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New England Institute of Technology and the Rhode Island Department of Health to Collaborate on Public Health Issues

East Greenwich, RI – Dr. Douglas H. Sherman, Senior Vice President and Provost at New England Institute of Technology (NEIT), announced that the university and the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) will collaborate in the training of undergraduate, graduate and professional degree students in a wide range of disciplines to help improve public health for all Rhode Island residents. The goal of NEIT and RIDOH is to ensure the next generation of professionals will improve public health for a positive impact on society.

This affiliation between NEIT and RIDOH will help advance health-related activities such as:

- Outreach collaborations to include students and faculty from a variety of disciplines
- Collaborative health policy development initiatives and quality improvement programs
- Professional education programs for health professionals requiring continuing education credits
- Development of customized education and training programs for health professionals
- Development of a healthcare speakers bureau to benefit professionals and university students
- Learning opportunities for NEIT students through the RIDOH Public Health Scholar Program
- Research and learning opportunities for NEIT students and faculty
- The sharing of data and resources to aid in research, public policy development and health planning

In addition, Dr. Magali Angeloni, Program Director for New England Tech's Master of Public Health online program, www.neit.edu/mph, will participate in the Public Health Academic Working Group (PHAWG) which is organized and chaired by RIDOH and Brown University. This monthly meeting helps to integrate public health research and education with practice and policy among academic institutions and RIDOH. The PHAWG supports the work of the RIDOH Academic Center which was established to strengthen the integration of academic activities with public health practice in Rhode Island. The Academic Center strives to develop a highly skilled public health workforce that is focused on innovation, research, evaluation, quality improvement and academic collaboration.

Dr. Sherman stated, "We are very excited about the opportunities that this new collaboration will offer our students and faculty. From research and learning opportunities to assisting in the development of new and innovative public health policy initiatives, this new affiliation will provide students relevant work experiences that will better prepare them to become the future leaders of Rhode Island's public health community."

"This new partnership between the RIDOH Academic Center and New England Tech will allow us to pool our resources and expertise in dynamic, innovative ways to address health disparities and work toward health equity at the community level," said Laurie Leonard, Director of the RIDOH Academic Center. "As New England Tech is growing its public health program, this partnership will bring together excellent researchers, public health professionals, and ambitious, talented students who are eager to embark on careers building healthier communities throughout the entire state."

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Under the leadership of President Richard I. Gouse, New England Institute of Technology is a private, non-profit, technical university and is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education. Founded in 1940, New England Tech offers more than 50 associate's, bachelor's, master's, doctoral and online degree programs. For more information, visit www.neit.edu or contact the Admissions office at 800-736-7744 or by email at NEITAdmissions@neit.edu. Follow news of the university on Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, Instagram and LinkedIn.