



Pathways Transfer Articulation Agreement in Addiction Studies

Associate Degree (A.A.S.) in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling
from Onondaga Community College
to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Addiction Studies

Empire State College (ESC) and Onondaga Community College (OCC), 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 Empire State College, and:

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

Empire State College will offer A.A.S. degree graduates in Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling from OCC an opportunity to participate in the Pathways Transfer Program into a Bachelor of Science degree. Further, OCC graduates will be able to transfer all credits earned as part of their associate degree in Addiction Studies to ESC upon enrollment.

How the Pathways Transfer Program Works

During their first year at Empire State College, students in the Pathways Transfer Program may, with advisement, elect to cross-register for additional credits at OCC 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.

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

Empire State College, as long as they fit into the student's designed bachelor's degree program (see Appendix B for additional details).

Benefits for OCC Transfer Students

Empire State College will provide the following benefits for participating OCC students:

- Waiver of the \$50 orientation fee
- Provision of a \$100 transfer scholarship in the first term of matriculated enrollment at Empire State College
- Guaranteed admission to a bachelor's degree program¹

To be eligible, OCC transfer students must have completed an associate degree within the last 3 years, or be in (or entering) their final semester of completing an associate degree.²

A unique application 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 transfer advisement office at OCC for distribution.

Benefits for Employees of OCC

Employees of OCC may participate in the Pathways Transfer Program and become students at Empire State College by way of this agreement. Employees who hold an associate degree are eligible for the same benefits as are outlined above. 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 \$100 transfer scholarship in the first term of matriculated enrollment at Empire State College
- 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 OCC employees is:

Evan Reese

Graduate Outreach and Academic Advisement Coordinator

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(800) 847-3000 ext. 2904

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

¹ Empire State College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is not included in the guaranteed admission option

² 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 B", item #4.

Guidelines of the Agreement

As part of the agreement, Empire State College will provide the following: (1) individual educational planning and mentoring for all transferring Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling students, (2) outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at OCC to provide program information, and (3) offer information sessions for students at OCC, at Empire State College locations, and online.

OCC 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).

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling A.A.S. to Addiction Studies B.S. students may enroll at Empire State College on a full or part-time basis. With advisement from their faculty mentor at ESC, students may elect to design a degree program similar to the one provided on page 5 (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.


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Signatures to the Agreement

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President

5/10/20
Date



Meg Benke
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs


5/5/2020
Date



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Interim Associate Dean, School of Human Services

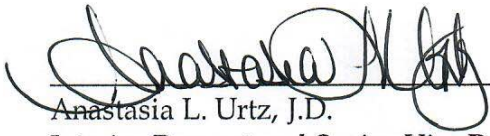
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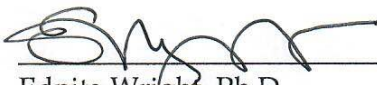
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Interim Provost and Senior Vice President

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Chair, Human Services and Teacher Education

12 FEB 2020
Date

**Appendix A
Sample Degree Plan**

Degree: Bachelor of Science
Program: Addiction Studies

Onondaga Community College – Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling (A.A.S.)

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| ASA 150 Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling Theory, Skills and Resources | 3 |
| ASA 159 Chemical Dependencies | 3 |
| ASA 268 Clinical Skills for Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselors | 3 |
| ASA 227 Overview of Addiction Services | 3 |
| ASA 229 Addiction and Family Systems | 3 |
| ASA 269 Individual Counseling Skills for Chemical Dependency Counselors | 3 |
| ASA 271 Cultural Competence and Special Populations | 3 |
| ASA 164 Alcohol / Substance Abuse Internship and Seminar I | 3 |
| ASA 226 Group Skills for alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling | 3 |
| ASA 270 Counselor Spirituality and Wellness | 3 |
| ASA 263 Alcohol / substance Abuse Internship and Seminar II | 3 |

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| ENG 103 Freshman Composition and Literature I | 3 |
| COM 210 Public Speaking or COM 220 Interpersonal Communication | 3 |
| Science elective | 3 |
| ENG 104 Freshman Composition and Literature II | 3 |
| MAT 104 Quantitative Reasoning | 3 |
| PSY 103 General Psychology | 3 |
| SOC 103 Introductory Sociology | 3 |
| COM 282 Intercultural Communication | 3 |
| General elective | 3 |

Total OCC Credit 60
(Potential additional lower-division credits at OCC³ 19)

SUNY Empire State College (Sample Only, Upper-Division)

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| PSYC 3040 Biological Psychology | 4 |
| PSYC 3010 Abnormal Psychology | 4 |
| HUDV 1015 Human Development | 4 |
| HUDV 2035 Introduction to Human Services | 4 |
| CHFS 3030 Family Intervention | 4 |
| ADDS 3005 Interventions for Addiction Disorders | 4 |
| ADDS 4010 Advanced Substance Abuse Counseling | 4 |
| HUSV 3020 Documentation in Human Services | 4 |
| ADDS 4015 Evidence Based Substance Abuse Counseling | 4 |
| HUSV 3005 Advocacy in Human Service | 4 |

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| Educational Planning for Addiction Studies | 4 |
| Elective | 4 |

³ Any of these 19 credits not completed at Onondaga Community College will be completed at Empire State College. Students should seek an advisement from an ESC advisor in advance of selecting which courses to take to ensure they will fit into the baccalaureate degree plan.

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| HUSV 4020 Diversity in Human Service | 4 |
| ADDS 3020 Substance Abuse Interventions with Special Populations | 4 |
| ADDS 4005 Adolescents and Addictions | 4 |
| HUSV 4030 Human Service Ethics | 4 |

Total Empire State College Credit 64
Degree Program Total 124

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 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.
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.⁴ 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 Onondaga Community College beyond the associate degree will be evaluated for transfer separately from the associate degree based on 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, 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 Empire State College 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 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 Army 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.

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.

⁴ Prior learning assessment includes NYSED approved degree granting institutions, Pre-evaluated credit (NCCRS, ACE, ESC 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/>