



## Pathways Transfer Articulation Agreement in Addiction Studies

Associate Degree (A.A.S.) in Chemical Dependency from Jefferson Community College to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Addiction Studies

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

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

SUNY Empire will offer A.A.S. degree graduates in Chemical Dependency from JCC an opportunity to participate in the Pathways Transfer Program into a Bachelor of Science degree. Further, JCC graduates will be able to transfer all credits earned as part of their associate degree in Chemical Dependency 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 JCC 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 JCC 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 transcripted 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).

#### Benefits for JCC Transfer Students

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

- Guaranteed admission to a bachelor's degree program
- Provision of a one-time \$100 Better Together transfer scholarship
- Waiver of the \$50 orientation fee
- Waiver of the admissions application essay requirement

To be eligible, JCC transfer students must have completed an associate degree or be in (or entering) their final semester of completing an associate degree.

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 at JCC for distribution.

#### Benefits for Employees of JCC

Employees of JCC may participate in the Pathways Transfer Program and become students at SUNY Empire by way of this agreement. Employees who hold an associate degree are eligible for the same benefits as are outlined above, regardless of when they received their degree. Students who hold a bachelor's degree and are interested in a graduate degree program are also eligible for the following benefits.

- Waiver of the \$50 orientation fee
- Provision of a one-time \$100 Better Together transfer scholarship
- A single point of contact at the School for Graduate Studies to guide new students through the admissions, enrollment and orientation process. The contact for JCC employees is:

Evan Reese

Graduate Outreach and Academic Advisement Coordinator

Evan.Reese@esc.edu

(800) 847-3000 ext. 2904

To acquire the admission application code to access these benefits, please contact the transfer advisement office at JCC.

### 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 VA and 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 Chemical Dependency students, (2) outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at JCC to provide program information, and (3) offer information sessions for students at JCC, at SUNY Empire locations, and online.

JCC 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 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).

Chemical Dependency A.A.S. to Addiction Studies B.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, 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.

#### For Further Information

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## Signatures to the Agreement

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Dr. Nathan Gonyea	Date
Officer in Charge	
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Dr. Tai Arnold	Date
Acting Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs	
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Dr. Desalyn De-Souza	Date
Dean, School of Human Services	
JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE	
Dr. Ty Stone President	11/4/2021 Date
Dr. Maryrose Eannace Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs	10/29/21 Date
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Jerilyn Fairman	Date
Associate Vice President, Liberal Arts Division	

#### Appendix A Sample Degree Plan

Degree: Bachelor of Science Program: Addiction Studies

Jefferson Community College - Chemical Dependency, A.A.S.

HUS 101: Introduction to Human Services HUS 103: Introduction to Alcohol and Nicotine Studies HUS 107: Case Management Practice in Human Services	3 3 3
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Services	
HUS 126: Introduction to Substance Abuse	3
HUS 201: Introduction to Helping Skills	3
HUS 202: Introduction to Group Counseling	3
HUS 203: Substance Abuse Counseling	3
HUS 204: Substance Abuse and Dual Diagnosis	3
HUS 210: Professional Codes of Conduct	3
HUS 214: Special Issues in Drugs and Crime	3
HUS 226: Concepts of Chemical Dependency	3
HUS 240: Human Services Field Practicum 1	3

ENG 101: Research and Composition	3
ENG 218: Technical and Professional Writing	3
Laboratory Science Elective (BIO 106: Human Biology recommended)	4
MTH 144: Elementary Statistics or MTH 174: Mathematical Probability & Stats I	3
PSY 133: Introduction to Psychology	3
STA 161: Interpersonal Communication	3
CRJ/HUS 175: Response to Victims of Crimes or CRJ/HUS 235: Drug Investigation or PSY 235: Abnormal Psychology	3
Liberal Arts elective	3

Total JCC Credit 63
Potential additional lower-division credits at JCC<sup>1</sup> 16

Empire State College – Addiction Studies, B.S. (sample only, upper-division)

PSYC 3040 Biological Psychology	4
PSYC 3010 Advanced Abnormal Psychology	4
HUSV 2020 Crisis Intervention	4
HUDV 1015 Human Development: Introductory	4
HUSV 3020 Documentation in Human Services	4
ADDS 4015 Evidence Based Substance Abuse	4
Counseling	4
HUSV 3005 Advocacy in Human Service	4
HUSV 4020 Diversity in Human Service	4
ADDS 3020 Substance Abuse Interventions with	1
Special Populations	4
HUSV 4030 Human Service Ethics	4
CHFS 3030 Family Intervention	4
ADDS 3005 Interventions for Addiction Disorders	4
ADDS 4005 Adolescents and Addictions	4
ADDS 4010 Advanced Substance Abuse	4
Counseling	4

Educational Planning for Addiction Studies 4

Total Empire State College Credit 60

Degree Program Total 124

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any of these credits not completed at Jefferson Community College will be completed at SUNY Empire. Students should seek advisement from a SUNY Empire 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 SUNY Empire all credit earned for the associate degree, including "D" grades that are part of the completed degree.
- 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 transcripted credit and/or prior learning assessment.<sup>2</sup> 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 Jefferson Community College beyond the associate degree will be evaluated for transfer separately from the associate degree based on SUNY Empire 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 State College, 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 <a href="https://www.armyignited.com/app">www.armyignited.com/app</a>. 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.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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: <a href="http://www.esc.edu/degree-planning-academic-review/prior-learning-assessment/evaluation-prior-college-level-learning/">http://www.esc.edu/degree-planning-academic-review/prior-learning-assessment/evaluation-prior-college-level-learning/</a>