



Partnership Agreement in Nursing (RN to BSN)

Including Optional Upper-division Courses Offered for
Jefferson Community College Students

Empire State College (ESC) and Jefferson Community College (JCC), 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 Jefferson Community College 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 Jefferson Community College graduates who want to remain close to their homes and/or community;
- Provide clear guidelines for Jefferson Community College graduates to follow during the transition.

ESC will offer nursing graduates and senior nursing students from Jefferson Community College an opportunity to participate in the Nursing Partnership Program into the bachelor's of science in nursing (BSN) degree program. Jefferson Community College graduates will be able to transfer all 64 credits earned as part of their associate degree in nursing to ESC upon enrollment.

Admissions Requirements

- Completed A.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 Nursing Partnership Program may elect to register for up to 15 additional credits at Jefferson Community College. These lower-division credits will be applied toward the baccalaureate degree program. The minimum number of credits to be taken at ESC will be at least 45 upper-level credits, which would

include 41 credits in nursing. Up to 79 total lower-division credits could be included from Jefferson Community College towards the 124 credit bachelor's degree at ESC.

A benefit for Jefferson Community College is the potential to receive additional tuition revenue for up to 15 credits for each Nursing Partnership Program student.

As part of the agreement, ESC will provide the following: (1) outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at Jefferson Community College to provide program information, (2) include this agreement in college publications and webpages, and (3) offer information sessions for students on the Jefferson Community College campus, at ESC locations, and online.

Further, Empire State College will provide the following benefits for participating Jefferson Community College students:

- \$50 orientation fee waiver
- \$100 transfer scholarship in the first term of matriculated enrollment at Empire State College

A unique code for interested students to use during the admissions application process will be created by Empire State College and provided to appropriate staff members in the nursing program and the transfer counseling office at Jefferson Community College.

Jefferson Community College 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 Empire State College on a full or part-time basis.

Upper-division Nursing Courses Offered for Jefferson Community College

Empire State College may offer up to two upper-division courses for students at Jefferson Community College. This option is designed to serve two different groups of students: (1) current Jefferson Community College students who are in their final term of their pre-licensure program, 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 -

Jefferson students who have not yet earned their RN license may take these upper-division courses as non-matriculated (non-degree) students with ESC. Interested students should go through the non-degree application process found at www.esc.edu/nursing.

- Licensed Registered Nurses (RN)

Licensed associate degree nurses have two options for how they can take these Empire State College courses. One option is to enroll as a non-matriculated (non-degree) ESC student. Credits completed will be counted as fulfilling core requirements towards the bachelor's of science in nursing program upon matriculation 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.

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.

Students who wish to apply or have application or registration questions should contact:

Jefferson Community College
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This agreement will be valid through 12/31/2021

Signatures to the Agreement

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12/11/19
Date



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JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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**Appendix A:
Sample Degree Plan
RN to BSN**

Jefferson CC – A.A.S. Nursing

NUR 111: Nursing 1: Basic Needs	7
NUR 112A: Maternal and Newborn Health	3.5
NUR 112B: Medical/Surgical 1	3.5
NUR 212: Pharmacology	3
NUR 231A: Medical/Surgical 2	5
NUR 231B: Psychosocial Nursing	5
NUR 232: Medical/Surgical 3	10
NUR 234: Seminar in Nursing	2
ALH 145: Introduction to Medical Terminology	1

BIO 202: Microbiology	4
BIO 251: Anatomy and Physiology 1	4
BIO 252: Anatomy and Physiology 2	4
ENG 101: Research and Composition	3
PSY 133: Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 233: Life Span Development	3
SOC 144: Introduction to Sociology	3

Total Credit	64
Potential additional lower-division credits at Jefferson CC¹	15
Total lower-division credits	79

Upper-division ESC courses for JCC: Advanced Health Assessment (4); Pharmacology (4)	8
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SUNY Empire State College – B.S. Nursing (BSN)

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
Nursing elective	4

General Education, upper-division	4
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Total Empire State College Credit	45
Degree Program Total	124

¹ Any of these 15 credits not completed at Jefferson Community College will be completed at Empire State College. Students should seek advisement from an ESC advisor in advance of selecting which courses to take to ensure they will fit into the baccalaureate degree plan.

**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 Jefferson Community College 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.

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 or 518-587-2100 ext. 2779.

7. Both colleges acknowledge the confidential nature of student information that may be exchanged between them. As such, both colleges agree that this information must be kept secure, confidential, and only disclosed for academic reasons. Student information will not be shared with third parties, and all FERPA regulations will be adhered to.