

Pathways Transfer Agreement (MOU) RN-BSN

Empire State College (ESC) and Suffolk County Community College (SCCC), both of the State University of New York, agree to a Pathways Transfer Agreement in Nursing. The agreement is designed to support transfer students during their transition to Empire State College, and intends to:

- Ensure a smooth transfer for SCCC graduates to Empire State College;
- 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 Suffolk CCC graduates who want to remain close to their homes and/or community;
- Provide clear guidelines for SCCC graduates to follow during the transition.

Empire State College will offer AAS degree graduates in nursing from Suffolk County Community College an opportunity to participate in the Pathways Transfer Program into the Bachelor of Science degree in nursing program. SCCC graduates meeting Empire State College's admissions requirements will become Empire State College students upon admission.

Admissions Requirements

- Completed AAS degree in Nursing
- Possession of an active, unencumbered nursing license (RN)
- Completed Empire State College admissions application (including essay)

While enrolled at Empire State College, students in the Pathways Program may cross-register for up to 16 credits at Suffolk County Community College. These lower-division credits will be applicable to general education requirements in the baccalaureate degree program. The minimum number of credits to be taken at Empire State College would be at least 45 advanced-level credits, which would include 40 credits in nursing. Up to 80 total credits could be included from SCCC.

Enclosed you will find a list of courses that can be taken by your students via cross-registration while still enrolled at your campus. These four credit upper level offerings will be accepted in transfer at the time your graduates enroll with Empire State College.

The students receive the benefit of earning upper level credits that are directly applicable to their next degree.

A benefit for Suffolk County Community College is the potential to receive additional tuition revenue for up to 16 credits for each Pathways Program student. In addition, each participating student will be able to transfer all credits earned as part of their associate's degree to Empire State College.

As part of the agreement, Empire State College will provide the following: outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at Suffolk County Community College to provide program information, and offer information sessions for students on the SCCC campus, at Empire State College locations, and online.


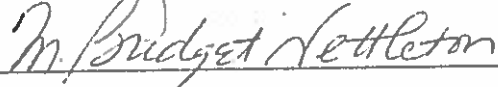
Suffolk County Community College agrees to provide: (1) access for cross-registered Pathways students to campus facilities and resources (i.e. Library, academic support, computer labs), (2) promotion of the program on campus to current students, faculty advisors, and alumni, and (3) to include this transfer agreement in any college publications where such agreements are listed (i.e. college catalog, website, transfer office brochures).

Nursing students may enroll at Empire State College on a full or part-time basis.

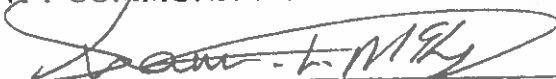
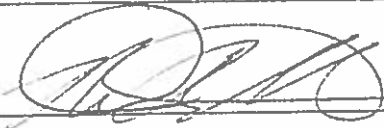

Demand for this program is expected to be high. Students from SCCC who are interested in the RN-BSN program are welcome to apply and will be considered as space is available. The transfer conditions are applicable to all admitted students.

Signatures to the Agreement

EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

- Provost:  Date 1/3/12
- Dean of Nursing:  Date 12/27/11

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- President:  Date 12/12/11
- Associate Dean, General Education:  Date 11-21-11
- Associate Dean, Nursing:  Date 11/29/11