

**PATHWAYS AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF STUDENTS FROM
OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE INTO THE
BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK,
EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE**

Introduction

This articulation agreement assures that students completing an Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.) or Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree at Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC) may transfer to State University of New York (SUNY) Empire State College for completion of baccalaureate degrees. This articulation agreement establishes procedures to ensure implementation of the policy and defines the opportunity for graduates of OTC to obtain the appropriate baccalaureate degrees (B.A., B.S., B.P.S.) at SUNY Empire State College.

Objectives of the Agreement

1. To promote the easy transition of qualified OTC transfer students into baccalaureate degree programs at SUNY Empire State College.
2. To provide specific information for transfer students wishing to pursue baccalaureate degrees at SUNY Empire State College.
3. To provide ease of access for transfer students seeking an alternative, non-traditional educational mode of baccalaureate learning at SUNY Empire State College.

Terms of Agreement

1. SUNY Empire State College agrees to accept the entire associate degree from OTC toward a baccalaureate degree for transfer students who successfully complete associate degrees at OTC and meet Empire State College's admissions requirements.
2. SUNY Empire State College faculty mentors will work with the community college students to allow for enrollment at OTC for additional courses beyond the associate degree with appropriate advising; the student may complete up to 80 lower-division credits (including the associate degree) at the community college as long as the courses meet baccalaureate degree requirements. (For more details concerning SUNY Empire State College baccalaureate degree requirements see Appendix A, Table 1). Empire State College's Center for Distance Learning will work with OTC to provide 1) pre-matriculation advisement to interested students, 2) outreach and training to faculty and transfer office staff at the community college to provide program information, and 3) student information sessions.
3. Each college agrees to give the widest possible publicity to the establishment of this agreement such as inclusion of procedures and descriptions in publications and webpages of each school. This literature clearly specifies the persons or offices to contact at each institution. OTC agrees to advise interested students of the provisions of this agreement. In addition, advisors from Empire State College shall be available at appropriate times to explain educational opportunities available to students and provide transfer information.

4. 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 consensus and will become formalized through revision of this agreement. Matters of concern that affect this articulation agreement should be brought to the attention of the Director of Collegewide Academic Review or the Dean of the Center for Distance Learning at SUNY Empire State College, and to the Vice President for Academic Affairs at OTC for discussion and amendments.

Guidelines of the Agreement

1. Students successfully completing OTC requirements for AA, AS, AAS degrees will be able to transfer all credit earned for that associate degree to SUNY Empire State College, including "D" grades that are part of the completed degree. If a completed associate degree is not transferred toward an SUNY Empire State College degree program, "D" grades are not transferable.
2. The maximum advanced standing (including credits earned through prior learning assessments) allowed toward a bachelor's degree is 96 credits, which means that students must complete minimally 32 credits at SUNY Empire State College. (See Appendix A, Table 1, Empire State College Bachelor's Degree Requirements for more details.)
3. Any courses taken at OTC beyond the associate degree will be evaluated for transfer separately from the associate degree based on SUNY 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 (i.e. technologies, science) where that learning may be outdated and may not be accepted if it is crucial to the structure of a degree program's concentration.
5. Students will be given the opportunity to complete all requirements for the bachelor's degree in a closely related area of concentration (as specified in Table 2). For students who have completed associate degrees that are not closely related to the Baccalaureate Degree area of concentration, additional studies may be required to complete their degrees and, in these cases, transcripts will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis to achieve maximum transferability.
6. All students need to complete the application process and meet all admissions criteria before being accepted to SUNY Empire State College.

General Information

Further information about SUNY Empire State College may be obtained by calling the Center for Distance Learning at (800) 847-3000 or (518) 587-2100 ext. 2300, or by calling the Student Information Center at (518) 587-2100 ext 2285.

All transfer students must submit the Empire State College Application for Admission form along with an official transcript 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 <http://www.esc.edu/admissions>.

Signatures to the Agreement

SUNY Empire State College

A. A. Davis

Alan Davis, President

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Date

Ozarks Technical Community College

Dr. Hal Higdon

Dr. Hal Higdon, President

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Appendix A
Table 1
SUNY Empire State College Bachelor's Degree Requirements

Degree	Total Credits	Maximum Advanced Standing Credits	Minimum Empire State College Credits	Minimum Advanced Level Credits	Minimum Advanced Level Credits in your Concentration	Educational Planning Credits
B.A.	128	96	32	45	24	4-8
B.S.	128	96	32	45	24	4-8
B.P.S.	128	96	32	45	24	4-8
B.S.N	128	96	32	45	40	4-8

- Additional Liberal Arts and Sciences and General Education requirements must also be met (including courses in Basic Communication and Mathematics).
- Additional Area of Study and Concentration guidelines apply based on the individual student's program.

Appendix A
Table 2

The following Associate Degree Programs at Ozarks Technical Community College link most closely to the following SUNY Empire State College bachelor's degree programs. All students earning a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York must fulfill the 30-credit, State University of New York general education policy. Empire State College and OTC will work together to insure that transfer students will be able to meet this requirement through courses taken at either institution.

Empire State College Bachelor's Degree Program Options*

	The Arts	Business, Management & Economics	Community & Human Services	Cultural Studies	Educational Studies **	Historical Studies	Human Development	Interdisciplinary Studies	Science, Mathematics & Technology	Social Theory, Social Structure & Change	Nursing (BSN)
A.A., Teaching					■			■			
A.A., Agriculture Area of Emphasis								■	■		
A.A., Business		■						■			
A.A., Criminal Justice			■				■	■		■	
A.A., English				■	■			■			
A.A., Environmental Science								■	■		
A.A., International Studies				■				■			
A.A., Mathematics					■			■	■		
A.A., Psychology			■				■	■		■	
A.A., Social Science			■			■	■	■		■	
A.A., Spanish				■				■			
A.A., Visual Arts	■							■			
A.S., Biology					■			■	■		
A.S., Chemistry					■			■	■		
A.S., Engineering								■	■		
A.A.S., Accounting		■						■			
A.A.S., Automotive Technology								■	■		
A.A.S., Auto Collision Repair Technology								■	■		
A.A.S., Business and Marketing		■						■			
A.A.S., Business Technology		■						■			

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A.A.S., Computer Information Sciences		■						■	■		
A.A.S., Construction Technology								■	■		
A.A.S., Apprenticeship Industrial Technology - Construction Option		■						■	■		
A.A.S., Culinary Arts		■						■			
A.A.S., Dental Assisting								■	■		
A.A.S., Dental Hygiene								■	■		
A.A.S., Diesel Technology								■	■		
A.A.S., Drafting and Design Technology								■	■		
A.A.S., Early Childhood Development			■		■		■	■			
A.A.S., Electronic Media Production	■							■			
A.A.S., Emergency Medical Technician			■					■			
A.A.S., Fire Science Technology			■					■	■		
A.A.S., Graphic Design Technology	■							■			
A.A.S., Health Information Technology		■						■	■		
A.A.S., Heating, Refrigeration and A/C								■			
A.A.S., Hospitality Management		■						■			
A.A.S., Industrial Control and Automation Technology								■	■		
A.A.S., Machine Tool Technology								■	■		
A.A.S., Manufacturing		■						■			
A.A.S., Medical Laboratory Technician								■	■		

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A.A.S., Networking Technology								■	■		
A.S.N., Nursing			■				■	■	■		■
A.A.S., Occupational Therapy Assistant			■				■	■	■	■	
A.A.S., Physical Therapist Assistant			■				■	■	■		
A.A.S., Respiratory Therapy								■	■		
A.A.S., Surgical Technology								■	■		
A.A.S., Turf and Landscape Management								■	■		
A.A.S., Welding Technology								■	■		

*Because of the individualized nature of ESC degrees, students may find that their degree could transfer into other areas not designated by this chart.

** Empire State College does not offer teacher certification at the bachelor's degree level.

For More Information

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