

Pathways in Nursing (RN to BSN) Transfer Agreement with Guaranteed Admission

Including optional upper-division courses offered for
SUNY Rockland Community College students

Empire State University (SUNY Empire) and Rockland Community College (RCC), both of the State University of New York (SUNY), agree to enter into a Pathways Transfer Program Agreement in Nursing. The agreement is designed to support transfer students during their transition to SUNY Empire, and intends to:

- A.S. in Nursing degree completers - provide guaranteed admission to the B.S. in Nursing program
- Pre-licensure and current RCC Nursing students – provide up to three upper-division (optional) online nursing courses
- Ensure a smooth transfer for RCC graduates to SUNY Empire’s educational model comprised primarily of online coursework
- Provide an affordable and convenient baccalaureate degree option for RCC graduates who want to remain close to their homes and/or community
- Offer full-time and part-time enrollment options that will fit into the busy lives of participating students

Students at SUNY Empire can earn their next degree without having to leave their home community. The flexibility of the educational model allows them to customize their courses to fit around their family, work and community commitments. SUNY Empire, the recognized leader in online education within the State University of New York, offers over 500 undergraduate and 200 graduate online courses across more than 120 degree programs. SUNY Empire’s courses are designed to be offered online, by online faculty, as opposed to modifying in-person classes to be delivered online. When it comes to online education, students will benefit from the many years of recognized online excellence and expertise provided by SUNY Empire.

SUNY Empire agrees to accept 100% of each student’s credits in transfer, up to 79 total lower-division credits or 93 total credits including any earned upper-division credits.¹

¹ SUNY Empire will accept D grades for courses included in the awarded associate degree. Courses completed outside of the associate degree will be accepted in transfer only with a C- or above grade. See Appendix C for additional details.

Optional Upper-division Online Nursing Courses

SUNY Empire may offer upper-division courses for pre-licensure students who have successfully completed at least the following courses in the RCC Nursing program, or recent associate degree graduates who have yet to become licensed RNs.¹

- NUR 11600 Nursing Fundamentals I (3.5)
- NUR 11800 Nursing Fundamentals II (3.5)
- NUR 14400 Intro to Adult Health/Mental Health (3.5)
- NUR 14600 Adult Health I (3.5)
- NUR 22400 Maternal Child Health (3.5)
- NUR 22600 Adult Health II (3.5)

The upper-division courses SUNY Empire may offer are listed below. All of these courses are required for the B.S. in Nursing and will be applied to a student's degree plan upon enrollment in the program.

- NURS 3005 Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing (4)
- NURS 3010 Health Assessment (4)
- NURS 3015 Pharmacology (4)

Students interested in registering for any of these courses would apply to SUNY Empire as a non-degree (non-matriculated) student.

The non-degree application can be found at www.sunyempire.edu/nondegree.

Note: non-matriculated students are not eligible for financial aid. Students who are accepted to SUNY Empire as a degree-seeking, matriculated student will be eligible for financial aid.

Admissions Requirements: B.S. in Nursing

Nursing students may enroll at SUNY Empire on a full or part-time basis. The following items are requirements for admission to the B.S. in Nursing.

- Completed degree in Nursing (A.S.)
- Possession of an active, unencumbered New York State Nursing license (RN)
- Completed SUNY Empire admissions application
(www.sunyempire.edu/admissions/nursing-admissions/)

¹ Successful completion in the Rockland Community College A.S. in Nursing program is defined as a C+ grade or higher in each NUR course.

Benefits for RCC Transfer Students

SUNY Empire will provide the following benefits for participating RCC students:

- Guaranteed admission for applicants who meet the admissions criteria
- Provision of a one-time \$100 *Better Together* transfer scholarship at SUNY Empire
- Waiver of the \$50 orientation / application fee

To be eligible, RCC transfer students must have completed an associate degree, or be in (or entering) their final semester of completing an associate degree. Once SUNY Empire receives the student's official transcript that indicates an earned associate degree, the transfer scholarship will be awarded. 9/10/13

A unique code for interested students to use during the admissions application process will be created by SUNY Empire and provided to appropriate staff members in the Nursing program and the transfer counseling office at RCC. Participants must enter the code upon submission of their online application for admission to receive the benefits. RCC will make good faith efforts to not make the code publicly available.

Guidelines of the Agreement

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

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

With advisement, students in the Nursing Pathways Program may elect to register for additional credits beyond the associate degree at RCC. These lower-division credits will be applicable to the baccalaureate degree program by satisfying SUNY General Education requirements or needed pre-requisite courses. Up to 79 total lower-division credits could be included from RCC towards the 124 credit bachelor's degree at SUNY Empire.

The minimum number of credits to be taken in residence at SUNY Empire will be at least 45 upper-division credits, which would include 41 credits in nursing.¹

For additional policies and procedures for transfer students, please refer to Appendix C.

To Learn More

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

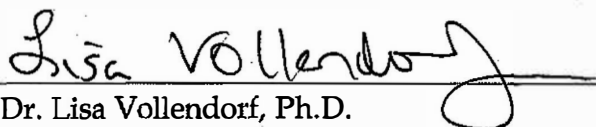
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¹ Online courses offered by SUNY Empire are included in the 45 credit residency requirement for a bachelor's degree program.

This Agreement becomes effective when all signatures are affixed, as of the date of last signature, and remains in effect for five years or 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.

Signatures to the Agreement

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President

4/10/24
Date



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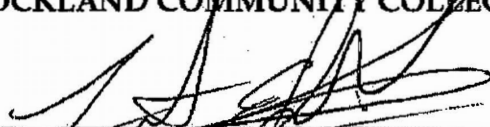
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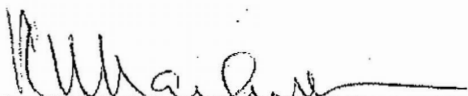
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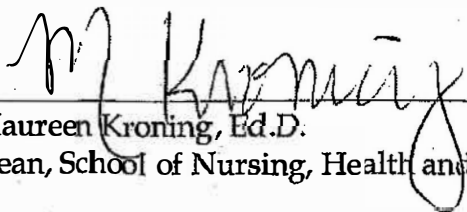
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**Appendix A:
Sample Degree Plan (RN to BSN)**

Rockland Community College - Nursing, A.S.

NUR 11600 Nursing Fundamentals I	3.5
NUR 11800 Nursing Fundamentals II	3.5
NUR 14400 Intro to Adult Health / Mental Health	3.5
NUR 14600 Adult Health I	3.5
NUR 22400 Maternal Child Health	3.5
NUR 22600 Adult Health II	3.5
NUR 25200 Adult Health III	3.5
NUR 25400 Transition to Professional Practice	2.5
NUR 14900 NCLEX Review	0

ENG 10100 College Writing I	3
ENG 10200 College Writing II	3
PSY 10110 Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 20300 Developmental Psychology	3
CST 10100 Intro to Public Speaking	3
MAT 12500 Statistics	4
BIO 11000 Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 11100 Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 20700 Microbiology	4
General Education elective	3
General Education elective - Diversity: Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice	3

Total RCC Nursing credits 64

Optional lower-division RCC courses (select up to 15 credits): HLT 10400 Medical Terminology	3
HLT 11000 Exploring Careers in Healthcare	3
HLT 15000 Healthcare Information Technology	3
HLT 20000 Healthcare Ethics	3
EXS 11410 Community Health & Wellness	3
BIO 25010 Pathophysiology	4

Total RCC degree credits 79

Empire State University

Optional upper-division SUNY Empire courses for RCC students: NURS 3005 Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing	4
NURS 3010 Health Assessment	4
NURS 3015 Pharmacology	4

Empire State University - Nursing, B.S.

NURS 3020 Nursing Informatics	4
NURS 3025 Nursing Research	4
NURS 4005 Health Care Systems and Policy	4
NURS 4010 Leadership and Management	4
NURS 4015 Population and Community Nursing	4
NURS 4020 Baccalaureate Nursing Capstone	5

Nursing elective (advanced)	4
Elective (advanced)	4

Total SUNY Empire credits 45

Total degree credits 124

¹ Any of these optional lower-division credits not completed at Rockland Community College will be completed while enrolled at SUNY Empire State University. The actual courses selected at SUNY Empire will be determined through consultation with a mentor.

Appendix B: Course Equivalences

Rockland Community College Courses

NUR 116 Nursing Fundamentals I	3.5
NUR 118 Nursing Fundamentals II	3.5
NUR 144 Intro to Adult Health / Mental Health	3.5
NUR 146 Adult Health I	3.5
NUR 226 Adult Health II	3.5
NUR 252 Adult Health III	3.5
NUR 224 Maternal Child Health	3.5
NUR 254 Transition to Professional Practice	2.5
NUR 149 NCLEX Review	0
ENG 101 College Writing I	3
ENG 102 College Writing II	3
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 203 Developmental Psychology	3
SPE 101 Intro to Public Speaking	3
MAT 125 Statistics	4
BIO 110 Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 111 Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 207 Microbiology	4
General Education elective	3
General Education elective - Diversity: Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice	3

Empire State University Equivalencies

TNUR 1 xxx Transfer Nursing	3.5
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TNUR 1xxx Transfer Nursing	3.5
TNUR 2xxx Transfer Nursing	3.5
TNUR 2xxx Transfer Nursing	3.5
TNUR 2xxx Transfer Nursing	3.5
TNUR 2xxx Transfer Nursing	2.5
TNUR 1xxx Transfer Nursing	0
COMW 1005 College Writing	4
TCMW 1xxx Transfer	4
PSYC 1005 Introduction to Psychology	4
HUDV 1015 Human Development: Introductory	4
COMM 1030 Public Speaking	4
MATH 1060 Introduction to Statistics	3
BIOL 1304 Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab	4
BIOL 1305 Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab	4
BIOL 2200 Microbiology with Lab	4
Elective	3
Elective	3

Optional lower-division courses at RCC

HLT 10400 Medical Terminology	3
HLT 11000 Exploring Careers in Healthcare	3
HLT 15000 Healthcare Information Technology	3
HLT 20000 Healthcare Ethics	3
EXS 11410 Community Health & Wellness	3
BIO 25010 Pathophysiology	4

THLT 1xxx Transfer Course	3
THLT 1xxx Transfer Course	3
THLT 1xxx Transfer Course	3
THLT 2xxx Transfer Course	3
TEXS 1xxx Transfer Course	3
TBIO 2xxx Transfer Course	4

Appendix C: Empire State University 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 University all credit earned for the associate degree, including “D” grades that are part of the completed degree.
2. Any courses taken at RCC outside of the associate degree will be evaluated for transfer separately from the associate degree based on Empire State University’s advance standing policies. SUNY Empire will accept credits for which the student received a C- or above.
3. 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 SUNY Empire. A student may exceed stated credit minimums in certain circumstances to preserve the integrity of components that meet degree requirements.
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 University must fulfill all graduation requirements, which include completing 45 advanced-level credits of which 24 are in the concentration.
6. [SUNY General Education requirements](#): Students entering SUNY Empire Fall 2023 and after, with no previous coursework taken at any SUNY institution, follow the 2023 General Education Framework. Returning students and new students with coursework from any SUNY institution taken between Fall of 2010 and Fall 2023 follow the 2010 General Education Requirements. Students with coursework taken at a SUNY institution prior to Fall 2010 follow the 2023 General Education framework.
7. All students need to complete the application process and meet all admissions criteria before being accepted to Empire State University. Students must submit the Empire State University Application for Admission form along with an official transcript(s) of their completed course work to the Office of Admissions, Empire State University, 111 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. These forms can be found at www.sunyempire.edu/admissions.
8. 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.

Appendix D: Benefits for Active Military, Veterans, and Spouses

Empire State University 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 and as they may be amended from time to time by SUNY Empire:

- Pre-enrollment advising and an Evaluated Education Plan (EEP) with a review of anticipated transfer credits prior to enrollment
- Waive or otherwise pay on the eligible student(s)' behalf, all mandatory fees for military members (active-duty, guard, reserve and veterans) along with their spouses. Waived or otherwise covered 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
- Support military-aligned students through Veterans Affairs (VA) and Tuition Assistance (TA) funding processes
- Access to SUNY Empire's Veteran and Military Resource Center (VMRC) and its dedicated resources to support student success all the way through to degree completion.

Active, Reserve and Guard Army soldiers should apply and register through Army IgnitED at - www.armyignited.com/app.

Active military, veterans, and spouses may contact SUNY Empire's Veteran and Military Resource Center (VMRC) for assistance at military.programs@SUNYEmpire.edu or 518-587-2100 ext. 2779.

Appendix E: Opportunity Programs at Empire State University

Opportunity programs at SUNY Empire provide access, academic support, and/or financial assistance to underserved students who show promise for college success. SUNY Empire serves students at all stages of life and learning, full or part-time.

SUNY Empire offers three opportunity programs:

- SUNY Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) – a program for full-time, first-time freshmen and full-time opportunity program transfer students.
- Empire State Opportunity Program (ESOP) – a program for full-time and part-time transfer students.
- Empire Promise Program (EPP) – a program for first-time freshmen, continuing students, and transfer students.

For more information, visit www.SUNYEmpire.edu/admissions/op/, or contact the SUNY Empire Office of Opportunity Programs at (800) 847-3000 ext. 2204 or by email at OPapply@SUNYEmpire.edu.