Pathways Transfer Agreement (MOU)
RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Empire State College (ESC) and Westchester Community College (WCC), both of the State University of New York, agree to develop 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 WCC 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 Westchester Community College graduates who want to remain close to their homes and/or community;
- Provide clear guidelines for WCC graduates to follow during the transition.

Empire State College will offer AAS degree graduates in Nursing from Westchester Community College an opportunity to participate in the Pathways transfer program into the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing program. WCC graduates meeting ESC’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)
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Current certification in CPR
- Current resume
- Completed Empire State College admissions application

While enrolled at Empire State College, students in the Pathways Program may cross-register for up to 16 credits at Westchester Community College. These lower-division credits will normally be applicable towards general education requirements in 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 40 credits in Nursing. Up to 80 total credits could be included from WCC.
A benefit for Westchester 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: (1) individual educational planning and mentoring for all Nursing students, (2) outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at Westchester Community College to provide program information, and (3) offer information sessions for students on the WCC campus, at Empire State College locations, and online.

Westchester 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. Students may elect to follow a two-year or three-year program track.

Sample Two-Year Empire BS Program

First Year Courses
- Educational Planning: Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing
- Health Care Delivery Systems and Policy
- Advanced Health Assessment
- Pharmacology
- Professional Issues and Leadership in Contemporary Nursing
- Nursing Elective
- General Education / Elective

Second Year Courses
- Nursing Informatics
- Community Health Nursing
- Nursing Research
- Advanced Clinical Experience
- Statistics (recommended) or General Education
- General Education / Elective
- General Education / Elective
Sample Three-Year Empire BS Program

First Year Courses
- Educational Planning: Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing
- Health Care Delivery Systems and Policy
- Advanced Health Assessment
- Pharmacology
- General Education / Elective

Second Year Courses
- Professional Issues and Leadership in Contemporary Nursing
- Nursing Informatics
- Nursing Research
- Nursing Elective
- Statistics or General Education / Elective

Third Year Courses
- Community Health Nursing
- Advanced Clinical Experience
- General Education / Elective
- General Education / Elective
- General Education / Elective

Demand for this program is expected to be high. Empire State College will provide five openings in each incoming Nursing class for Westchester Community College students who are eligible for this transfer program as outlined above. Additional students from WCC who are interested in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing 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: [Signature] Date 9/1/2010
- Director of Nursing: [Signature] Date 9/13/2010

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- Vice President of Academic Affairs: [Signature] Date 8/24/10
- Nursing Dept. Chairperson: [Signature] Date ____________