ARTICULATION & TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Between Pikes Peak Community College and

The State University of New York, Empire State College

Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC) and SUNY Empire State College (ESC) agree to the following policies and conditions governing the transfer of credit earned at PPCC into a bachelor's degree program offered at ESC. The principles, policies and guidelines in this transfer guide shall apply uniformly to all students attempting to transfer credit earned at PPCC into Empire State College.

Empire State College agrees, for those students who successfully complete an associate degree (AA, AS, or AAS) at Pikes Peak Community College and meet Empire State College's admissions requirements, to accept the entire associate degree from PPCC into a bachelor's degree. This agreement provides a seamless transition for graduates of Pikes Peak Community College into an appropriate bachelor's degree (BA, BS, or BPS) at Empire State College.

Section I: ADMISSIONS CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

A. **The admission standards of the institution including the grade point average required for admission.**

Students successfully completing degree requirements for an AA, AS, or AAS 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.

B. **The treatment of the GPA earned at the previous institution in relation to the GPA established for graduation.**

No minimum GPA has been established for admission to Empire State College. Each applicant is considered on a case-by-case basis.

C. **Treatment of associate degrees as admission criteria.**

PPCC students who have completed an associate degree shall be fully considered for admission into a bachelor's degree program offered by Empire State College. If a transfer student is offered admission, she/he will enter with at least junior standing.

Students who have not earned a degree will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis, and "D" grades will not be transferable.

D. **Application procedures and deadlines.**

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 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.

Active, Reserve and Guard 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 or 518-587-2100 ext. 2779.

PPCC students who are matriculated with Empire State College are responsible for current tuition and fees.

PPCC students matriculated with Empire State College are subject to the same rights, responsibilities and college policies as any other Empire State College student.

Section II: Transfer of Credit

A. Maximum number of hours accepted in transfer.

PPCC students may transfer up to 93 credits (79 at the lower division level), towards an approved bachelor's degree program through transcript credit, pre-evaluated credit and/or prior learning assessment. Additional details are found in the 'Academic Guidelines' section of this agreement.

B. Residency and upper division course credit requirements.

In order to meet graduation requirements for a 124-credit, SUNY bachelor's degree at Empire State College, students must complete at least 31 of the required upper-level credits at Empire State College. A total of 45 upper-level credits are required.

C. Maximum age of credit.

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.

D. General education requirement.

The SUNY General Education Requirement (SUNY-GER) enables students to acquire knowledge and skills that are useful and important for all educated persons, regardless of their jobs or professions. The SUNY-GER is required for all Empire State College degree candidates, and includes 30 credits in at least seven of the following ten subject areas plus two competencies:

Areas:
- Basic Communication *(required)*
- Mathematics *(required)*
- American History
- Other World Civilizations

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- Foreign Language
- Social Sciences
- Humanities
- The Arts
- Natural Sciences
- Western Civilization

Competencies:
- Critical Thinking *(required)*
- Information Management *(required)*

PPCC students who have completed the Community Colleges of Colorado AA or AS degrees, are considered to have satisfied the SUNY Empire State College general education requirements as long as seven out of the ten above areas are met, for a total of at least 30 credits. This condition applies to all PPCC transfer students regardless of whether they completed a degree or not.

For students who have not completed the AA or AS degree program, Empire State College will evaluate the earned credits on a course-by-course basis.

E.   Accreditation requirements for transfer of credit.

This transfer credit agreement is contingent on PPCC maintaining its current accreditation by North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Section III: Appeals Process

A.   Institutional Transfer Appeal Process

When a student transfers into Empire State College, all courses that meet Empire State College degree requirements taken at other institutions are eligible for transfer credit. Transfer students work with a faculty mentor to determine which of those prior courses are appropriate to the individualized degree program plan. If the student does not agree with the college's decision on the granting or placement of particular credit(s) earned at another institution, she/he has the right to submit an appeal.

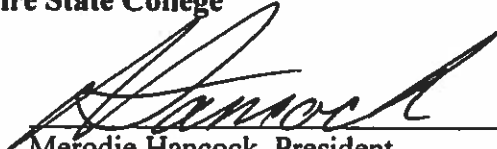The college appeals process includes an informal resolution procedure, as well as a procedure for formal appeal of an academic decision. We strongly encourage students to attempt an informal resolution before making a formal appeal.

Further information is available on the ESC website, or by contacting the administrator for the center or program where an academic decision was made (i.e. Dean, Associate Dean, Faculty Chair).

Section IV: Signatures to the Agreement

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. 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 Empire State College and to the Assistant to Vice President/Coordinator of Articulation and Transfer at Pikes Peak Community College for discussion and amendments.

Empire State College

Merodie Hancock, President   Date 10/05/14

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Center for Distance Learning

Pikes Peak Community College

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Appendix A
Empire State College Undergraduate Academic Guidelines

At Empire State College, students self-design their Associate or Bachelor's degree using area of study guidelines and the State University of New York and Empire State College degree requirements. Students pursuing a degree at Empire State College work with an assigned faculty mentor to determine the most appropriate degree for their interests and goals and to determine how best to apply the advanced standing credits. The college recommends that matriculated students enroll in *Educational Planning* as one of their first courses to complete the degree program. The degree program must be submitted for faculty review before students enroll in the final 16 credits of their degree.

Students must complete a minimum of 24 credits for an associate degree and 31 credits[1] for a bachelor's degree at Empire State College. Students can utilize transfer credits and a variety of advanced standing credits toward their degree design. Possible sources of additional Advanced Standing Credits:

- Individualized Prior Learning Assessment[2]
- Transcript credit from a regionally accredited college or university
- Standardized exams, such as CLEP or other exams (see website for full list[3])
- Military credit evaluated by American Council on Education (ACE)
- Other (see Empire State College website for full list[4])

Requirements for an Empire State College Degree[5]

Degree	Total Credits	Maximum Advanced Standing Credits	Minimum Liberal Arts and Sciences Credits	Minimum General Education Credits[6]	Minimum Advanced-level Credits in your Concentration	Minimum Advanced-level Credits in your Program	Educational Planning Credits[7]
A.A.	64	40	48	30	-	-	4
A.S.	64	40	32	30	-	-	4
B.A.	124	93	94	30	24	45	4
B.S.	124	93	62	30	24	45	4
B.S. Nursing	124	93	62	30	40	45	4
B.P.S.	124	93	32	30	24	45	4

1 Total Degree credits, maximum advanced standing credits, and minimum liberal arts and sciences credits for Empire State College Bachelor's Degrees in conjunction with SUNY Policy Resolution 2012-089: Seamless Transfer Requirements (effective September, 2014).

2 Individualized Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit is awarded for verifiable college-level learning acquired through work, life experience or independent study.

3 Standardized Exams such as CLEP and others (http://www.esc.edu/degree-planning-academic-review/prior-learning-assessment/standardized-tests/).

4 Other - see Empire State College website for full list (http://www.esc.edu/degree-planning-academic-review/prior-learning-assessment/generic-evaluations).

5 Area of Study and Concentration guidelines are used to structure the student's individualized degree program curriculum.

6 To meet the SUNY General Education policy, every Empire State College bachelor's degree program must have at least 30 credits from seven general education knowledge and skill areas, including the areas of Mathematics and Basic Communication. Associate degree programs must meet similar requirements effective September, 2014.

7 Every student must take a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 credits in *Educational Planning* at Empire State College.

PIKES PEAK COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE TRANSFER PROGRAM

The listed Associate Degree Programs at Pikes Peak Community College link most closely to the following Areas of Study in the Empire State College bachelor's degree programs. Listed horizontally are Empire State College's Areas of Study. Listed vertically are Pikes Peak Community College's associate degrees. The boxes indicate which Areas of Study are most closely related to each associate degree are for ease in transferring.

Empire State College Bachelor's Degree Program Options*

AA Degrees	ARTS	BME	CHS	CUL	EDU**	HDV	HIS	INT	PAF	SMT	SOC
American Culture Studies								X			
Anthropology				X			X	X			X
Art/Fine Art Photography	X			X		X		X			X
Associate of Arts	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Business Transfer		X	X					X	X	X	X
Communication				X				X			
Criminal Justice			X					X			X
Dance	X							X	X		
Early Childhood Education Teacher Preparation			X		X	X		X			
Economics		X			X	X		X			
Elementary Education (Teacher) Preparation					X			X			
English				X	X			X			
Environmental Studies								X		X	
Foreign Language				X				X			
French				X				X			
Geography								X			
History							X	X			
Humanities				X			X	X			
Journalism	X			X				X			
Literature				X				X			
Music	X							X			
Philosophy				X				X			
Political Science Degree with Designation								X	X		X
Professional Writing and Communication				X				X			

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	ARTS	BME	CHS	CUL	EDU**	HDV	HIS	INT	PAF	SMT	SOC
Psychology			X			X		X			X
Social Work Transfer			X					X			X
Spanish				X				X			
Theatre	X							X			
AS Degrees											
Biological Sciences								X		X	
Chemistry								X		X	
Computer Science								X		X	
Geology								X		X	
Mathematics								X		X	
Physics								X		X	
Pre-Allied Health			X					X		X	
Pre-Med Professions								X		X	
Psychology			X			X		X			X
AGS Degree											
Associate of General Studies	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
AAS Degrees											
Accounting		X						X			
Allied Health								X			
Architectural Engineer/Construction Management		X						X		X	
Automotive Collision Technology								X		X	
Business Administration		X						X		X	
Computer-Aided Drafting & Design: Mechanical	X							X			
Computer Information Systems		X						X		X	
Computer Networking Technology		X						X		X	
Criminal Justice			X					X			X
Culinary Arts								X	X		
Dental Assisting								X		X	
Diesel Technology								X		X	
Early Childhood Education					X	X		X			
Electronics Technology			X					X		X	
Emergency Medical Services								X		X	
Energy Management Technology								X		X	
Fire Science Technology			X					X	X	X	

	ARTS	BME	CHS	CUL	EDU**	HDV	HIS	INT	PAF	SMT	SOC
Geographic Information Systems								X		X	
Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology								X		X	
Homeland Security Emergency Management			X					X	X		
Interior Design	X							X			
Medical Office Technology		X						X			
Multimedia Graphic Design	X							X			
Natural Resources								X			
Nursing								X		X	
Outdoor Leadership and Recreation Technology								X		X	
Paralegal/Legal Assistant					X			X			
Pharmacy Technician								X	X		X
Professional Photography	X							X		X	
Radio and Television	X			X				X			
Radiology: Memorial Hospital/Memorial Health System School of Radiologic Technology/PPCC Collaborative Program								X		X	
Sign Language Interpreter Program			X	X				X			
Social Services Technician			X					X			
Water Quality Management								X			
Welding								X		X	
Wildland Fire Science			X					X		X	
Zoo Keeping Technology								X		X	

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

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