

An Articulation Agreement Between North Shore Community College and Bay Path University

This articulation agreement is built on the foundation of a professional and collaborative relationship between these two institutions of higher learning. The provisions in this agreement will serve as a standard procedure when a student applies to transfer from North Shore Community College (NORTH SHORE) to Bay Path University (BPU). This agreement will be upheld at all Bay Path University locations, including: Longmeadow, Sturbridge, and Burlington, MA and online.

Objectives of the Agreement

- To formalize the transfer of North Shore Community College graduates from the Associate in Science degree program in Human Services Practitioner at NORTH SHORE to the Bachelor of Arts degree program in Psychology: Human Services and Rehabilitation at Bay Path University.
- To define the practices and procedures to be followed by NORTH SHORE and BPU with regard to the transfer of these graduates.

Purpose of the Agreement

- To delineate the services that Bay Path University will provide to students holding the Associate in Science degree in Human Services Practitioner from North Shore Community College. Students holding the degree may transfer into the Bachelor of Arts degree program in Psychology: Human Services and Rehabilitation at BPU with the guarantee of applying a minimum of 60 credits toward this degree program. All potential transfer credits must meet BPU's minimum eligibility requirements (C- or higher and 100-level or higher) NORTH SHORE transfer counselors and BPU academic advisors will provide guidance in course selection to facilitate a smooth transfer of these students from NORTH SHORE to BPU.

Terms of the Agreement

Bay Path University agrees to provide North Shore Community College associate degree graduates with the following:

- The waiver of the application fee at the time the student signs the letter of intent (attached).
- A BPU transfer application for designating the student as a transfer student in and/or graduated from the Human Services Practitioner program at NORTH SHORE.
- Acceptance of a minimum of 60 credits exclusively from NORTH SHORE toward the B.A. degree program in Psychology: Human Services and Rehabilitation at BPU. Additional credits may transfer, which would enable a student to meet Society/Citizenship Electives and/or Science Lab courses. The student should consult their advisor either at NORTH SHORE or BPU to identify the course(s) that she would like to enroll in.
- Full junior standing for students with the opportunity to graduate with the B.A. degree upon successful completion of the prescribed coursework in the program at BPU provided that
 - the student has completed the curriculum specified in BPU's 2014-2015 catalog or its successors;
 - The student has fulfilled grade requirements of the Human Services and Rehabilitation program into which she is transferring at BPU.
- Suggested plan of coursework for the students listed as participants in the parallel programs as prepared by the BPU Academic and Admissions Offices.
- An official evaluation of all previously completed coursework and placement of those credits as requested at the time of application.
- Advanced registration in the spring or summer for the fall semester along with BPU students.
- Invitations to participate in appropriate departmental and college functions at BPU while enrolled at NORTH SHORE.

North Shore Community College agrees to the following conditions:

- To properly advertise and provide information regarding Bay Path University, its academic programs and requirements, and services extended to transfer graduates under the terms of this agreement.
- To communicate with the BPU Admissions Office regarding issues and questions posed by participating students and prospective students.

- For students interested in earning their graduate degree, they may apply for early and conditional acceptance into the graduate school. Upon submitting their application and transcripts for their undergraduate program (BS/BA), the student may also submit a completed graduate application and essay, as well as two recommendations for the program of their choice. Please note that the required GPA for early conditional acceptance is 3.0. Student must maintain a 3.0 during their undergraduate semesters at BPU and upon enrollment to the graduate programs. If the transfer student's cumulative GPA is below a 3.0, the student can apply for graduate work upon reaching senior status at BPU. The student will be notified of the decision regarding her early and conditional acceptance into the graduate school by the graduate admissions office. Graduate programs offered at BPU include:
 - M.S. Developmental Psychology
 - M.S. Clinical Mental Health Counseling
 - M.S. Education, Special Education
- Students will be allowed to take up to four graduate courses in the MS in Developmental Psychology and LMHC program or two graduate courses in the MS in Education, Special Education that will be used towards both the BS/BA and MS degree.

This agreement will be in effect for a minimum of three years and will be reviewed for changes and continuation annually. Associate in science graduates in the Human Services Practitioner program from NORTH SHORE during this time will be guaranteed admission for the BA/BS program under the provisions of this agreement.