



Pathways Transfer Articulation Agreement in Entrepreneurship

Associate Degree (A.A.S.) in Entrepreneurship
to a Bachelor of Professional Studies (B.P.S.) in Business, Management and Economics
with a Concentration in Entrepreneurship
(with guaranteed admission)

Empire State College (SUNY Empire) and Hudson Valley Community College (HVCC) both of the State University of New York, agree to enter into a Pathways Transfer Agreement in Entrepreneurship. The agreement is designed to support transfer students during their transition to SUNY Empire, and:

- Ease the transition process for HVCC graduates to an educational model that allows students to select courses which are online, independent studies, blended learning, and/or small group seminars;
- Ensure a smooth transfer for HVCC graduates to SUNY Empire;
- Provide an affordable and convenient baccalaureate degree option for HVCC graduates who want to remain close to their homes and/or community;
- Provide clear guidelines for HVCC graduates to follow during the transition.

SUNY Empire will offer associate degree graduates in Entrepreneurship from HVCC an opportunity to participate in the Pathways Transfer Program into a Bachelor of Professional Studies degree. Further, HVCC graduates will be able to transfer all credits earned as part of their associate degree to SUNY Empire upon enrollment.

How the Pathways Transfer Program Works

During their first year at SUNY Empire, students in the Pathways Transfer Program may, with advisement, elect to cross-register for additional credits at HVCC beyond the associate degree (up to a total of 79 lower-division credits). These lower-division credits will be applicable to the baccalaureate degree program by satisfying SUNY General Education requirements or needed pre-requisite courses.

SUNY Empire requires 124 credits for a bachelor's degree, of which HVCC graduates must complete a minimum of 31 credits at SUNY Empire. A minimum of 45 upper-division credits, 24 of which must be in the concentration, are required consistent with SUNY Empire'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 SUNY Empire,

as long as they fit into the student's designed bachelor's degree program (see Appendix B for additional details). Additional sources of advanced standing credits may include:

- Individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA)
- Transcript credit from a regionally accredited college or university
- Standardized exams, such as CLEP or other exams
- Military credit evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE)
- Licenses or training evaluated by SUNY Empire

Benefits for Hudson Valley Community College Transfer Students

SUNY Empire will provide the following benefits for participating HVCC students:

- Guaranteed admission to the B.P.S. degree program for A.A.S. degree graduates in Entrepreneurship
- Provision of a one-time \$100 *Better Together* transfer scholarship
- Waiver of the \$50 orientation fee
- Waiver of the admissions application essay

To be eligible, HVCC transfer students must have completed an associate degree within the last 3 years, or be entering their final year of an associate degree program.¹ Once SUNY Empire receives the student's official transcript that indicates an earned associate degree, the transfer scholarship will be awarded.

A unique application code for interested students to use during the admissions application process will be created by SUNY Empire and provided to appropriate staff members in the transfer advisement office and the academic department at HVCC for distribution.

Benefits for Active Military, Veterans, and Spouses

SUNY Empire has a long-standing commitment of supporting active military, veterans and family members, and enthusiastically pledges to maintain its commitment to provide the following benefits and services to military-aligned students, and as they may be amended from time to time by SUNY Empire:

- Pre-enrollment advising and an Evaluated Education Plan (EEP) with a review of anticipated transfer credits prior to enrollment
- Waive all mandatory fees for military members (active-duty, guard, reserve and veterans) along with their spouses. Waived fees include: orientation fee, college fee, student activity fee, technology fee, health and wellness fee, portfolio (assessment) fee, and program amendment fee.
- Individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA) fees are waived for military members
- Support military-aligned students through Veterans Affairs (VA) and Tuition Assistance

¹ 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 C", item #4.

- (TA) funding processes
- Access to the Office of Veteran and Military Education (OVME) and its dedicated resources to support student success all the way through to degree completion.

Guidelines of the Agreement

As part of the agreement, SUNY Empire will provide the following: (1) individual educational planning and mentoring for all transferring Entrepreneurship students, (2) outreach to faculty and the Career & Transfer Center staff at HVCC to provide program information, and (3) offer information sessions for students at HVCC, at SUNY Empire locations, and online.

HVCC 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 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).

Entrepreneurship A.A.S. to B.P.S. students may enroll at SUNY Empire on a full or part-time basis. With advisement from their faculty mentor at SUNY Empire, students may elect to design a degree program similar to the one provided in Appendix A.

This agreement becomes effective when all signatures are affixed, as of the date of the last signature, and remains in effect for 5 years or until one or both institutions deem it necessary to terminate the agreement. The agreement may be amended by mutual agreement and will be formalized via revision of this agreement.

For Further Information

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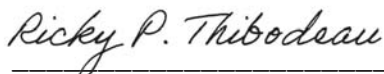
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**Appendix A
Sample Degree Plan**

Entrepreneurship (A.A.S.) to Business, Management & Economics: Entrepreneurship (B.P.S.)

Degree: Bachelor of Professional Studies
 Program: Business, Management & Economics
 Concentration: Entrepreneurship

Hudson Valley Community College – Entrepreneurship (A.A.S.)

ACTG 120 Personal Finance	3
BADM 200 Business Communications	3
BADM 207 Organization and Management	3
BADM 220 Statistics	4
ENTR 110 Introduction to Entrepreneurship	3
ENTR 120 Entrepreneurial Process	3
ENTR 150 Legal Issues in Entrepreneurship	3
ENTR 210 Entrepreneurial Finance	4
ENTR 290 Entrepreneurial Strategy	4
ENTR 295 Entrepreneurial Internship	3
MKTG 120 Principles of Marketing	3
MKTG 214 Selling and Sales Management	3
Restricted Marketing elective	3

FORM 104 College Forum	1
ECON 101 Principles of Microeconomics	3
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3
PSYC 100 General Psychology	3
MATH 110 Intermediate Algebra (or higher)	3
Computer elective	3
Liberal Arts and Sciences elective	3
Free elective	3

Total HVCC Credit 64

Potential additional lower-division credits at HVCC²

General Education electives	6
Liberal Arts and Sciences elective	3
Electives	6

Empire State College – Business, Management & Economics (B.P.S.): Entrepreneurship concentration
(Sample only, upper-division)

MGMT 3022 New Venture Planning	4
MGMT 4035 Strategic Management	4
BUSN 3010 Business Ethics	4
BUSN 3122 Management Information Systems	4
BUSN 4030 International Business	4
FSMA 3010 Corporate Finance	4
Program elective (upper-division)	4

Educational Planning	4
Electives (upper-division)	13

Total Empire State College Credit 45
Degree Program Total 124

² Any of these 15 credits not completed at Hudson Valley Community College will be completed at Empire State College. Students should seek advisement from a SUNY Empire advisor in advance of selecting which courses to take to ensure they will fit into their baccalaureate degree plan.

Appendix B

SUNY Empire 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 SUNY Empire 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 SUNY Empire 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 up to the remaining 93 total credits (up to 79 lower-division credits) through transcribed credit and/or prior learning assessment.³ A student may exceed stated credit minimums in certain circumstances to preserve the integrity of components that meet degree requirements.
3. Any courses taken at Hudson Valley Community College beyond the associate degree will be evaluated for transfer separately from the associate degree based on SUNY Empire'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 SUNY Empire 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 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 SUNY Empire. Students must submit the SUNY Empire Application for Admission form along with an official transcript(s) of their completed course work to the Office of Admissions, SUNY Empire, 111 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. These forms can be found at www.esc.edu/admissions.

Active, Reserve and Guard Army soldiers should apply and register through Army IgnitED at - www.armyignited.com/app. Soldiers may contact the Office of Veteran and Military Education for assistance at military.programs@esc.edu or 518-587-2100 ext. 2779.
7. Both colleges acknowledge the confidential nature of student information that may be exchanged between them. As such, both colleges agree that this information must be kept secure, confidential, and only disclosed for academic reasons. Student information will not be shared with third parties, and all FERPA regulations will be adhered to.

³ Prior learning assessment includes NYSED approved degree granting institutions, Pre-evaluated credit (NCCRS, ACE, SUNY Empire 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/>