

## Partnership Agreement in Nursing (RN to BSN)

Including Optional Upper-division Courses Offered for  
North Country Community College Students

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

ESC will offer nursing graduates and senior nursing students from NCCC an opportunity to participate in the Nursing Partnership Program into the bachelor's of science in nursing (BSN) degree program. NCCC graduates will be able to transfer all 66 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 13 additional credits at NCCC. 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 NCCC towards the 124 credit bachelor's degree at ESC.

A benefit for NCCC is the potential to receive additional tuition revenue for up to 13 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 NCCC to provide program information, (2) include this agreement in college publications and webpages, and (3) offer information sessions for students on the NCCC campus, at ESC locations, and online.

Further, Empire State College will provide the following benefits for participating NCCC 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 NCCC.

NCCC 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 NCCC

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

NCCC 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](http://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](http://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:

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Signatures to the Agreement

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

**North Country CC - A.A.S. Nursing**

NUR 101 Nursing I	7
NUR 102 Introduction to Nursing Pharmacology	1
NUR 104 Nursing II	7
NUR 108 Nursing Pharmacology II	2
NUR 201 Maternal/Child Nursing	5
NUR 202 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	5
NUR 203 Managing Patient Care	1
NUR 204 Adult Medical-Surgical Nursing	9
NUR 205 Professional Seminar	1

BIO 109 Human Biology	4
BIO 201 Microbiology	4
BIO 215 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIO 216 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
ENG 101 English Composition I	3
PSY 101 Introductory Psychology	3
PSY 202 Developmental Psychology	3
MAT 121 Elementary Statistics (or higher)	3

**Total Credit 66**  
**Potential additional lower-division credits at North Country CC<sup>1</sup> 13**  
**Total lower-division credits 79**

Upper-division ESC courses for NCCC: 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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<sup>1</sup> Any of these 13 credits not completed at NCCC 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 NCCC 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](http://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](mailto: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.