

Transfer Agreements at SMCC



Dear Student,

If you want to earn a bachelor's degree for less, you can save thousands of dollars by starting at SMCC before transferring to a four-year college or university. Our transfer agreements will put you on the right path.

These agreements allow you to pre-plan your college careers so you can avoid taking unneeded credits and spending money on courses that won't count toward a bachelor's degree.

We have transfer agreements with the University of Maine, the University of Southern Maine, the University of New England, Saint Joseph's College and elsewhere in Maine. If you're interested in out-of-state schools, we can simplify your transfer to places such as Johnson & Wales, Southern New Hampshire University, Smith, Wellesley, Mount Holyoke College and more.

If you want to continue your education after graduating from SMCC, our transfer agreements will help get you there.

Start smart at SMCC by avoiding debt and getting the skills and support you need to continue your education through one of our seamless transfer agreements. Then finish strong by getting a four-year degree and earning over \$1 million more over your lifetime. We are here to help you succeed.

Joe Cassidy



President of SMCC

For more information about this specific transfer agreement please view the additional pages in this document.

Please note: These agreements are frequently renewed and may at times be under renewal. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our **Advising Office** at **207-741-5835** or **transfer@smccME.edu**.

We are here to help your succeed.

TWO PLUS TWO ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

New Hampshire Institute of Art and Southern Maine Community College

August 2015

New Hampshire Institute of Art (NHIA) and Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) enter into this agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from the Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies – Arts Focus degree program at SMCC to the Fine Arts BFA program at NHIA.

New Hampshire Institute of Art

NHIA is a four-year degree-granting college, accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. NHIA offers a Bachelor's of Fine Arts Degree in the following concentrations: Ceramics, Creative Writing, Graphic Design, Illustration, Interdisciplinary Arts, Fine Arts and Photography. The College also offers a Master of Arts in Art Education (MAAE), as well as low-residency Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Degree programs in Visual Arts, Creative Writing, Photography, and Writing for Stage and Screen.

Two Plus Two Agreement Defined

A "Two Plus Two Articulation Agreement" is defined here as a formal articulation agreement that permits credits that are earned in SMCC programs to be transferred towards the completion of Bachelor's Degree requirements at NHIA.

Eligibility

Students at Southern Maine Community College are eligible for transfer under this two plus two articulation agreement if they meet the following criteria:

- 1) have earned an Associate Degree in Liberal Studies – Art Focus from SMCC; and
- 2) have achieved a 2.5 or higher overall GPA in their SMCC program; and
- 3) receive the endorsement of the Art Department Chair from SMCC for this transfer; and
- 4) submit a portfolio to NHIA that demonstrates fine arts proficiency typical of sophomore level work.

(Students not meeting the above criteria may apply for transfer admission to New Hampshire Institute of Art following all procedures listed in the current NHIA website.)

Level of Transfer

Students transferring under the NHIA/ SMCC Two Plus Two Fine Arts Articulation Agreement are placed at the Junior level if the following SMCC courses are completed with a grade of B + or better.

- "Drawing II"
- "Survey of Western Art History II"
- "2D/3D Design"
- "Portfolio Seminar"

Pending portfolio review, students may be required to take select sophomore level Fine Arts classes at NHIA. In addition, at the determination of the NHIA Liberal Arts Department, students may be required to take one or two sophomore level art history survey courses which serve as prerequisites for upper level art history requirements.

Graduating SMCC students interested in pursuing NHIA concentrations not covered by an articulation agreement should expect placement at the sophomore level. NHIA faculty will make individual determinations of entrance level and major-course requirements based on portfolio review.

Transfer Credit

Students transferring under the NHIA/ SMCC Articulation Agreement may receive transfer credit for the total credits required for the A.A. Degree; however, individual courses in which a grade lower than C was earned will not transfer. SMCC courses are transferred toward NHIA's requirements in Foundations, Liberal Arts, Studio Concentrations and electives. In order to earn the BFA Degree, transfer students are responsible for meeting NHIA's total requirements in these areas through transfer credits or NHIA courses.

Review of Agreement

This Agreement will be reviewed automatically every three years. Either institution can call for a review at any time to evaluate effects of changes in concentration programs, course offerings, or faculty staffing at either institution.

Community College Scholarship

Associate Degree graduates of Southern Maine Community College who are accepted into New Hampshire Institute of Art are guaranteed to receive an annual \$10,000 Community College Scholarship. In addition, SMCC faculty can nominate one graduate per year to receive an additional \$500 award per year.

Two Plus Two Articulation Application Requirements

Students qualified for transfer under this Agreement file:

- 1) NHIA application form (application fee is not required)
- 2) Southern Maine Community College official transcript
- 3) High school official transcript or GED
- 4) Portfolio in digital format
- 5) Letter of recommendation from SMCC faculty

Articulation application requirements must all be received by the NHIA Office of Admission no later than one month prior to the intended semester start date.

Promoting this Agreement

New Hampshire Institute of Art and Southern Maine Community College agree to promote the existence of this agreement in all appropriate academic catalogs, viewbooks, websites and other promotional materials.

NHIA Foundations Program

The Foundations program at the New Hampshire Institute of Art embraces the necessary experiences critical to building language and skills for the upper-level classes. The program builds the skills that heighten visual perception imperative for aesthetic problem resolution. Foundations serves as a preface to concepts that function as underpinnings for skills later developed in other concentrations. Classes in the Foundations department split into two distinct categories: those that build analytical skills by using theory to solve creative problems and those that enhance technical skills and teach practical application. Students learn to analytically assess the art-making process using formal art theory and then apply those analytical skills to the art-making process, as they proceed through to their concentrations.

NHIA urges students pursuing this Two Plus Two Agreement to take as many SMCC Fine Arts courses as possible, even beyond SMCC's program requirements, to ensure they have as strong a preparation as they can for NHIA's junior year curriculum.

SIGNATURES TO THIS AGREEMENT (w/dates)

This agreement becomes effective September 2015 and will be reviewed in August 2017 for renewal discussion.