

## Pathways Transfer Program Articulation Agreement in Allied Health

Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) in Health Information Technology  
to a Bachelor of Science Degree (B.S.) in Allied Health

Empire State College (ESC) and Broome Community College (SUNY Broome), both of the State University of New York, agree to develop a Pathways Transfer Agreement in Allied Health. The agreement is designed to support transfer students during their transition to Empire State College, and:

- Ease the transition process for SUNY Broome graduates to an educational model comprised of online courses, independent study and small group seminars;
- Ensure a smooth transfer for SUNY Broome graduates to Empire State College;
- Provide an affordable and convenient baccalaureate degree option for SUNY Broome graduates who want to remain close to their homes and/or community;
- Provide clear guidelines for SUNY Broome graduates to follow during the transition.

Empire State College will offer graduates with an A.A.S. degree in Health Information Technology from SUNY Broome an opportunity to participate in the Pathways Transfer Program into the B.S. in Allied Health program at Empire State College. SUNY Broome graduates meeting ESC's admissions requirements will become Empire State College students upon admission.

### How the Pathways Transfer Program Works:

During their first year at Empire State College, students in the Pathways Transfer Program may, with advisement, cross-register for additional credits at SUNY Broome beyond the associate degree. These lower-division credits will be applicable to the baccalaureate degree program by satisfying SUNY General Education requirements, or needed prerequisite courses.

Empire State College requires 124 credits for a bachelor's degree, of which SUNY Broome graduates must complete a minimum of 31 credits (in residency) at Empire State College. A minimum of 45 upper-division credits, 24 of which must be in the concentration, are required consistent with Empire State College's requirements for a bachelor's degree. The remaining 79 lower-division credits can be transferred in through transcribed credit or prior learning assessment. Each participating student will be able to transfer all credits earned as part of their A.A.S. degree to Empire State College, as long as they fit into the student's designed bachelor's degree program (see appendix B for additional details).

## Benefits for SUNY Broome Transfer Students

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

- Waiver of the \$50 orientation fee
- Provision of a \$100 transfer scholarship in the first term of matriculated enrollment at Empire State College
- Guaranteed admission to a bachelor's degree program<sup>1</sup>

To be eligible, SUNY Broome 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.<sup>2</sup>

A unique application 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 transfer advisement office at SUNY Broome for distribution.

## Benefits for Employees of SUNY Broome

Employees of SUNY Broome may participate in the Pathways Transfer Program and become students at Empire State College by way of this agreement. Employees who hold an associate degree are eligible for the same benefits as are outlined above. Students who hold a bachelor's degree and are interested in a graduate degree program are also eligible for the benefits.<sup>3</sup>

To acquire the admission application code to access these benefits, please contact the transfer advisement office at SUNY Broome.

## 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 Health Information Technology students, (2) outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at SUNY Broome to provide program information, and (3) offer information sessions for students at SUNY Broome, at Empire State College locations, and online.

SUNY Broome Community College agrees to provide: (1) access for cross-registered Pathways transfer 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).

Health Information Technology (A.A.S.) to Allied Health (B.S.) students may enroll at Empire State College on a full or part-time basis. With advisement from their faculty mentor at ESC, students may elect to design a degree program similar to the sample provided on page 5.

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<sup>1</sup> Empire State College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is not included in the guaranteed admission option

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> The guaranteed admission option does not apply for graduate degree and certificate programs. Additional information can be found at [www.esc.edu/graduate-studies/](http://www.esc.edu/graduate-studies/)

This agreement becomes effective when all signatures are affixed, and remains in effect for five years from that date (of last signature). The agreement may be amended or renewed by mutual agreement and will be formalized via revision of this agreement.

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**Appendix A:  
Sample Degree Plan**

Degree: Bachelor of Science  
Area of Study: Allied Health

**SUNY Broome Community College – Health Information Technology (A.A.S.)**

Anatomy & Physiology I	4
IT for Health Care Professionals	3
College Writing I	3
Introduction to Health Information Systems	4

Pathophysiology & Pharmacology	3
Management Principles for Health Information	3
ICD-10-CM & PCS Coding	4
Coding Practicum	1

Medical Terminology	3
Social Science Electives (Civic Education Elective)	6
Survey of Healthcare Delivery	2
Anatomy & Physiology II	4
Medical Legal Aspects	3
Computers in Health Care	3

Quality Improvement	3
Data Analytics for Healthcare	3
CPT and HCPCS Coding	3
Reimbursement Methodologies	3
Clinical Practicum	5
Health Information Seminar	2

Total Transcript Credit from A.A.S. Health Information Technology    65  
 Other Credits from Either SUNY Broome or Prior Learning        5  
 Total Advanced Standing    70

**SUNY Empire State College – Sample Only (all courses are offered online)**

* Communications for Professionals or equivalent	4
The United States Health Systems or equivalent	4
* + Cultural Competency in Health Care	4
* + Health Care Policy	4
+ Leadership in Health Care	4
* + Health Care Ethics	4
* + Health Informatics	4
+ Educational Planning: Transition to Baccalaureate Health Professions	4

* + General Education Course	4
* + General Education Course	4
+ Elective	4
+ Elective	4
+ Elective	4
+ Elective	2

Total Empire State College Credit  
 54  
 Degree Program Total

124

(\*) Liberal Studies    (+) Advanced Level

**Suggested Courses for B.S. in Allied Health Elective Areas (all courses are offered online):**

Information Technology

- Project Management in IT / IS (4 credits)
- Database Systems (4 credits)
- Systems Analysis & Design (4 credits)
- Current Issues in Health Informatics (2 credits)

Management

- Health Care Management (4 credits)
- Health Care Economics (4 credits)
- Organizational Behavior (4 credits)
- Current Issues in Health Care Management (2 credits)

### Community Health

Community Health (4 credits)

Epidemiology (4 credits)

Health Psychology or Environmental Health (4 credits)

Current Issues in Health or Proposal Writing or Learning Styles (2 credits)

### Biosciences

Genetics (4 credits)

Biochemistry (4 credits)

Cell Biology or Molecular Biology (4 credits)

Current Issues in Bioscience (2 credits)

## **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 the remaining 93 credits (up to 79 lower-division credits) through transcribed credit and/or prior learning assessment<sup>4</sup>. A student may exceed stated credit minimums in

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<sup>4</sup> 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/>.

certain circumstances to preserve the integrity of components that meet degree requirements.

3. Any courses taken at SUNY Broome beyond the associate degree will be evaluated for transfer separately from the associate degree based on Empire State College's advanced 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 seven 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 coursework 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](http://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](mailto:military.programs@esc.edu) or 518-587-2100 ext. 2779.