



## Pathways Transfer Agreement (MOU) RN to BSN

SUNY Empire State College (ESC) and Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing (Samaritan Hospital SON), agree to a Pathways Transfer Agreement in Nursing. The agreement is designed to support transfer students during their transition to ESC, and intends to:

- Ensure a smooth transfer for Samaritan Hospital SON 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 Samaritan Hospital SON graduates who want to remain close to their homes and/or community;
- Provide clear guidelines for Samaritan Hospital SON graduates to follow during the transition.

ESC will offer Associate degree graduates in nursing from Samaritan Hospital SON an opportunity to participate in the Pathways Transfer Program into the Bachelor of Science degree in nursing program. Samaritan Hospital SON graduates meeting ESC's admissions requirements will become ESC students upon admission.

### Admissions Requirements

- Completed AS degree in Nursing
- Possession of an active, unencumbered nursing license (RN)
- Completed ESC admissions application (including essay)

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 credits could be included from Samaritan Hospital SON.

Enclosed you will find a list of courses that can be taken by your students while still enrolled at your campus. These four credit upper level offerings will be accepted in transfer at the time your graduates enroll with ESC. The students receive the benefit of earning upper level credits that are directly applicable to their next degree.

As part of the agreement, ESC will provide the following: outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at Samaritan Hospital SON to provide program information, and offer information sessions for students on the Samaritan Hospital SON campus, at ESC locations, and online.




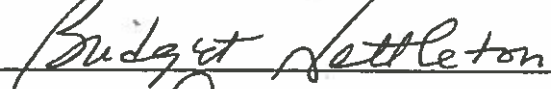
Samaritan Hospital SON agrees to provide: (1) access for registered students to campus facilities and resources (i.e. Library, academic support, computer labs), (2) promotion of the program on campus to current students, faculty advisors, and alumni, and (3) to include this transfer agreement in any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

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

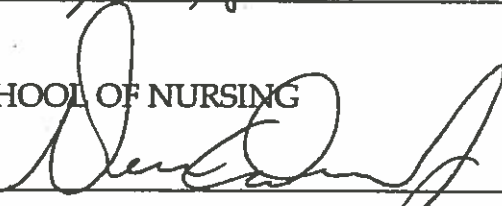

Demand for this program is expected to be high. Students from Samaritan Hospital SON who are interested in the RN to BSN program are welcome to apply and will be considered as space is available. The transfer conditions are applicable to all admitted students.

Signatures to the Agreement

SUNY EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

- Provost:  Date 11/30/16
- Dean of Nursing:  Date 11/15/16

SAMARITAN HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

- Chief Executive Officer:  Date 1/7/17
- Director, Nursing Program:  Date 12/30/16

This agreement will be valid through 12/31/2021