Agreement Between
MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
and
MCPHS UNIVERSITY

This agreement, dated December 13, 2021, is between Mount Wachusett Community College, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its usual place of business in Gardner, Massachusetts, hereinafter called MWCC, and MCPHS University, 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.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, MWCC and MCPHS agree as follows:

1. MWCC and MCPHS hereby agree to an articulated program whereby students from MWCC may complete an Associate’s Degree in Dental Hygiene (ASDH) at MWCC, and then transfer to MCPHS to complete the requirements of the Master of Science in Dental Hygiene (MSDH) Bridge Program, which is offered entirely online and is hereinafter called the “Bridge Program”.

2 (a). MCPHS shall accept up to five (5) qualified MWCC 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 Office of Admission at MCPHS Online by June 1 prior to anticipated matriculation in the fall semester.

2 (b). Upon the successful completion of the degree program at MWCC, which completion shall be in accordance with all the standards applicable to MWCC 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. MWCC students, who have successfully completed a MWCC 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) hereinafore. 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. MWCC students accepted in the Bridge Program are subject to the graduation requirements of 
the college catalogs (and other published standards) issued by MWCC 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 Commission of Higher 
Education (or any successor organization) and the Commission on Dental Accreditation, American 
Dental Association, or which are determined by the MWCC or MCPHS faculty as warranted to 
ensure a quality educational program.

5. A faculty or staff member at MWCC 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 offices of both institutions agree that the Admission directors 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 advance 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 MWCC 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 MWCC represents and agrees that they are and shall endeavor to remain 
during the term of this Agreement fully accredited by the New England Commission of Higher 
Education (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 MWCC 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:

If to MWCC:
Mount Wachusett Community College
444 Green Street
Gardner, MA 01440

With copy to:

If to MCPHS:
MCPHS University
179 Longwood Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
Attn: Provost

With copy to:
MCPHS University
179 Longwood Avenue
Boston, MA 02115
Attn: Legal Affairs

EXECUTED AS A SEALED INSTRUMENT THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE
WRITTEN.

MOUNT WACHUSETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

By:  
James Vander Hooven, Ed.D
President

Date: 2/22/2022

By:  
Cynthia Cadoret
Dental Hygiene Program Director
Department Chair

Date: 2/18/2022

MCPHS UNIVERSITY

By:  
Caroline Zeind, PharmD, RPh
Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost

Date: December 13, 2021

Approved as to form by MCPHS University
Legal Affairs. 12/10/2021

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