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## Pathways Transfer Agreement (MOU)

### Associate's Degree to Bachelor of Science in Fire Services Administration

Empire State College (ESC) and Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC), both of the State University of New York, agree to develop a Pathways Transfer Agreement in Fire Service Administration. The agreement is designed to support transfer students during their transition to Empire State College, and:

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

Empire State College will offer AAS degree graduates in Fire Protection Technology from Mohawk Valley Community College an opportunity to participate in the Pathways transfer program into the Bachelor of Science degree. MVCC graduates meeting ESC's admissions requirements will become Empire State College students upon admission.

#### How the Pathways Program Works

During their first year at Empire State College, students in the Pathways Program may, with advisement, cross-register for additional credits at Mohawk Valley Community College beyond the associates degree. 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 80 total credits can be transferred in from MVCC, leaving at least 45 advanced-level credits to be completed at Empire State College. This includes 24 advanced credits within the Fire Services Administration concentration, consistent with the College's requirements for a bachelor's degree.

A benefit for Mohawk Valley Community College is the potential to receive tuition revenue for the additional cross registered credits taken by each Pathways student. Each participating student will be able to transfer all credits earned as part of their associate's degree to Empire State College, as long as they fit into the student's designed bachelor's degree program.

As part of the agreement, Empire State College will provide the following: (1) individual educational planning and mentoring for all Fire Services Administration students, (2) outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at Mohawk Valley Community College to provide program information, and (3) offer information sessions for students on the MVCC campus, at Empire State College locations, and online.

Mohawk Valley Community College agrees to provide: (1) access for cross-registered Pathways 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).

Fire Services Administration 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 4.

### Sample Degree Plan

Please refer to Appendix A for a sample degree plan.


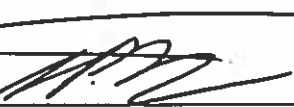
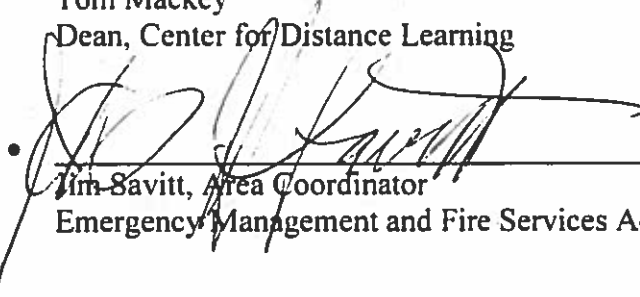
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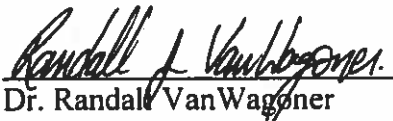
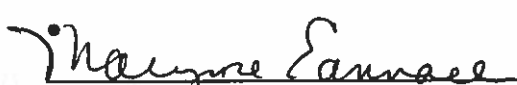
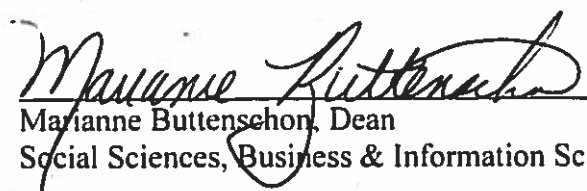
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**Appendix A  
Degree Plan**

Degree: Bachelor of Science  
 Area of Study: Community and Human Services  
 Concentration: Fire Service Administration

**SUNY Mohawk Valley Community College –AAS Fire Protection Technology**

Firefighter I	5
Firefighter II	1.5
Incident Command System	1.5
Hazardous Materials	3.5
Rescue Technician – Basic	1.5
Firefighter Assist and Search	1
Firefighter Survival	.5
Accident Victim Extrication	.5
Truck Company Operations	1.5
Emergency Vehicle Operation	4
Code Enforcement	4.5
Mask Confidence	.5
Physical Training	4.5
Live Fire Training	1

* Physical Science	4
College Seminar	1
* English I: Composition	3
* Introduction to Health Care	3
* Statistics (or Concepts of Math)	3
* Introduction to General Psychology	3
*Introductory Sociology	3
* English II: Ideas in Literature	3
Computer Applications and Concepts I	3
*Law in Health Care	3
*Life Span Developmental Psychology	3
*Social Science Elective	3

Total Transcript Credit 66  
 Total Advanced Standing 66

**SUNY Empire State College**

*+ Mass Disasters: Implications for Public Policy	4
+ Fire Prevention, Organization & Mgmt	4
+ Personnel Mgmt for Fire & Emergency Services	4
+ Disaster and Fire Defense Planning	4
*+ Political & Legal Foundations of Fire Protection	4
+ Community Risk Reduction in Fire and Emergency Services	4
*+ Survey of Social Science Research Methods	4
*+ Fire Related Human Behavior	4
+ Independent Study: Topics in Fire Service	2

* Educational Planning	4
*+ Public Finance and Budgeting	4
* US History I, 1492-1865: The Origin and Growth of the United States	4
* World History I, to 1600	4
*+ The Middle East	4
*+ Images of Women & Western Civilization	4
* Introductory Spanish: Language & Culture	4

Total Empire State College Credit 62  
 Degree Program Total 128

Note – Courses at Empire State College can be taken through the online program or a combination of contracts through any regional location across New York State. This is a sample only and additional options are available.

(\*) Liberal Studies      (+) Advance Level