for the A2B and Beyond Program under the ABLE Initiative. This program enables

students to complete up to 30 credits at QCC post completion of an associate’s degree. Students in compliance with this program would be eligible to transfer a maximum of 90 credits to Nichols College.

### Terms and Conditions of Transfer

- Students who graduate with one of the aforementioned associate’s degrees from QCC and a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher are guaranteed admission to NC Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Degree Program.
- Additional credits earned at QCC during the transitional period of up to 30 credits (*known as the A2B and Beyond Program*) will be applied to the BSBA in General Business degree **only**; all remaining bachelor's degree requirements must be completed at NC.
- NC will accept a maximum of 90 transfer credits into the BSBA in General Business degree program for students enrolled in the A2B and Beyond Program, if the transferring coursework fulfills degree requirements.

### Communication and Advising

Communication and advising is central to effective transfer/articulation. Recognizing this:

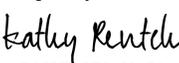
- QCC will advise students to apply to NC under this agreement during the semester in which their final associate’s degree requirements will be met.
- The colleges agree to include information about this articulation agreement in relevant publications for the purpose of promotion and advising.
- The colleges agree to jointly develop appropriate transfer guides and make these available to students and advisors as appropriate.
- The colleges agree to notify each other promptly, in writing, of substantive changes in curricula that might affect the agreement.

### Implementation and Length of Agreement

- Nichols College and Quinsigamond Community College mutually understand that this agreement becomes effective on the final date of signature below and is applicable to eligible students in the next semester of enrollment.
- This agreement will be reviewed every 3 years from the date of the final signature unless terminated or amended by either party with prior written notice.
- This agreement does not preclude either college from entering into similar agreements with other institutions of higher education.

### Signatures of Appropriate Institutional Leaders and Representatives

The relevant program coordinator and/or academic department chair of each institution shall be responsible for implementing this agreement, for identifying and incorporating any changes into subsequent agreements, and for conducting a periodic review of this agreement.

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**Dr. Kathleen C. Rentsch, EdD**  
*Vice President of Academic Affairs*  
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**Date**

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**Daniel J. Borgia Ph.D.**  
*Provost*  
 Nichols College

**Date**