



EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF STUDENTS FROM NIAGARA COLLEGE INTO THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

Introduction

This articulation agreement assures that students completing a certificate, diploma or advanced diploma at Niagara College are able to transfer to SUNY Empire State College. This articulation agreement establishes procedures for graduates of Niagara College to obtain the appropriate bachelor's degree (BA, BS, and BPS) at SUNY Empire State College.

Objectives of the Agreement

1. To promote a seamless transfer of qualified (i.e. successful completion of all SUNY Empire State College admissions requirements) transfer students from Niagara College into a bachelor's degree program at SUNY Empire State College.
2. To provide specific information for transfer students intending to pursue a bachelor's degree at SUNY Empire State College.
3. To provide Niagara College students the ability to individually design their degree program using State University of New York and Empire State College guidelines to incorporate their own professional, educational and personal goals, regardless of their mode of study, once matriculated with SUNY Empire State College.

Terms of Agreement

1. SUNY Empire State College agrees, for those students who successfully complete a postsecondary program at Niagara College and meet SUNY Empire State College's admissions requirements, to accept the entire program or up to 96 credits from Niagara College into a bachelor's degree.
2. Niagara College students have the ability to transfer in up to 96 credits (no more than 80 credits at the lower-level) towards a bachelor's degree through transcript credit, pre-evaluated credit and prior learning assessment, as long as those credits fit into an approved degree program. Additional details are found in the Academic Guidelines section of this agreement.
3. Each college agrees to give the widest possible publicity to the establishment of this agreement, such as inclusion of procedures and descriptions in catalogs, bulletins and webpages of each school. This literature clearly specifies the persons or offices to contact at each institution. Niagara College agrees to advise interested students of the provisions of this agreement. In addition, advisors from SUNY Empire State College shall be available at appropriate times to explain educational opportunities available to students and provide transfer information.
4. This agreement becomes effective when all signatures are affixed and remains in effect for five years from that date (of last signature). At each anniversary of this agreement, Niagara College and SUNY Empire State College shall review this agreement and its implementation and shall discuss any amendments to the agreement or adjustments to their processes, as needed. Matters of concern that affect this articulation agreement should be brought to the attention of

the Offices of Academic Affairs at SUNY Empire State College and Niagara College for discussion and amendments.

5. The agreement may be amended or renewed by mutual agreement in writing. SUNY Empire State College and Niagara College will bring matters of concern that affect this agreement to the attention of the other Party's designated representative for discussion and amendments.
6. Either Party may terminate this agreement on 30 days advance notice, in writing, certified mail return receipt required.
7. Each Party shall comply with applicable law and accreditation standards and policies in performing its obligations under this agreement.
8. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
9. This agreement is not exclusive to Niagara College.
10. SUNY Empire State College and Niagara 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.

Guidelines of the Agreement

1. Students successfully completing Niagara College postsecondary program requirements and transferring in the entire program will be able to transfer to SUNY Empire State College all credit earned for the program (up to 96 credits), including "D" grades that are part of the completed degree. If the entire program is not used towards the SUNY Empire State College degree program, "D" grades are not transferable.
2. The maximum advanced standing allowed toward a bachelor's degree is 96 credits, which means that students must complete minimally 32 upper-level credits at SUNY Empire State College. See Academic Guidelines for more details
3. Any courses taken at Niagara College beyond the specified program will be evaluated for transfer separately from the specified program based on Empire State College's advance standing policies.
4. There is no statute of limitations regarding the age of acceptable learning substantiated by transcript except in some areas, technologies and science for instance, where that learning may be outmoded and may not be accepted if it is crucial to the structure of a degree program concentration.
5. Students will be given the opportunity to complete all requirements for the bachelor's degree in a closely related area of concentration (as specified in Appendix A). For students who have completed degrees that are not closely related to their chosen bachelor's degree area of study, additional studies may be required to complete their degrees and, in these cases, transcripts will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis to achieve maximum transferability.
6. All students need to complete the application process and meet all admissions criteria before being accepted to SUNY Empire State College.
7. SUNY Empire State College will provide pre-enrollment advising and/or information sessions onsite and online as appropriate.

8. Niagara College will notify SUNY Empire State College of any substantive changes and/or alterations of the existing program; and/or modifications related to accreditation status and/or program registration with registry agencies, if any, within thirty days of initial notification.

Academic Guidelines

At SUNY Empire State College, students self-design their Associate or Bachelor's degree using area of study guidelines and the State University of New York and Empire State College degree requirements. Students pursuing a degree at SUNY Empire State College through this agreement will work with an assigned faculty mentor to (a) determine the most appropriate degree for their interests and goals, (b) determine how best to apply their advanced standing credits, and (c) design their degree program. Students may complete the degree planning process at any time once they matriculate at SUNY Empire State College, but must complete the process before the last 16 credits of their program.

Students may use up to 96 Advanced Standing Credits toward the Bachelor degree requirement. Students must complete a minimum of 32 credits for a Bachelor degree at SUNY Empire State College. Fifty percent of these credits can be arranged to be completed through a cross-registration at another regionally accredited college or university.

Possible sources of additional Advanced Standing Credits:

- Individualized Prior Learning Assessment¹
- Transcript Credit from a Regionally Accredited College or University
- Standardized Exams, such as CLEP or other exams (see website for full list)²
- Military Credit Evaluated by American Council on Education (ACE)
- Other (see SUNY Empire State College website for full list)³

Table 1:
SUNY Empire State College Bachelor's Degree Requirements

Degree	Total Credits	Maximum Advanced Standing Credits	Minimum Empire State College Credits	Minimum Advanced Level Credits	Minimum Advanced Level Credits in your Concentration	Minimum Liberal Arts and Sciences Credits
B.A.	128	96	32	45	24	96
B.S.	128	96	32	45	24	64
B.P.S.	128	96	32	45	24	32

- ❖ Area of Study and Concentration guidelines are used to structure the student's individualized degree program curriculum.
- ❖ To meet the SUNY General Education policy, every SUNY Empire State College bachelor's degree program must have at least 30 credits over seven general education knowledge and skill areas and include the areas of Mathematics and Basic Communication.

¹ Individualized Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is credit awarded for verifiable college level learning acquired through work, life experience or independent study

² Standardized Exams such as CLEP and others:

http://www.esc.edu/esconline/across_esc/assessment.nsf/3cc42a422514347a8525671d0049f395/1499f22e0590ed4b8525679700666de97Op.enDocument

³ Other (see SUNY Empire State College website for full list):

http://www.esc.edu/esconline/across_esc/assessment.nsf/3cc42a422514347a8525671d0049f395/5e760d00c6303a4b852567970066838d7Op.enDocument

- ◆ Every student must take 4-8 credits in Educational Planning at SUNY Empire State College.

General Information

Further information about SUNY Empire State College may be obtained by calling the Center for Distance Learning at (800) 847-3000. For information regarding in-person study, please call our Niagara Frontier Center in Cheektowaga/Buffalo, NY at (716) 686-7833.

All transfer students must submit the Empire State College Application for Admission form along with an official transcript of their completed course work to the Office of Admissions, Empire State College, 2 Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. These forms can be found at www.esc.edu/admissions.

Signatures to the Agreement

SUNY Empire State College



Alan Davis, President

5/2/12

Date



Meg Benke, Provost

3/23/12

Date


Tom Mackey, Dean, Center for Distance Learning

5/7/12

Date

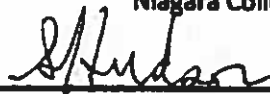


Nan DiBello, Dean, Niagara Frontier Center
Cheektowaga, NY

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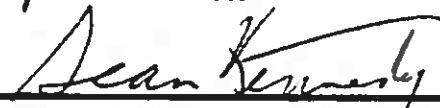
Niagara College



Steve Hudson, Acting President

Apr 4, 2012

Date



Sean Kennedy, Acting Vice President Academics

March 23/12

Date

Appendix A – Certificate Programs

The following certificate programs at Niagara College link most closely to the following Empire State College bachelor's degree programs.

NIAGARA COLLEGE AND EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE TRANSFER PROGRAM

Listed horizontally are Empire State College areas of study. Listed vertically are the Niagara College certificate programs. The checks indicate which certificate is most closely related to an Empire State College area of study for ease in transferring.

Note: Empire State College does not have a registered teacher certification program with the New York State Education Department at the undergraduate level.

Empire State College Bachelor's Degree Program Options

	The Arts	Business Management and Economics	Community and Human Services	Cultural Studies	Educational Studies	Historical Studies	Human Development	Interdisciplinary Studies	Science, Mathematics, and Technology	Social Theory, Social Justice and Change
General Arts and Science - Pre-Media and Design	✓							✓		
General Arts and Science - University	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pre-Community Studies							✓	✓		
Pre-Health Sciences: College								✓	✓	
Pre-Health Sciences: University								✓	✓	
Office Administration - General		✓						✓		
Dental Office Administration		✓						✓		
Personal Support Worker			✓				✓	✓		
Retail Pharmacy Assistant								✓	✓	
Landscape Horticulture Tech			✓			✓		✓	✓	

	The Arts	Business Management and Economics	Community and Human Services	Cultural Studies	Educational Studies	Historical Studies	Human Development	Interdisciplinary Studies	Science, Mathematics, and Technology	Social Theory, Social Justice and Change
Mechanical Techniques (Multi-Skills Development)								✓	✓	
Art and Design Foundation	✓							✓		
Motor Vehicle Techniques - Automotive								✓	✓	
Welding Techniques								✓	✓	

Appendix B – Diploma Programs

The following diploma programs at Niagara College link most closely to the following Empire State College bachelor's degree programs.

NIAGARA COLLEGE AND EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE TRANSFER PROGRAM

Listed horizontally are Empire State College areas of study. Listed vertically are the Niagara College diploma programs. The checks indicate which diploma is most closely related to an Empire State College area of study for ease in transferring.

Note: Empire State College does not have a registered teacher certification program with the New York State Education Department at the undergraduate level.

Empire State College Bachelor's Degree Program Options*

	The Arts	Business Management and Economics	Community and Human Services	Cultural Studies	Educational Studies**	Historical Studies	Human Development	Interdisciplinary Studies	Sciences, Mathematics, and Technology	Social Theory, Social Justice and Change
Acting for Film and Television	✓							✓		
Business - Accounting		✓						✓		
Business - General		✓						✓		
Business - International		✓						✓		
Business - Sales and Marketing		✓						✓		
Civil Engineering Technician								✓	✓	
Community and Justice Services (Correctional Worker)			✓				✓	✓		✓

	The Arts	Business Management and Economics	Community and Human Services	Cultural Studies	Educational Studies	Historical Studies	Human Development	Interdisciplinary Studies	Science, Mathematics and Technology	Social Theory, Social Justice and Change
Brewmaster and Brewery Operations Management		✓						✓	✓	
Computer Engineering Technician		✓						✓	✓	
Computer Programmer		✓						✓	✓	
Computer Systems Technician		✓						✓	✓	
Culinary Management		✓						✓		
Dental Hygiene								✓	✓	
Digital Photography	✓							✓		
Early Childhood Education			✓		✓		✓	✓		✓
Electrical Engineering Technician								✓	✓	
Electronics Engineering Technician								✓	✓	
Environmental Technician - Field and Laboratory								✓	✓	
Esthetician								✓		
Fitness and Health Promotion			✓					✓	✓	

	The Arts	Business Management and Economics	Community and Human Services	Cultural Studies	Educational Studies**	Historical Studies	Human Development	Interdisciplinary Studies	Science, Mathematics, and Technology	Social Theory, Social Justice and Change
General Arts and Science - College Exploration	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
General Arts and Science - University Transfer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Educational Asst - Special Needs Support			✓		✓		✓	✓		
Greenhouse Technician								✓	✓	
Horticultural Technician								✓	✓	
Hospitality Management - Hotel & Restaurant		✓						✓		
Journalism	✓			✓				✓		
Landscape Technician								✓	✓	
Law and Security Administration			✓				✓	✓		✓
Mechanical Engineering Technician								✓	✓	
Motive Power Technician - Automotive								✓	✓	
Motive Power Technician - Automotive Apprenticeship								✓	✓	
New Media Web Design	✓	✓						✓		
Occupational Therapist Asst and Physiotherapist Asst			✓				✓	✓	✓	

	The Arts	Business Management and Economics	Community and Human Services	Cultural Studies	Educational Studies**	Historical Studies	Human Development	Interdisciplinary Studies	Science, Mathematics, and Technology	Social Theory, Social Justice and Change
Office Administration - Executive		√						√		
Paramedic			√				√	√	√	
Law Clerk		√						√		
Pharmacy Technician								√	√	
Photonics Engineering Technician								√	√	
Police Foundations			√				√	√		√
Practical Nursing			√				√	√	√	
Recreation and Leisure Services		√	√					√		
Recreation Therapy			√				√	√		
Renewable Energies Technician								√	√	
Restoration Technician - Construction								√		
Social Service Worker			√				√	√		
Tourism Management - Business Development		√						√		
Welding Technician								√		
Winery and Viticulture Technician								√	√	

Appendix C – Advanced Diploma Programs

The following advanced diploma programs at Niagara College link most closely to the following Empire State College bachelor's degree programs.

NIAGARA COLLEGE AND EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE TRANSFER PROGRAM

Listed horizontally are Empire State College areas of study. Listed vertically are the Niagara College advanced diploma programs. The checks indicate which advanced diploma is most closely related to an Empire State College area of study for ease in transferring.

Note: Empire State College does not have a registered teacher certification program with the New York State Education Department at the undergraduate level.

Empire State College Bachelor's Degree Program Options*

	The Arts	Business Management and Economics	Community and Human Services	Cultural Studies	Educational Studies	Historical Studies	Human Development	Interdisciplinary Studies	Science, Mathematics, and Technology	Social Theory, Social Justice and Change
Business Administration - Accountancy		✓						✓		
Business Administration - Human Resources		✓						✓		
Business Administration - International Business		✓						✓		
Business Administration - Marketing		✓						✓		
Business Administration - Operations Management		✓						✓		
Business Administration - Professional Golf Management		✓						✓		
Child and Youth Worker			✓				✓	✓		✓

	The Arts	Business Management and Economics	Community and Human Services	Cultural Studies	Educational Studies**	Historical Studies	Human Development	Interdisciplinary Studies	Science, Mathematics, and Technology	Social Theory, Social Justice and Change
Computer Programmer Analyst		✓						✓	✓	
Construction Engineering Technology								✓	✓	
Culinary Innovation and Food Technology								✓		
Electrical Engineering Technology								✓	✓	
Electronics Engineering Technology								✓	✓	
Broadcasting - Radio, Television and Film	✓			✓				✓		
Game Development								✓	✓	
Graphic Design	✓							✓		
Photonics Engineering Technology								✓	✓	

For further information contact the Transfer Services Office at the Niagara College.

Area Empire State College Locations:

For Online Study:
 Center for Distance Learning
 113 West Avenue
 Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
 (800) 847-3000

For In-person Study:
 Niagara Frontier Regional Center
 2875 Union Road
 Cheektowaga, NY 14227
 (716) 686-7833