

**DUAL ADMISSIONS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
and
NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2021, between Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania of the State System of Higher Education and Northampton Community College.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises hereinafter expressed and intending to be legally bound hereby, the Parties agree as follows:

A. INTRODUCTION

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and Northampton Community College (hereinafter referred to as “Bloomsburg University and “NCC”) agree to establish this dual admissions agreement whereby students who apply for dual admission and graduate from NCC are guaranteed admission to Bloomsburg University with at least full junior standing in Bloomsburg University’s Bachelor of Science in Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity program when the following criteria are met:

1. Submission of the Dual Admission Intent Form, preferably prior to completing 45 credits at NCC.
2. Graduate with an Associate in Applied Science degree in Information Security from NCC.
3. Fulfill Bloomsburg University transfer admission requirements.

The purposes of this agreement are:

1. To establish a seamless dual admissions partnership agreement that involves the participating community college and a 4-year Bachelor degree granting institution.
2. To cooperatively provide a program of study consisting of a sequence of technical courses and industrial experience following a logical progression toward the Bachelor of Science in Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity.
3. To enable qualified graduates of NCC to build upon their education and training by earning a baccalaureate degree.
4. To enable Bloomsburg University to attract a more diverse population of students to the Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity program.

5. To enable community college graduates to obtain a quality education at a low cost, and, in doing so, provide the commonwealth with qualified cybersecurity and digital forensics graduates.
6. To ensure recognition of the continuity of academic progress and transferability of credits between two-year and four-year programs.

B. PROCEDURES

NCC agrees to publicize this dual admissions agreement to prospective students in its admissions literature and as part of regular student recruitment, and inform qualified, matriculating students matriculating of the opportunity for admission to Bloomsburg University under the terms of this agreement.

NCC students must enroll within one year of graduation and cannot attend another institution in between attending NCC and Bloomsburg University.

Bloomsburg University will issue a conditional acceptance letter to eligible candidates who have submitted the Dual Admission Intent Form. NCC students must complete the Bloomsburg University transfer application by October 1st or May 1st if enrolling for the following spring or fall semester at Bloomsburg University.

Most importantly, this agreement ensures early advising. The Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity Program Coordinator at Bloomsburg University will meet with dual admitted students at least once per semester regarding the student's academic plan and maintain close contact throughout the admissions process. NCC and Bloomsburg University have an articulation agreement documenting how courses transfer, which is critical for course registration.

The following items are the responsibility of students participating in the dual admissions program:

1. Complete the sequence of courses specified on the Program-to-Program Guaranteed Admissions Worksheet with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.00 on a 4-point scale.
2. At the time of application, provide high school transcripts and transcripts of all college courses taken up to and including the previous semester.
3. Upon receiving the Associate in Applied Science Degree from NCC, provide complete NCC transcripts to Bloomsburg University.
4. Submit the Dual Admission Intent Form. NCC students must complete the Bloomsburg University transfer application by October 1st or May 1st if enrolling for the following spring or fall semester at Bloomsburg University. Admission under this agreement will be contingent upon completing items 1 to 3, above, and receiving the Associate in Applied Science degree from NCC.

5. Pay the required advanced deposit to hold a seat for the fall semester.
6. Pay Bloomsburg University's tuition and fees for those semesters in which they are registered for courses at Bloomsburg University.
7. A course-by-course evaluation and transfer will be accepted from NCC for graduates of approved majors or comparable programs. Additional courses not used to satisfy requirements for the Associate in Applied Science Degree will be evaluated for transfer credit on a course-by-course basis. Credits earned at a college or institution which does not hold accreditation by a regional accrediting body will be evaluated on a case by case basis at Bloomsburg University.
8. Students must take at least 30 of the last 60 credits earned toward a baccalaureate degree at Bloomsburg University. In addition, 50% of the major/cognate credits required for the major must be earned at a State System University. Students while enrolled at Bloomsburg University shall comply with its academic policies and requirements. Specific academic policies and degree requirements in effect for the Bachelor of Science degree as awarded by the University will be such as exist at the time of the student enrollment in the program.
9. Complete four semesters of study on the Bloomsburg University campus, and follow the Recommended course sequence for NCC Transfer Students.

C. CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT

1. The Coordinator of the Bachelor of Science degree program in Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity at Bloomsburg University and the Coordinator of the Associate in Applied Science degree in Information Security at NCC will monitor this agreement.
2. The term of this agreement shall be five years commencing when all applicable signatures are obtained.
3. Either institution may withdraw from the agreement upon written notification of the other, with exception to commitments already in effect for students who have applied to Bloomsburg University. Such commitments will be honored. In the event of a substantial breach, such as, a lack of response to requests for information and or adequate participation, either party may terminate this agreement.
4. The relationship of the parties to this contract shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
5. The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

6. Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities as a result of this agreement. As to liability to each other, death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania's rights, claims or defenses, which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education or Bloomsburg University.
7. This agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. This agreement can be modified only in writing with the same formality as the original agreement.
8. This agreement shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
9. Any disputes under this Agreement shall be resolved first through informal resolution between the relevant divisions at the respective Party. If such informal resolution fails, the dispute shall be forwarded to the President of Bloomsburg University for final determination.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed pursuant to due and legal action authorizing the same to be done the date first written above.

Bloomsburg University of
Pennsylvania:

Northampton Community
College:

President
Bloomsburg University
Date: _____

President
Northampton Community College
Date: _____

Provost and Senior VP, Academic Affairs
Bloomsburg University
Date: _____

VP, Academic Services
Northampton Community College
Date: _____

Dean, College of Science and Technology
Bloomsburg University
Date: _____

Dean, STEM
Northampton Community College
Date: _____

University Legal Counsel
Date: _____

ATTACHMENT A

Transfer Advising Guide

Northampton Community College (NCC)

A.A.S. Information Security

to

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania (BU)

B.S. Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity

Northampton Recommended Course			BU Equivalent		
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COLS101	College Success	1		INTSTUDY 100	University Seminar	1
ENGL101	English 1	3		ENGLISH 101	Foundations Of College Writing	3
CICS100	Information Technology Fundamentals	4		DIGFOR199	Digital Forensics Transfer	3
CISC105	Desktop Operating Systems	4		DIGFOR199	Digital Forensics Transfer	3
CISC131	Data Communication And Lans	4		DIGFOR199	Digital Forensics Transfer	3
CMTH102	Introduction To Communication	3		COMMSTUD 103	Public Speaking	3
CISC286	Linu Administration	4		DIGFOR219	Introduction To Linux For D.F.	3
CISC180	Introduction To Network Security	4		DIGFOR275	Introduction To Networks	3
TECHNICAL ELECTIVE		3		GEN EDUCATION COURSE		3
ENGL151T	English II	3		INTSTUDY 204	Intro To Research Writing	3
BUSA221G	Business Communication	3		INTSTUDY 231	Technical Writing	3
CISC205	Cybersecurity Essentials	4		DIGFOR257	Secure Systems Design And Administration	3
CISC280	LAW & Ethics Of Computer Security	3		DIGFOR 199	Digital Forensics Transfer	3
MATH ELECTIVE	Mathematics Elective	3			Recommending Math 150 At NH So Students Can Transfer To Math141	3
SIT GEN ED ELECTIVE	Sit Gen Ed Elective	3		GEN EDUCATION COURSE		3 or 4
CISC282	Cybersecurity Administration	4		DIGFOR311	Security Fundamentals	3
CISC284	Ethical Hacking	3		DIGFOR371	Penetration Testing	3
ELECTIVE	Elective	3		GEN EDUCATION COURSE		3
SSHB GEN ED ELECTIVE	SSHB Gen Ed Elective	3		GEN EDUCATION COURSE		3
AH GEN ED ELECTIVE	AH Gen Ed Elective	3		GEN EDUCATION COURSE		3

BU Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity Degree Checklist

Northampton CC Students -- Effective Spring 2021

REQUIRED DF Courses (24 credits)	Credits	Grade	Semester/Year
DIGFOR 121 Digital Forensics File Systems 1	3		Fall 1
DIGFOR 122 Digital Forensics File Systems 2	3		Spring 1
DIGFOR 219 Intro to Linux for D.F. (CISC 286)	3	TR	Transfer
DIGFOR 275 Introduction to Networks (CISC 180)	3	TR	Transfer
DIGFOR 311 Security Fundamentals (CISC 282)	3	TR	Transfer
DIGFOR 317 Digital Forensics Software	3		Fall 2
DIGFOR 318 Small Devices	3		Spring 2
DIGFOR 417 Advanced Topics in Digital Forensics	3		Spring 2

Digital Forensics Electives (At least 9 credits)	Credits	Grade	Semester/Year
DIGFOR 257 Secure System Design and Administration (CISC 205)	3	TR	Transfer
DIGFOR 319 UNIX/LINUX for Digital Forensics	3		
DIGFOR 331 Electronic Discovery	3		
DIGFOR 351 Enterprise Network Investigations	3		
DIGFOR 371 Penetration Testing (CISC284)	3	TR	Transfer
DIGFOR 419 Independent Study in Digital Forensics	3		
DIGFOR 431 Current Issues in Cybercrime	3		
DIGFOR 451 Malware Forensics	3		
DIGFOR 471 Internet of Things (IoT) Forensics	3		Fall 2
DIGFOR 498 Internship in DF (At most 3 credit hours)	3		

REQUIRED Math & CS Courses (15 to 16 credits)	Credits	Grade	Semester/Year
COMPSCI 115 Python Programming	3		Fall 1
COMPSCI 357 Database Design	3		Spring 1
MATH 111 Finite Mathematics <i>OR</i> MATH 125 Calculus 1	3 4		Fall 1
MATH 141 Intro to Statistics (Recommend Math 150 at NH so students can transfer this class)	3		Spring 1

MATH 180 Discrete Mathematical Structures OR MATH 185 Discrete Mathematics	3		Fall 2
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Other REQUIRED Courses (15 credits)	Credits	Grade	Semester/Year
ENGLISH 101 Foundations of Writing	3	TR	
COMMSTUD 103 Public Speaking (CMTH 102)	3	TR	
CRIMJUST 101 Intro to Criminal Justice	3		Fall 1
PHIL 295 Business Ethics (G.E. needed for CISC 280) Transfers as DIGFOR199	3	TR	
INTSTUDY 231 Technical Writing	3	TR	

Suggested Course Sequenced based on courses that are planned to be taken at North Hampton. Actual courses taken could change this plan.

Fall Semester 1 (15 credits) DIGFOR 121 Digital Forensics File Systems 1 COMPSCI 115 Python Programming CRIMJUST 101 Intro to Criminal Justice Math 111 Finite Math Elective	Spring Semester 1 (15 credits) DIGFOR 122 Digital Forensics File Systems 2 COMPSCI 357 Database Design MATH 141 Intro to Statistics Elective Elective
Fall Semester 2 (15 credits) DIGFOR 317 Digital Forensics Software MATH 180 Discrete Mathematical Structures DIGFOR Elective Elective Elective	Spring Semester 2 (12 credits) DIGFOR Elective DIGFOR 318 Small Devices DIGFOR 417 Advanced Topics in Digital Forensics Elective