
ASSOCIATE TO BACHELOR ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

SCOPE OF WORK

This Educational Partnership Agreement ("Agreement"), is made and entered into as of the 18 day of May, 2015 (the "Effective Date"), by and between Northeast State Community College ("NESCC"), with its principal place of business located at 2425 Tennessee Hwy. 75, Blountville, TN 37617, and Bethel University ("Bethel"), with its principal place of business located at 325 Cherry Avenue, McKenzie, Tennessee, 38201. (Each a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties").

This articulation agreement formally recognizes Bethel and NESCC as educational institutions working together to provide educational opportunities for currently enrolled and potential students of their respective institutions. It is the intent of the two institutions to encourage interested students to transfer their degree seeking credit hours and pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree at Bethel University. Available Bachelor Degree programs include; an on-campus option in Management and Organizational Development or an online degree in Organizational Leadership.

NOWHEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties to this Agreement agree as follows:

RESPONSIBILITIES OF BETHEL

- I. Students transferring between the institutions must be in good standing at NESCC and have a grade point average (2.0) equal to that required for retention at Bethel. Credit granted for transfer courses will be based on evaluation of official transcripts issued directly by the credit-granting institution.
- II. Bethel will accept up to 80 semester credit hours for students transferring from NESCC from the coursework listed in Appendix A, although students must have a total of 128 hours to graduate with a degree from Bethel.
- III. No distinction will be made between on-site courses and distance education courses by either institution as long as those courses conform to established standards for all courses at the offering institution.
- IV. The chief academic officers or their designees will confer at least once per year about course offerings at the institutions.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF NESCC

- I. NESCC will announce formation of partnership with Bethel to all students regarding college credit features.
- II. NESCC will offer Bethel at least the same marketing opportunities afforded to other university partners.
- III. NESCC will assign a contact to Bethel to facilitate all interaction between NESCC and Bethel.

This articulation agreement will be in effect for five (5) years upon the affixing of the signatures of the presidents of the two institutions. Renewal of the agreement will be discussed at the end of this time period. The agreement is subject to the policies and regulations of the boards and agencies that have oversight of the respective institutions and may be terminated by either party with a ninety day (90) written notification. Such termination will not affect students enrolled in either institution under the agreement at the time of termination or expiration. A student will have at least six (6) years to complete the coursework at NESCC and transfer under this agreement to Bethel University.

This agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and will become effective and binding upon the Parties as of the Effective Date. All notices contemplated under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed received as reasonably evidenced via receipted mail (including e-mail, facsimile, overnight delivery, or regular mail), postage prepaid as applicable and addressed as follows:

If to Bethel:

Bethel University
325 Cherry Avenue
McKenzie, TN 38201

Attention: _____

If to NESCC:

Northeast State Community College
2425 Tennessee Hwy. 75
Blountville, TN 37617

Attention: _____

A Party may from time to time change its address or designee for notification purposes by giving the other Party prior notice of the new address or designee and the date upon which the change will become effective.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the Effective Date. In the event that Bethel signs this Agreement prior to NESCC, NESCC further agrees that it does not have the right to make any further changes to this Agreement.

Bethel University:

By: Walter Butler

Name: WALTER BUTLER

Title: President

Date: 5/18/15

Northeast State Community College:

By: Janice H. Gilliam

Name: Janice H. Gilliam

Title: President

Date: 6-22-15