

TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

North Shore Community College

and

Becker College

Veterinary Technology AAS Degree

to

**Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science
Clinical & Laboratory Animal Medicine Concentration**

or

Pre-Veterinary Concentration

SPRING, 2015

Statement of Purpose

Becker College and North Shore Community College recognize that for many students the path to a Bachelor degree may begin at a community college. Recognizing the similarities among curricula, this Agreement is formed to enable the smooth transfer of North Shore Community College graduates to Becker College.

Further, the purpose of this agreement is to provide smooth transition between the two academic programs by

- identifying all required and equivalent courses for the relevant programs at each institution, and
- facilitating credit transfer and guarantee of admission for students who meet the agreed upon criteria.

Participants

This agreement has been entered into by North Shore Community College, Danvers, MA and Becker College, Worcester, MA.

Programs/courses included in this agreement

- A. The North Shore Community College **Veterinary Technology Associate in Science Degree Program** will be accepted toward the **Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Science, Clinical & Laboratory Animal Medicine Concentration, or Pre-Veterinary Concentration**, at Becker College.
- B. This acceptance will be extended to students who enroll in the Day Division at Becker College.
- C. Coursework included in the Veterinary Technology AS degree will be accepted and applied towards required coursework and electives as stipulated in the Veterinary Science BS program. **See appendix A.**

Terms and Conditions of Transfer:

- A. Students who graduate from the Vet Technology Associate in Science degree with cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher will be guaranteed admission into the Veterinary Science Bachelor of Science, Clinical & Laboratory Animal Medicine Concentration, OR Pre-Veterinary concentration under the terms of this agreement.
- B. In addition, 64 credits of the completed Veterinary Technology Associate in Science degree will be accepted by Becker College and be applied to the Veterinary Science major, Clinical & Laboratory Animal Medicine Concentration, with 66 credits remaining to be completed in the Bachelor of Science degree.
- C. For the Pre-Veterinary Concentration, 62 credits of the completed Veterinary Technology Associate in Science degree will be applied to the Veterinary Science major, with 74 credits remaining to be completed in the Bachelor of Science degree.
- D. Students who have additional coursework may be eligible for additional transfer credits subject to the limit of 30 credits required in residency at Becker College; 50% of the 3000 and 4000 level courses within the major must be completed at Becker College.
- E. All coursework from the sending program must be completed with grades of "B-" or better in order to transfer, according to NSCC program policy.

- F. For the purposes of this agreement only, the following course equivalencies are being allowed. The entirety of the Veterinary Technology AS degree for the courses as detailed in Appendix A, representing the entirety of the 1000 and 2000 level VTSC courses required for the Veterinary Science BS degree at Becker College. Course to course equivalencies have been established only for courses outside of Becker's VTSC course requirements for the Associate's degree as the degree is being accepted EN BLOC. In Addition, BIOL 1005 and 1006 Anatomy and Physiology of Domestic Animals I and II; CHEM 1001 Chemistry 1, MATH 1200 College Algebra, ENGL 1001 English Composition, ENGL 1003 Writing about Literature, BIOL 2503 Microbiology, VTSC elective 2000+ and VTSC 4902 (CLAM), BIOL 1001 (PVET); 4903 or open elective (CLAM). There is no equivalency for 4903 within the Pre-Veterinary articulation.
- G. NSCC students who do not meet the aforementioned standards will be considered for admission to Becker College on a case-by-case basis.
- H. Students who have completed any of their coursework at a 4 year degree-granting institution may be eligible for additional transfer credit, to be determined on an individual basis.
- I. Transfer students are not required to complete ACAD 1001.

Communications and Advising

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

- A. The colleges agree to include information about this articulation agreement in relevant publications for the purposes of promotion and advising
- B. The colleges agree to jointly develop appropriate transfer guides and make these available to students and advisors as appropriate.
- C. 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

- A. Becker College and North Shore Community College agree that this Agreement becomes effective on _____ (date)
- B. This agreement will remain in effect for 3 years from the date above unless terminated or amended by either party with prior written notice.
- C. This Agreement does not preclude either college from entering into similar agreements with other institutions of higher education.

Special Requirements: <http://www.becker.edu/academics/departments-programs/animal-science/veterinary-science/curriculum>

All full- and part-time students are required to demonstrate proof of medical insurance, a tetanus booster within the last ten (10) years, and a tuberculosis test within one (1) year to participate in animal laboratories, veterinary clinic rotations, and career externship. Rabies pre-exposure prophylaxis immunization is highly recommended. Students are required to either show proof of rabies immunization or sign a declination form. Students must be able to lift 50 pounds and be able to demonstrate the physical capabilities to work closely and safely with animals of all sizes. Students with limitations to movement, sight, or hearing may find it difficult to meet all course requirements. For the health and safety of students, appropriate attire will be addressed in all classes with laboratories. Students must achieve a 'C' or better in all core program courses and program electives to graduate from the program. A student will be allowed to repeat a total of two core courses or program electives. Failure to achieve a 'C' or better in any two core courses or program electives after two attempts will result in dismissal from the Veterinary Science program. Core courses and program electives are designated by an (*).

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.

For North Shore Community College

For Becker College

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Appendix A – Vet Technology AAS to Veterinary Science BS

Course #	NSCC Course Name	Cr	Course #	Becker College Course Name	Cr
The following group of courses is accepted En BLOC without definition of specific course equivalencies.					
ANS104	Breed ID	2	VTSC2102	Clinical Pathology	3
ANS107	Medical Terminology 1	1	VTSC1101	Clinical Vet Experience 1	4
VET102	Veterinary Parasitology	2	VTSC2500	Veterinary Anesthesia & Surgery	4
VET104	Veterinary Hospital Procedures	2	VTSC1102	Clinical Vet Experience 2	4
ANS108	Medical Terminology 2	1	VTSC2900	Externship Module 1	2
ANS112	Ethics & Law for Pet Care Professionals	2	VTSC2901	Practical Experience 1	1
			VTSC2904	Practical Experience 2	1
VET106	Surgical Nursing and Anesthesia 1	3	VTSC1200	Veterinary Pharmacology	2
			VTSC2201	Farm Animal Skills	2
VET107	Surgical Nursing and Anesthesia 2	1	VTSC2000	Laboratory Animal Science	2
			VTSC2001	Veterinary Radiology	2
VET108	Basic Clinical Lab Procedure	3	VTSC2101	Veterinary Hematology	3
VET120	Vet Tech Summer Work	3			
ANS110	Exp. Canine & Feline	2			
VET203	Nutrition Animal Disease I	3			
VET212	Veterinary Office Mgmt	2			
VET222	Exotic Animal Med for VT	2			
VET204	Animal Disease 2	3			
VET216	Veterinary Pharmacology	3			
VET220	Large Animal & Equine Science	2			
		37			30
In Addition, the following courses are accepted as specific equivalencies.					
BIO101	Biology 1	4	OPEN <i>or</i> BIOL1001	OPEN ELECTIVE (CLAM) Biology 1 (PVET)	4 (3)**
CMP101	Composition I	3	ENGL1001	English Composition 1	3
BUS101	Math for Business & Finance	3	MATH1200	College Algebra	3
CMP104-150	Composition 2	3	ENGL1003	Writing & Literature	3
VET219	Theriogenology	1	VET Sci	ELECTIVE 2000+	3
CHE101	Introduction to Chemistry I	4	CHEM1001	Chemistry I	4
VET201	A & P of Dom Animals I	4	BIOL1005	A&P of Dom Animals I	4
BIO110	Intro to Microbiology	4	BIOL2502	Microbiology	4
VET202	A&P of Dom Animals II	4	BIOL1006	A&P of Dom Animals II	4
ANS102	Canine & Feline Behavior	3	OPEN	OPEN ELECTIVE (CLAM only, no equiv for PVET*)	3 or 0
		33		<i>**For CLAM, this course meets a 3 cr open elective) *No course equivalent within PVET</i>	34 or 32
	Total Credits Earned	70		Total Credits Transferred	64_(CLAM) 62_(PVET)