

## Partnership Agreement in Nursing (RN to BSN)

Including Optional Upper-division Courses Offered on the SUNY Ulster Campus

Empire State College (ESC) and SUNY Ulster, both of the State University of New York, agree to a Partnership Agreement in Nursing. The agreement is designed to support transfer students during their transition to ESC, and intends to:

- Ensure a smooth transfer for SUNY Ulster graduates to ESC;
- Ease the transition process for graduates changing from classroom-based learning to an educational model comprised significantly of online coursework;
- Provide an affordable and convenient baccalaureate degree option for SUNY Ulster graduates who want to remain close to their homes and/or community;
- Provide clear guidelines for SUNY Ulster graduates to follow during the transition.

ESC will offer nursing graduates from SUNY Ulster an opportunity to participate in the Partnership Program into the bachelor of science degree in nursing program. SUNY Ulster graduates will be able to transfer all 64 credits earned as part of their associate degree in nursing to ESC. SUNY Ulster graduates meeting ESC's admissions requirements will become ESC students upon admission.

### Admissions Requirements

- Completed A.S. degree in Nursing
- Possession of an active, unencumbered New York State nursing license (RN)
- Completed ESC admissions application (including essay)

With advisement, students in the Partnership Program may elect to register for up to 15 additional credits at SUNY Ulster. These lower-division credits will be applied toward the baccalaureate degree program. The minimum number of credits to be taken at ESC would be at least 45 advanced-level credits, which would include 41 credits in nursing. Up to 79 total lower-division credits could be included from SUNY Ulster towards the 124 credit bachelor's degree at ESC.

A benefit for SUNY Ulster is the potential to receive additional tuition revenue for up to 15 credits for each Partnership Program student.

As part of the agreement, ESC will provide the following: outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at SUNY Ulster to provide program information, include this agreement in college publications and webpages, and offer information sessions for students on the SUNY Ulster campus, at ESC locations, and online.

SUNY Ulster agrees to provide: (1) access for Partnership students to campus facilities and resources (i.e. Library, academic support, computer labs), (2) promotion of the program on campus to current students and faculty advisors, as well as alumni, and licensed RNs in the community and (3) to include this transfer agreement in any college publications where such agreements are listed (i.e. college catalog, website, transfer office brochures).

Nursing students may enroll at ESC on a full or part-time basis.

#### Upper-division Nursing Courses Offered at SUNY Ulster

Empire State College will offer two or more upper-division courses on the SUNY Ulster campus. Each four-credit course will be offered in a blended model that includes classroom and online instruction.

This option is designed to serve two different groups of students: (1) current SUNY Ulster students or recent graduates who have yet to become licensed RNs, and (2) graduates of associate degree nursing programs who are licensed RNs and want to begin working towards a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree.

- Pre-licensed Nursing Students -

Students who have not yet earned their RN license may take these upper-division courses at SUNY Ulster as non-matriculated (non-degree) students with ESC. Students who wish to apply or have application or registration questions should contact:

SUNY Ulster  
Lisa Schulte, DNS, RN, CGRN  
Associate Professor of Nursing  
(845) 688-1585  
SchulteL@sunyulster.edu

Empire State College  
Nursing.Program@esc.edu

Please note that non-matriculated students are not eligible for financial aid.

SUNY Ulster graduates from the A.S. in Nursing program who acquire their RN license, complete upper level nursing courses **and** meet all admissions criteria will be **guaranteed admission** to ESC's B.S. in Nursing program.<sup>1</sup>

- Licensed Registered Nurses (RN)

Licensed associate degree nurses have two options for how they can take ESC courses at SUNY Ulster's campus. One option is to enroll as a non-matriculated (non-degree) ESC student to see if the bachelor's degree program is right for them. Credits completed will be counted as fulfilling core requirements towards the B.S. in Nursing program at ESC.

The second option is to enroll directly into ESC as a full or part-time student. For more information or to apply, please go to [www.esc.edu/nursing](http://www.esc.edu/nursing).

**Guaranteed admission** to ESC's B.S. in Nursing will be offered to those non-matriculated (non-degree) students who complete ESC courses taught at SUNY Ulster's campus **and** meet the admissions criteria.<sup>2</sup>

Please note that non-matriculated students are not eligible for financial aid. Students who are accepted to Empire State College as a degree-seeking, matriculated student will be eligible for financial aid.

This agreement will be valid through 12/31/2021

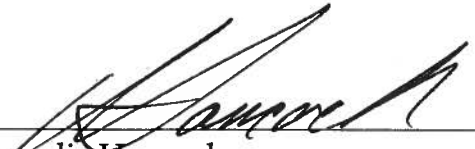
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<sup>1</sup> Students will need to complete the ESC admissions application process prior to being admitted.


<sup>2</sup> Students need to earn a C grade or better in each course. Students will need to complete the ESC admissions application process prior to being admitted.

Signatures to the Agreement

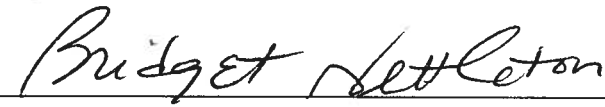
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Merodie Hancock  
President

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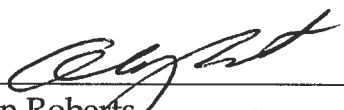
  
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Thomas Mackey  
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Bridget Nettleton  
Dean, School of Nursing

5/22/17  
Date


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President

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Kevin Stoner  
Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Lisa Moruzzi  
Chair, Department of Nursing

5/22/17  
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**Appendix A:  
Sample Degree Plan  
RN to BSN**

**SUNY Ulster - A.S. Nursing**

NUR 152 - Nursing I	7
NUR 153 - Nursing Dosage Calculations	1
NUR 154 - Nursing II	8
NUR 252 - Nursing III	8
NUR 254 - Nursing IV	9

ENG 101 - College English I	3
ENG 102 - College English II	3
PSY 101 - General Psychology	3
SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology	3
LIB 111 - Information Literacy	1
PSY 210 - Life Span Development	3
MAT 105 - College Algebra	3
BIO 107 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 108 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 201 - Microbiology	4

**Total Ulster Credit 64**

Upper-division ESC courses at UCCC: Advanced Health Assessment (4); Pharmacology (4)	8
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**SUNY Empire State College - B.S. Nursing**

Educational Planning: Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing	4
Nursing Informatics	4
Nursing Research	4
Health Care Delivery Systems and Policy	4
Professional Issues and Leadership in Contemporary Nursing	4
Community Health Nursing	4
Advanced Clinical Experience	5
Multigenerational Nursing	4

Statistics	4
Nursing Elective	4
Free Elective	3
General Education	8

**Total Empire State College Credit 60  
Degree Program Total 124**

**Appendix B:**  
**Empire State College Policies and Procedures for Transfer**

1. Students successfully completing degree requirements for an A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. and transferring in the entire associate degree will be able to transfer to ESC all credit earned for the associate degree, including "D" grades that are part of the completed degree. If the entire associate degree is not used toward the ESC degree program, "D" grades are not transferable.
2. The maximum advanced standing (lower and upper-division credits; prior learning assessment credits) allowed toward a bachelor's degree in nursing is 79 credits, which means that students must complete at least 45 upper-level credits in residence at ESC.
3. Any courses taken at SUNY Ulster beyond the associate degree will be evaluated for transfer separately from the associate degree based on ESC'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 earning a bachelor's degree from ESC must fulfill all graduation requirements, which include completing 45 advanced-level credits of which at least 24 are in the concentration. SUNY also requires the completion of 30 general education credits across 7 of 10 designated areas, including mathematics and basic communication.
6. All students need to complete the application process and meet all admissions criteria before being accepted to ESC. Degree seeking students must submit the ESC Application for Admission form along with an official transcript(s) 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](http://www.esc.edu/admissions).

Active duty, guard and reserve service members, veterans, and their family members should contact the Office of Veteran and Military Education for assistance at [military.programs@esc.edu](mailto:military.programs@esc.edu) or 518-587-2100 ext. 2779.