ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
between
CHARTER OAK STATE COLLEGE
and
MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Preamble

Charter Oak State College, New Britain, CT and Mount Wachusett Community College, Gardner, MA join in a cooperative relationship designed to enhance the educational opportunities available to students, especially adult learners.

Charter Oak State College was established in 1973 by the Connecticut Legislature to provide an alternative way for adult learners to earn a college degree. To this end, Charter Oak State College recognizes credits earned from a variety of sources including transfer of credit from other regionally accredited colleges, examinations, portfolio assessment, contract learning, certain professional certifications or licenses, and most ACE reviewed military and corporate training. Charter Oak State College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and by the Board of Governors of Higher Education of the State of Connecticut.

Mount Wachusett Community College was established in 1962 by the Massachusetts legislature and is one of fifteen regional community colleges under the authority of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. Mount Wachusett Community College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. As the community's college, Mount Wachusett Community College is a leader in ensuring affordability and accessibility of public higher education in North Central Massachusetts.

Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to assist students, especially adult learners to use the resources and services of Mount Wachusett Community College to meet the requirements established by Charter Oak State College to obtain a baccalaureate degree.

Charter Oak State College agrees to:

Accept a maximum of ninety (90) credits from students of Mount Wachusett Community College, provided they can be used to meet General Education and other distribution requirements required by Charter Oak State College.

Conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of all courses offered by Mount Wachusett Community College so students can be advised as to the nature of acceptance of each course. This evaluation process to determine appropriate course classifications will take place on a yearly basis.

Assist students, in collaboration with Mount Wachusett Community College personnel, with understanding degree requirements and in developing a program plan to help them meet degree requirements.

Hold training sessions as needed for Mount Wachusett Community College personnel, informing them of new methods, procedures and other information important for optimal advisement.
Provide written material to Mount Wachusett Community College for the ongoing dissemination of information to students expressing interest in Charter Oak State College baccalaureate programs. This would include information to assist in student advising.

Inform Mount Wachusett Community College of any changes in policy especially those changes potentially affecting student progress. This would include changes in programs, acceptance, fees, etc.

Mount Wachusett Community College agrees to:

- Coordinate learning activities designed to assist students in meeting degree requirements established by Charter Oak State College.
- Identify and coordinate the use of a wide range of local learning resources, strategies and activities, in cooperation with Charter Oak State College.
- Provide ongoing orientation and advisement to students, faculty and staff regarding the programs at Charter Oak State College.
- Maintain an open channel of communication with Charter Oak State College personnel, to make sure information given to students is accurate and complete.
- Disseminate written information made available by Charter Oak State College and promote this agreement through newsletters, brochures, other publications, and orientation sessions.
- Keep informed and relate any changes of policy by Charter Oak State College to interested parties at Mount Wachusett Community College.

This agreement may not be modified, amended or otherwise changed except by written instructions agreed to and signed by officials of both colleges. The agreement may be terminated by either college upon six (6) months written notice.

Mount Wachusett Community College  Charter Oak State College

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