



Pathways Transfer Program Agreement in Nursing (RN to BSN)

Including Optional Upper-division Courses Offered for
Sullivan County Community College Students

Empire State College (ESC) and Sullivan County Community College (SUNY Sullivan), both of the State University of New York, agree to enter into a Pathways Transfer Program 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 Sullivan 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 Sullivan graduates who want to remain close to their homes and/or community;
- Provide clear guidelines for SUNY Sullivan graduates to follow during the transition.

ESC will offer nursing graduates and senior nursing students from SUNY Sullivan an opportunity to participate in the Nursing Pathways Program into the bachelor's of science in Nursing degree program. SUNY Sullivan 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 degree in Nursing (A.A.S. or A.S.)
- Possession of an active, unencumbered New York State Nursing license (RN)
- Completed ESC admissions application (including essay)

With advisement, students in the Nursing Pathways Program may elect to cross-register for up to 15 additional credits at SUNY Sullivan. These lower-division credits

will be applicable to the baccalaureate degree program by satisfying SUNY General Education requirements or needed pre-requisite courses. 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 SUNY Sullivan towards the 124 credit bachelor's degree at ESC.

Benefits for Sullivan County Community College Transfer Students

Empire State College will provide the following benefits for participating SUNY Sullivan students:

- \$50 orientation fee waiver
- Provision of a one-time \$100 transfer scholarship once matriculated at ESC
- Guaranteed admission for applicants who meet the admissions criteria

To be eligible, SUNY Sullivan transfer students must have completed an associate degree within the last 3 years, or be in (or entering) their final semester of completing an associate degree.¹

A unique code for interested students to use during the admissions application process will be created by ESC and provided to appropriate staff members in the Nursing program and the transfer counseling office at SUNY Sullivan.

Benefits for Active Military, Veterans, and Spouses

Empire State College has a long-standing commitment of supporting active military, veterans and family members, and enthusiastically pledges to maintain its commitment to provide the following benefits and services to military-aligned students:

- Pre-enrollment advising and an Evaluated Education Plan (EEP) with a review of anticipated transfer credits prior to enrollment
- Waive all mandatory fees for military members (active-duty, guard, reserve and veterans) along with their spouses. Waived fees include: orientation fee, college fee, student activity fee, technology fee, health and wellness fee, portfolio (assessment) fee, and program amendment fee.
- Individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA) fees are waived for military members (spouses not included at this time but grants may be available; check with OVME)
- Support military-aligned students through VA and TA funding processes
- Access to the Office of Veteran and Military Education (OVME) and its dedicated resources to support student success all the way through to degree completion.

¹ Note that this applies only to the completion date of the associate degree, and not when all of the courses within the degree were completed. Please refer to "Appendix B", item #4.

Guidelines of the Agreement

As part of the agreement, Empire State College will provide the following: (1) individual educational planning and mentoring for all transferring Nursing students, (2) outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at SUNY Sullivan to provide program information, and (3) offer information sessions for students at SUNY Sullivan, at Empire State College locations, and online.

SUNY Sullivan 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 SUNY Sullivan Students

Empire State College may offer up to two upper-division courses for students at SUNY Sullivan. This option is designed to serve two different groups of students: (1) current SUNY Sullivan students who are in the 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 -

SUNY Sullivan 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 may 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:

Sullivan County Community College
Center for Student Learning Services
(845) 434-5750 ext. 4202

Empire State College
Nursing.Program@esc.edu

This Agreement becomes effective when all signatures are affixed, as of the date of last signature, and remains in effect until one or both institutions deem it necessary to terminate the Agreement. The agreement may be amended by mutual agreement and will be formalized via revision of this agreement.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

Signatures to the Agreement

EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE




Jim Malatras
President

06/01/20
Date



Meg Benke
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

5/15/2020
Date



Bridget Nettleton
Dean, School of Nursing and Allied Health

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SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Jay Quaintance
President

5/12/2020
Date



Keith Pomakoy
Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs

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Rose Hanofee
Dean of Liberal Arts, Sciences, and Health Sciences

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

Sullivan County Community College - A.A.S. Nursing

NUR 1001 Fundamentals of Nursing	4
NUR 1004 Clinical for NUR 1001	3
NUR 1005 Lab for NUR 1001	1
NUR 1010 Commonalities in Nursing Care	4
NUR 1013 Clinical for NUR 1010	3
NUR 1014 Lab for NUR 1010	1
NUR 1015 Clinical Calculations (optional)	1
NUR 2020 Health Problems Throughout the Life Cycle I	4
NUR 2023 Clinical for NUR 2020	3
NUR 2024 Lab for NUR 2020	1
NUR 2050 Pharmacology and the Human Body	3
NUR 2030 Health Problems Throughout the Life Cycle II	4
NUR 2033 Clinical for NUR 2030	3
NUR 2100 Nursing Issues & Trends	2

ENG 1001 Composition I	3
PSY 1500 General Psychology	3
SCI 1124 Principles of Biology I	4
SCI 2124 Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
SCI 2126 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
MAT 1004 Elementary Statistics	3
SCI 2113 Microbiology	4
PSY 2510 Developmental Psychology	3

Total Degree Credits 64
Potential additional lower-division credits at SCCC¹ 15
Total lower-division credits 79

Upper-division ESC course for SUNY Sullivan: NURS 3010 Health Assessment	4
Upper-division ESC course for SUNY Sullivan: NURS 3015 Pharmacology	4

SUNY Empire State College - B.S. Nursing

NURS 3005 Educational Planning: Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing	4
NURS 3020 Nursing Informatics	4
NURS 3025 Nursing Research	4
NURS 4005 Health Care Delivery Systems and Policy	4
NURS 4010 Professional Issues and Leadership in Contemporary Nursing	4

NURS 4020 Baccalaureate Nursing Capstone	5
NURS 4015 Community Nursing	4
Nursing elective	4
Liberal Arts elective	4

Total Empire State College Credit 45
Degree Program Total 124

¹ Any of these 15 credits not completed at Sullivan County 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 Empire State College 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 Empire State College degree program, “D” grades are not transferable.
2. The residency requirement for a 124 credit bachelor’s degree is 31 credits. Students may transfer in up to the remaining 93 total credits (up to 79 lower-division credits) through transcribed credit and/or prior learning assessment.¹ A student may exceed stated credit minimums in certain circumstances to preserve the integrity of components that meet degree requirements.
3. Any courses taken at Sullivan County Community College beyond the associate degree will be evaluated for transfer separately from the associate degree based on Empire State College’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 Empire State College must fulfill all graduation requirements, which include completing 45 advanced-level credits of which 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 Empire State College. Students must submit the Empire State College Application for Admission form along with an official transcript(s) of their completed course work to the Office of Admissions, Empire State College, 111 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. These forms can be found at www.esc.edu/admissions.

Active, Reserve and Guard Army soldiers should apply and register through the GoArmyEd portal - <https://www.goarmyed.com>. Soldiers may 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.

¹ Prior learning assessment includes NYSED approved degree granting institutions, Pre-evaluated credit (NCCRS, ACE, ESC PLE) and other approved sources. For full list visit: <http://www.esc.edu/degree-planning-academic-review/prior-learning-assessment/evaluation-prior-college-level-learning/>