MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MARIA COLLEGE AND THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

Introduction
This Memorandum of Understanding (the “MOU”) is between the Maria College and the State University of New York (the “SUNY”) Empire State College to establish an educational agreement. Through the agreement, SUNY Empire State College will provide Maria College bachelor’s degree students with a special early application and admission process to SUNY Empire State College’s graduate programs.

Objectives of the Agreement
To provide Maria College bachelor’s degree students with an early admission pathway to SUNY Empire State College’s graduate programs.

Terms of Agreement

1. Maria College students applying to SUNY Empire State College under this agreement will use the standard SUNY Empire State College graduate application and include the special Maria College agreement admission code.

2. Maria College students applying to SUNY Empire State College’s graduate programs through this pathway must have completed 75-credits of undergraduate work toward their bachelor’s degree at Maria College and the prerequisite courses required by the SUNY Empire State College graduate program to which they are applying.

3. Maria College students applying through this agreement must meet the individual programs requirements listed in Appendix A.

4. Maria College students who apply through this program will receive a waiver of the $50 application fee.

5. All acceptances under this pathway will be valid for 3-years and be conditional on students successfully completing their bachelor’s degree with Maria College with a 3.0 or better GPA.

6. Maria College students who do not meet the requirements of this pathway agreement may apply through SUNY Empire State College’s regular admissions process.

7. The MOU may be amended or renewed by mutual agreement in writing. SUNY Empire State College and Maria College agree to bring matters of concern that affect this MOU to the attention of the other party's designated representative for discussion and amendments, as necessary. If to:

   SUNY Empire State College
   Attn: Dr. Shelley B. Dixon
   Associate Dean for Academic Services
   1 Union Avenue
   Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

   Copy to Provost at same address

   Maria College
   Attn: Dr. John Kowal
   Vice President for Academic Affairs
   700 New Scotland Avenue
   Albany, NY 12208
8. SUNY Empire State College will provide a single point of contact for Maria College students who want to apply through this program.

9. SUNY Empire State College and Maria College may conduct joint information sessions about this agreement for Maria College students.

10. SUNY Empire State College will provide Maria College with informational materials about SUNY Empire State College graduate programs.

11. Any publication and marketing of this educational agreement will be subject to the prior approval of both SUNY Empire State College and Maria College.

12. Either party may terminate this MOU on forty-five (45) days advance notification in writing, certified mail return receipt required.

13. This agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

14. This affiliation is not exclusive to either party.

15. SUNY Empire State College and Maria College agree that each is acting independently of the other, that they are not joint ventures, and that neither party is an agent of the other.

**General Information**

Further information about SUNY Empire State College may be obtained by calling the Student Information Center at 800 847-3000.
Signatures to the Agreement

SUNY Empire State College

[Signature]

Mostodie Hancock, Ph.D., President
3/1/17
Date

Nathan Gonyea, Ph.D., Interim Dean, School for Graduate Studies
4/28/17
Date

MARIA COLLEGE

[Signature]

Thomas Gamble, Ph.D., President
5/10/17
Date

John Kowal
John Kowal, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs
5-12-17
Date
Appendix A

SUNY Empire State College Programmatic Early Admission Requirements

MA in Adult Learning

1. Maria College students who apply through this program must:
   a) have a 3.0 overall grade point average (GPA) at the time of their application.
      i) Students who have a 3.0 GPA will be considered to have met the coursework requirements for admission.
   b) meet all other admissions requirements. Specifically,
      i) two application essays (personal statement essay and program specific essay)
      ii) a resume
2. Maria College students who apply through this program will have the recommendation requirement waived.

MA in Community and Economic Development

1. Maria College students who apply through this program must:
   a) have a 3.0 overall grade point average (GPA) at the time of their application and a “B” grade or better in each prerequisite course required by the SUNY Empire State College's MA in Community and Economic Development program.
      i) Students who have a 3.0 GPA and a B or better in each prerequisite course will be considered to have met the coursework requirements for admission. Prerequisites: statistics and macroeconomics.
   b) meet all other admissions requirements. Specifically,
      i) two application essays (personal statement essay and program specific essay)
      ii) a resume
2. Maria College students who apply through this program will have the recommendation requirement waived.

MA in Learning and Emerging Technologies

1. Maria College students who apply through this program must:
   a) have a 3.0 overall grade point average (GPA) at the time of their application.
      i) Students who have a 3.0 GPA will be considered to have met the coursework requirements for admission.
   b) meet all other admissions requirements. Specifically,
      i) two application essays (personal statement essay and program specific essay)
      ii) a resume
2. Maria College students who apply through this program will have the recommendation requirement waived.

MA in Liberal Studies

1. Maria College students who apply through this program must:
   a) have a 3.0 overall grade point average (GPA) at the time of their application.
      i) Students who have a 3.0 GPA will be considered to have met the coursework requirements for admission.
   b) meet all other admissions requirements. Specifically,
      i) two application essays (personal statement essay and program specific essay)
      ii) a resume
      iii) one recommendation (part of the online application) from an academic instructor or advisor
MA in Social and Public Policy

1. Maria College students who apply through this program must:
   a) have a 3.0 overall grade point average (GPA) at the time of their application.
      i) Students who have a 3.0 GPA will be considered to have met the coursework requirements for admission.
   b) meet all other admissions requirements. Specifically,
      i) two application essays (personal statement essay and program specific essay)
      ii) a resume

2. Maria College students who apply through this program will have recommendation requirement waived.

MA in Work and Labor Policy

1. Maria College students who apply through this program must:
   a) have a 3.0 overall grade point average (GPA) at the time of their application
      i) Students who have a 3.0 GPA a will be considered to have met the coursework requirements for admission.
   b) meet all other admissions requirements. Specifically,
      i) two application essays (personal statement essay and program specific essay)
      ii) a resume

2. Maria College students who apply through this program will have recommendation requirement waived.

MBA in Healthcare Leadership

1. Maria College students who apply through this program must:
   a) have a 3.0 overall grade point average (GPA) at the time of their application and a “B” grade or better in each prerequisite course required by the SUNY Empire State College’s MBA in Healthcare Leadership program.
      i) Students who have a 3.0 GPA and a B or better in each perquisite courses will be considered to have met the coursework requirements for admission. Prerequisites: statistics, accounting, macroeconomics, and microeconomics.
   b) meet all other admissions requirements. Specifically,
      i) five years of managerial or related experience in the healthcare field
      ii) one application essay
      iii) a resume

2. Maria College students who apply through this program will have the recommendation requirement waived.
MBA in Business Management

1. Maria College students who apply through this program must:
   a) have a 3.0 overall grade point average (GPA) at the time of their application and a “B” grade or better in each prerequisite course required by the SUNY Empire State College’s MBA in Business Management program.
      i) Students who have a 3.0 GPA and a B or better in each prerequisite course will be considered to have met the coursework requirements for admission. Prerequisites: statistics, accounting, macroeconomics, and microeconomics.
   b) meet all other admissions requirements. Specifically,
      i) one application essay
      ii) a resume

2. Maria College students who apply through this program will have the recommendation requirement waived.

MS in Nursing Education

Admission requirements include:

1. an essay
2. an active, unencumbered New York state RN license,
3. be enrolled in Maria College’s BS degree in Nursing completion program
   a) acceptance into Empire State Colleges MS in Nursing Education program is conditional on completion of Maria College’s BS degree in Nursing completion program. If a student completes a different bachelor degree program, they may not enroll in Empire State College’s MS in Nursing Education program
4. a 3.0 or higher GPA at the time of application
5. a resume that clearly demonstrates clinical practice as a registered nurse.

MS in Nursing Administration

Admission requirements include:

1. an essay
2. an active, unencumbered New York state RN license,
3. be enrolled in Maria College’s BS degree in Nursing completion program
   a) acceptance into Empire State Colleges MS in Nursing Administration program is conditional on completion of Maria College’s BS degree in Nursing completion program. If a student completes a different bachelor degree program, they may not enroll in Empire State College’s MS in Nursing Administration program
4. a 3.0 or higher GPA at the time of application
5. a resume that clearly demonstrates clinical practice as a registered nurse