

**Charter Oak State College
and
Northern Virginia Community College**

Parties:

Charter Oak State College, New Britain, CT, Connecticut's distance learning college, was established in 1973 by the Connecticut Legislature to provide an alternative way for adult learners to earn a college degree. In addition to offering its own distance learning courses, 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/PONSI credit recommended 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.

Northern Virginia Community College, located on six campuses in northern Virginia is an open access, comprehensive community college offering two-year associate degrees, one-year certificates, and career studies certificates as well as continuing education and community services programs. NVCC, as one of the 23 colleges comprising the Virginia Community College System, is governed by the Virginia State Board for Community Colleges. Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) was established in 1964 as Northern Virginia Technical College to serve the eighth planning district. NVCC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Agreement:

This collaborative agreement is made between the two parties to provide Northern Virginia Community College students who have completed associate degrees in the areas of Administration of Justice and Fire Science a flexible, accelerated and non-traditional means of earning the credits necessary for a Bachelor's of Science degree at Charter Oak State College with a concentration in either Public Safety Administration or Individualized Studies.

Northern Virginia Community College agrees to:

Offer associate degrees in Administration of Justice and Fire Science Administration.
Submit official transcripts to Charter Oak State College upon the student's request.

Inform Charter Oak State College of any changes in Northern Virginia Community College policies and catalog changes.

Make financial aid available, as applicable, to students in their associate degree programs.

Permit students pursuing a bachelor's degree from Charter Oak State College, to earn additional Northern Virginia Community College credits beyond the associate's degree.

Advise students about the Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Public Safety Administration offered by Charter Oak State College.

Charter Oak State College Agrees to:

Offer online courses to fulfill the degree requirements of the Public Safety Administration concentration.

Accept the credits from Northern Virginia Community College as these courses follow the template agreed upon for this program of study and award a Bachelors of Science degree. (See attached)

Inform Northern Virginia Community College of any changes in Charter Oak College policies and catalog changes.

Grant a Bachelor of Science degree to students who successfully complete the degree requirements for the program. The diploma will state Bachelor of Science. The transcript will state the concentration in either Public Safety Administration or Individualized Studies.

Charter Oak State College will make financial aid available to qualified students, as applicable, as a component of the matriculation process at Charter Oak State College.

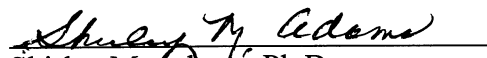
Additional Responsibilities:

Both parties will cooperate in developing marketing materials to be used in promotion and advertising. The use by one party of another party's name or logo for print and electronic advertising material and any other publicity shall be subject to the prior written approval (including Email or fax) of the party whose name or logo is being used.

Both parties must approve the publicity, regardless of medium used, on this program before it is distributed

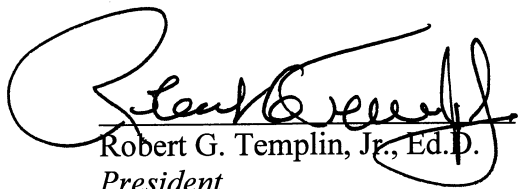
This agreement may not be modified, amended or otherwise changed except by written instruction agreed to and signed by officials of both parties. The agreement may be terminated by either of the parties upon six (6) months written notice.

Charter Oak State College


Shirley M. Adams, Ph.D.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

2/03/06
Date

Northern Virginia Community College


Robert G. Templin, Jr., Ed.D.
President

1/30/06
Date