



Partnership Agreement in Nursing (RN to BSN)

Including Optional Upper-division Courses Offered on the
SUNY Corning Community College Campus

Empire State College (ESC) and SUNY Corning Community College, both of the State University of New York, agree to a Partnership Agreement in Nursing. The agreement is designed to support transfer students during their transition to ESC, and intends to:

- Ensure a smooth transfer for SUNY Corning CC graduates to ESC;
- Ease the transition process for graduates changing from classroom-based learning to an educational model comprised significantly of online coursework;
- Provide an affordable and convenient baccalaureate degree option for SUNY Corning CC graduates who want to remain close to their homes and/or community;
- Provide clear guidelines for SUNY Corning CC graduates to follow during the transition.

ESC will offer nursing graduates from SUNY Corning CC an opportunity to participate in the partnership program into the bachelor's degree (B.S.) in nursing program. SUNY Corning CC graduates will be able to transfer all 64 credits earned as part of their associate (A.A.S.) degree in nursing to ESC. SUNY Corning CC graduates meeting ESC's admissions requirements will become ESC students upon admission.

Admissions Requirements

- Completed A.A.S. degree in Nursing
- Possession of an active, unencumbered Registered Nurse (RN) license
- Completed ESC admissions application (including essay)

With advisement, students in the Nursing Partnership Program may elect to register for up to 15 additional credits at SUNY Corning CC. These lower-division credits will be applied toward the baccalaureate degree program. The minimum number of credits to be taken at ESC would be at least 45 advanced-level credits, which would include 41 credits in nursing, plus one 4-credit upper division general education course. Up to 79

total lower-division credits could be included from SUNY Corning CC towards the 124 credit bachelor's degree at ESC.

A benefit for SUNY Corning CC is the potential to receive additional tuition revenue for up to 15 credits for each Partnership Program student.

As part of the agreement, ESC will provide the following: outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at SUNY Corning CC to provide program information, include this agreement in college publications and webpages, and offer information sessions for students on the SUNY Corning CC campus, at ESC locations, and online.

Further, Empire State College will waive its orientation fee for participating SUNY Corning CC students. A unique 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 Nursing program and Transfer Services Office at SUNY Corning CC.

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

Nursing students may enroll at ESC on a full or part-time basis.

Upper-division Nursing Courses Offered at SUNY Corning CC

Empire State College will offer two or more upper-division courses on the SUNY Corning CC campus. Each four-credit course will be offered in a blended model that includes classroom and online instruction.

This option is designed to serve two different groups of students: (1) current SUNY Corning CC students or recent graduates who have yet to become licensed RNs, and (2) graduates of nursing programs who are licensed RNs and want to begin working towards a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing degree.

- Pre-licensed Nursing Students -

Students who have not yet earned their RN license may take these upper-division courses at SUNY Corning CC as non-matriculated (non-degree) students with ESC. Students who wish to apply or have application or registration questions should contact:

SUNY Corning CC
Cathleen Kunkler
Director, Nursing Education
(607) 937-1313
CKunkler@corning-cc.edu

SUNY Empire State College
Nursing.Program@esc.edu

Please note that non-matriculated students are not eligible for financial aid.

SUNY Corning CC graduates from the A.A.S. in Nursing program who acquire their RN license, complete upper level nursing courses **and** meet all admissions criteria will be **guaranteed admission** to ESC's B.S. in Nursing program.¹

- **Licensed Registered Nurses (RN)**

Licensed registered nurses have two options for how they can take ESC courses at SUNY Corning CC's campus. One option is to enroll as a non-matriculated (non-degree) student to see if the bachelor's degree program is right for them. Credits completed will be counted as fulfilling core requirements towards the B.S. in Nursing program at ESC.

The second option is to enroll directly into ESC as a full or part-time student. For more information or to apply, please go to www.esc.edu/nursing.

Guaranteed admission to ESC's B.S. in Nursing will be offered to those non-matriculated (non-degree) students who complete ESC courses taught at SUNY Corning CC's campus **and** meet the admissions criteria.²

Please note that non-matriculated students are not eligible for financial aid. Students who are accepted to Empire State College as a degree-seeking, matriculated student will be eligible for financial aid.

This agreement will be valid through 12/31/2021

¹ Students will need to complete the ESC admissions application process prior to being admitted.

² Students need to earn a C grade or better in each course. Students will need to complete the ESC admissions application process prior to being admitted.

Signatures to the Agreement

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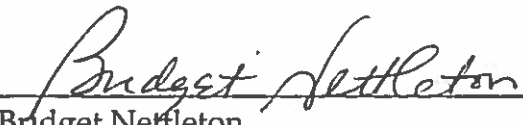
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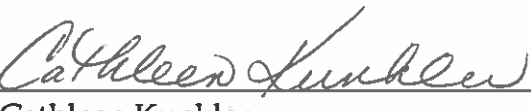
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Cathleen Kunkler
Director, Nursing Education

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Date

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

SUNY Corning CC - A.A.S. Nursing

NURS 1100 - Nursing I	8
NURS 1500 - Nursing II	8
NURS 2000 - Issues and Perspectives in Nursing	2
NURS 2100 - Nursing III	9
NURS 2500 - Nursing IV	9
Nursing elective	1

ENGL 1010 - College Composition I	3
ENGL 1020 - College Composition II	3
MATH 1215 or higher	3
PSYC 1101 - Introduction to Psychological Science	3
SOCI 1010 - Introduction to Sociology	3
BIOL 1210 - Principles of Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 1220 - Principles of Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL 2010 - Microbiology	4

	Total Credit	64
Potential additional lower-division credits at SUNY Corning CC¹		15
Total lower-division credits		79

Upper-division ESC courses at CCC: Advanced Health Assessment (4); Pharmacology (4)	8
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SUNY Empire State College - B.S. Nursing

Educational Planning: Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing	4
Nursing Informatics	4
Nursing Research	4
Health Care Delivery Systems and Policy	4
Professional Issues and Leadership in Contemporary Nursing	4
Community Health Nursing	4
Advanced Clinical Experience	5
Nursing elective	4

General Education, upper-division	4
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	Total Empire State College Credit	45
Degree Program Total		124

¹ Any of these 15 credits not completed at SUNY Corning Community College will be completed at Empire State College. Students should seek advisement from an ESC advisor in advance of selecting which courses to take to ensure they will fit into the baccalaureate degree plan.

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 ESC 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 ESC degree program, "D" grades are not transferable.
2. 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 ESC.
3. Any courses taken at SUNY Corning CC beyond the associate degree will be evaluated for transfer separately from the associate degree based on ESC's advance 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 ESC must fulfill all graduation requirements, which include completing 45 advanced-level credits of which at least 24 are in the concentration. SUNY also requires the completion of 30 general education credits across 7 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 ESC. Degree seeking students must submit the ESC 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 duty, guard and reserve service members, veterans, and their family members should contact the Office of Veteran and Military Education for assistance at military.programs@esc.edu or 518-587-2100 ext. 2779.