

Agreement Between
MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
and
MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE BRIDGE PROGRAM

This agreement dated as of the 2 of April , 2013 is between **Middlesex Community College**, a state agency organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its usual place of business in Lowell and Bedford, Massachusetts, hereinafter called MCC, and **Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied 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 MCC and MCPHS for the mutual considerations and covenants herein contained as follows:

1. MCC and MCPHS hereby agree to an articulated program whereby students from MCC may complete an **Associate's Degree in Dental Hygiene (ASDH)** at MCC, and then transfer to MCPHS Online to complete the requirements of the **Master of Science in Dental Hygiene (MSDH) Bridge Program**, hereinafter called the Bridge Program.

2 (a). MCPHS shall accept up to five (5) qualified MCC students each year into the Bridge Program. If more than five (5) students meet the established requirements, the five (5) students deemed most qualified by MCPHS (based upon overall grade point average and Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (minimum score: 213 computer-based/79 internet-based) or International English Language Testing System (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 Online program. Completed applications must be submitted to the MCPHS Online Office of Admission by the priority filing date for the requested semester of entry as such date is set forth on the MCPHS Online website.

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

other applicable materials published by each institution, except as may be otherwise set forth herein. The then current curricula may be found on each institution's website.

3. MCC students, who have successfully completed a MCC Associate's Degree in Dental Hygiene program with an overall grade point average of 3.0 (on a scale of 4.0) with no grade below C and no repeats, are eligible for assured admission to the Bridge Program, 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) hereinabove. Any student who has repeated coursework will be evaluated on a space available basis. Students for whom English is a second language must also submit a TOEFL or IELTS score. **Additional requirements for matriculation to the Bridge Program are: 1) proof of then current employment as a dental hygienist; 2) evidence of one year of work in any health care field; and 3) evidence of dental hygiene licensure.** MCPHS retains the right to make the final decision on each student's application.

4. MCC students accepted in the Bridge Program are subject to the graduation requirements of the college catalogs (and other published standards) issued by MCC 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 Dental Accreditation, American Dental Association, or which are determined by the MCC or MCPHS faculty as warranted to ensure a quality educational program.

5. The Dental Hygiene Department Chair at MCC will act as advisor to students interested in the dental hygiene program and will serve as the liaison with the MCPHS Online Admission office on all aspects of the Bridge Program.

6. The Admission office at MCHPS and MCC Dental Department Chair agree that they 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 copies of any written materials that it publishes to describe the terms of this Agreement.

7. This Agreement 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 Online, the Bridge Program will continue to be offered for two years to MCC 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.

8. Each of MCPHS and MCC represents and agrees that they are and shall endeavor to 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.

9. 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.

10. The parties agree that this Agreement embodies all of the agreements made by and between them and supersedes any prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, with regard to acceptance of MCC 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.

11. 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:

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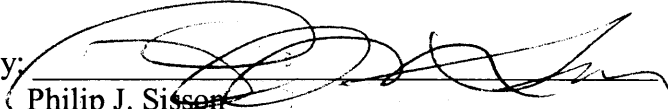
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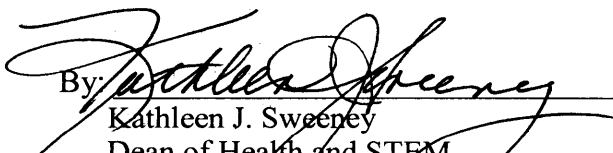
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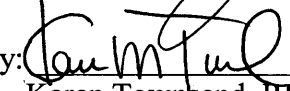
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