Central Texas College and SUNY Empire State College Articulation Agreement

Introduction

This Articulation Agreement recognizes that the Central Texas College District (CTC) located in Killeen, Texas and State University of New York Empire State College (SUNY Empire) located in Saratoga Springs, New York, are active educational partners committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students transferring between institutions. This agreement supports the concept of a seamless transfer embracing the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat competencies already achieved. CTC and SUNY Empire enter into this agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning.

Purpose

The purpose of the agreement is to enable CTC students who transfer to SUNY Empire to carry with them the credit they have already earned for as much relevant study as possible. The agreement provides a structure through which transfer articulation on all levels can be supported. SUNY Empire understands and agrees that transfer articulation is with CTC as a whole and not with individual campuses within the district. Courses taken at any CTC location and by any delivery method are considered equally transferable.

Terms and Conditions

1- This agreement becomes effective upon signing by both institutions and shall remain in effect for five years, or until one or both institutions deem it necessary to terminate the agreement. Either partner may terminate this agreement upon 90 days signed, written notice to the other partner.
2- This agreement will be reviewed every two years by both institutions and any amendments must be proposed in signed writing.

3- The Appendix of the agreement that contains the program crosswalk may be amended as necessary to ensure relevant information is accurate and current.

4- Both institutions will designate an individual who will be responsible for the maintenance of the agreement.

5- CTC students who desire to transfer to SUNY Empire must meet the same standards and criteria for admission to a major degree sequence as a native SUNY Empire student.

6- SUNY Empire advises all CTC transfer students to complete the appropriate associate degree prior to enrolling at SUNY Empire. For those students who have not completed an associate degree by the time of enrollment, they will be advised of their options including reverse transfer of course credit to complete the associate degree with CTC. To be eligible for the transfer benefits offered by SUNY Empire, students must have earned an associate degree or be in their final semester towards doing so. To initiate the reverse transfer process, students should contact CTC.

7- SUNY Empire agrees, for those students who successfully complete an associate degree (AA, AS, AAS) at CTC and meet SUNY Empire's admissions requirements, to accept the entire associate degree from CTC into a bachelor's degree program.

8- CTC students have the ability to transfer up to 79 lower-division credits towards a SUNY Empire bachelor's degree, with the remaining 45 credits (of the 124 credit bachelor's degree) to be completed at the upper-division level. A minimum of 31 upper-division credits must be completed (in residence) with SUNY Empire. Upon completion of an associate degree, CTC students, with appropriate advisement, may complete additional lower-division credits up to the 79-credit limit at CTC.

9- The maximum amount of advanced standing a student may be granted at SUNY Empire is 93 total credits. This total would include lower and upper-division transcript credits, pre-evaluated credit (such as ACE, NCCRS, or SUNY Empire's Professional Learning Evaluation program), military credits, and individualized prior learning assessment, as long as those credits fit into an approved degree program.

10- There is no time limitation on transfer credits substantiated by a transcript except in areas where that learning may become outdated, such as in computer technologies and the sciences. Such credits will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis and may not be accepted if they are crucial to the structure of a degree program or concentration.

11- SUNY Empire agrees to share data related to CTC transfer students. Share data will include but is not limited to: number of transfer students, degrees awarded, date enrolled, date graduated, etc. Both institutions agree to follow all Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations and requirements, and student information will not be shared with third parties.

12- SUNY Empire agrees to provide transfer students with information regarding the availability of transfer scholarships for eligible students as well as any other financial aid opportunities at SUNY Empire.

13- CTC agrees to inform students who are nearing graduation of transfer opportunities and what needs to be accomplished to meet transfer requirements.

14- SUNY Empire and CTC agree to cooperate in communicating information about this agreement. Each institution will: assume responsibility for appropriate marketing to reach their respective student populations, and will annually review the agreement and

15- CTC agrees to invite SUNY Empire to campus transfer fairs and other applicable campus-wide events, etc. The Transfer Advisors at CTC will issue the invitation. SUNY Empire agrees to invite CTC to campus transfer fairs, information sessions, and other applicable campus-wide events. SUNY Empire will issue the invitation to CTC Transfer Advisors.

16- SUNY Empire and CTC agree to post information about their partnership and transfer opportunities on their web sites.

17- SUNY Empire and CTC agree that each is acting independently of the other, that they are not a joint venture, and that neither party is an agent of the other.

18- Both parties acknowledge that this Agreement does not create a partnership as defined by New York Partnership Law, nor is either party acting as the agent for the other. The parties agree that each is acting independently of the other, in a cooperative collaboration.

Program Transfer Crosswalks

An academic crosswalk outlining the alignment of program-to-program transfer is included in the appendix section of this agreement. Crosswalks approved after the initial signing of this agreement will be added and clearly identified as updates or amendments to this document and signed by the approving personnel of each institution.

SUNY Empire State College Information

Empire State College was established in 1971 by the SUNY Board of Trustees and then-Chancellor and future United States Commissioner of Education Ernest L. Boyer as a distinctive statewide SUNY institution focused on nontraditional teaching and learning. SUNY Empire continues its more than 45-year commitment to valuing learning gained from life and work experience and has a clear process for assessing and awarding credit for college-level learning gained through experience. Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, SUNY Empire serves mostly working adults pursuing associate, bachelor's and master's degrees online or onsite at one of the College's many locations across New York state and abroad.

Benefits for Central Texas College Transfer Students

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

- Waiver of the $50 admission / orientation fee
- Provision of a one-time $100 Better Together transfer scholarship at SUNY Empire
- Guaranteed admission to a bachelor's degree program (except for SUNY Empire's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program)
- Non-New York residents are eligible for an Empire State College nonresident tuition grant that significantly lowers their tuition rate

To be eligible, CTC 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.

A unique application benefits code for interested students to use during the admissions application process will be created by ESC and provided to appropriate staff at CTC for distribution.

Benefits for Active Military, Veterans, and Spouses

Empire State College 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 (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.

Benefits for Employees of Central Texas College

Employees of CTC may participate in the Pathways Transfer Program and become students at SUNY Empire by way of this Agreement. Employees who already hold an associate degree are eligible for the benefits as listed above for transfer students, regardless of when they received their degree. Further, employees who hold a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue a graduate degree at Empire State College are eligible for the following benefits:

- Waiver of the $50 graduate admission / orientation fee
- $100 graduate student scholarship in the first term of matriculated enrollment in the School for Graduate Studies
- A single point of contact at the School for Graduate Studies to guide new students through the admissions, enrollment and orientation process. As of the signing of this Agreement, the contact person is:
    Erica Chew
    Graduate Outreach and Academic Advisement Coordinator
    Erica.Chew@esc.edu

(800) 847-3000 ext. 1224

For a complete list of graduate level degree and certificate programs offered by Empire State College, or to apply, please go to https://www.esc.edu/graduate-studies/.

Review and Maintenance

This agreement will be in effect for five years beginning (June 1, 2021), and may be renewed by signed mutual consent of the two institutions. The agreement will be re-evaluated every two years. Either partner may terminate this agreement upon 90 days signed, written notice to the other partner.

Signatures:

Central Texas College District

SUNY Empire State College

Nathan Gonyea
Nathan Gonyea (Jun 9, 2021 09:54 EDT)

_____

_____

Robin Garrett, Ph.D.
Deputy Chancellor
Academic and Student Success

Nathan Gonyea, Ph.D.
Officer in Charge

Appendix

Empire State College offers a variety of bachelor's degree options (B.A., B.S., B.P.S.). Students may customize a program in a broad area of study, develop a focused concentration within an area of study, or select from one of the structured degree options. As of the signing of this transfer agreement, SUNY Empire offers the programs listed below. For the most current listing, please refer to the "Degrees & Programs" section of the SUNY Empire website (www.esc.edu).

Areas of Study	**Structured Degree Programs**
The Arts	Accounting (B.S.)
Business, Management and Economics	Addiction Studies (B.S.)
Community and Human Services	Allied Health (B.S.)
Cultural Studies	Business Administration (B.S.)
Educational Studies	Human Resource Management (B.S.)
Historical Studies	Management (B.S.)
Human Development	Nursing (RN to BSN)
Interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary Studies	Psychology (B.A.)
Labor Studies	Security Studies (B.S.)
Public Affairs	
Science, Mathematics and Technology	
Social Science	

Many associate degree programs can transfer into several different bachelor's degree program areas, including Interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary Studies. Empire State College faculty mentors work with each transfer student to determine which program best fits with their career goals while maximizing transfer credits. The following is a list of associate degree programs at Central Texas College and the Empire State College bachelor's degree programs that best align with them. Other bachelor's degree programs may also be an option, though additional prerequisite coursework may be needed. Any CTC degree program not listed does not have a parallel matching program at SUNY Empire.

As SUNY Empire accepts the entire associate degree (A.A., A.S., A.A.S.) in full in transfer (up to 79 lower-division credits), a course-by-course evaluation is not required.

Central Texas College **Associate Degree Programs**	**SUNY Empire State College** **Bachelor's Degree and Area of Study Options**
Accounting Technician	Accounting
Agriculture Production Agricultural Science	Business Administration Business, Management and Economics Management Science, Mathematics and Technology
Applied Management	Management

Applied Management with Computer Applications	Business, Management and Economics Management
Art	The Arts
At Risk Youth Specialization	Community and Human Services Human Development Psychology
Baking and Pastry Specialization	Business Administration Business, Management and Economics Management
Biology – Human Biology Biology – Organismal	Science, Mathematics and Technology
Business Administration	Business Administration Business, Management and Economics
Business Management Business Management: Marketing and Sales Management Specialization Business Management: Real Estate Specialization	Management Business, Management and Economics
Chemical Dependency Specialization	Addiction Studies
Chemistry	Science, Mathematics and Technology
Child Development	Educational Studies Human Development
Commercial Art	The Arts
Communication and Media Technology	The Arts Cultural Studies
Computer Science Computer-Aided Drafting and Design	Science, Mathematics and Technology (IT)
Criminal Justice Criminal Justice – Corrections Specialization	Public Affairs (CRJ) Security Studies
Culinary Arts	Business Administration Business, Management and Economics Management
Cyber Defense – Information Assurance	Science, Mathematics and Technology (IT) Security Studies
Drama	The Arts Cultural Studies
Emergency Medical Technology	Allied Health
Environmental Science	Science, Mathematics and Technology
Equine Management	Business Administration Business, Management and Economics Management Science, Mathematics and Technology
Fire Protection Fire Service Administration	Public Affairs
Food and Beverage Management Specialization	Business Administration Business, Management and Economics Management
General Studies	Interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary Studies

	Any area of study
Geology	Science, Mathematics and Technology
Graphics and Printing	The Arts
Histologic Technician	Allied Health
Homeland Security and Emergency Management	Public Affairs Security Studies
Horticultural Development	Business Administration Business, Management and Economics Management Science, Mathematics and Technology
Hotel Management Specialization	Business Administration Business, Management and Economics Management
Information Technology	Science, Mathematics and Technology (IT)
Interdisciplinary Studies	Interdisciplinary/Multidisciplinary Studies
Journalism - Communications	Cultural Studies
Kinesiology	Science, Mathematics and Technology
Logistics and Global Supply Chain Management	Business Administration Business, Management and Economics Management
Mathematics	Science, Mathematics and Technology
Medical Coding and Billing	Business, Management and Economics (Healthcare Management concentration)
Medical Laboratory Technician	Allied Health
Medical Office Technology	Business, Management and Economics (Healthcare Management concentration)
Modern Language	Cultural Studies
Music	The Arts Cultural Studies
Network Cloud Support and Cybersecurity Network Systems Administrator	Science, Mathematics and Technology (IT)
Nursing	Nursing (BSN)
Office Technology	Business, Management and Economics Management
Paralegal – Legal Assistant	Public Affairs
Restaurant and Culinary Management	Business Administration Business, Management and Economics Management
Social Science	Social Science Psychology
Social Work Specialization	Addiction Studies Community and Human Services
Teacher Education	Education Studies

CTC-SUNY Articulation Agreement March 2021

Final Audit Report   2021-06-28

Created:	2021-06-09
By:	Felicia Robinson (felicia.robinson@ctcd.edu)
Status:	Signed
Transaction ID:	CBJCHBCAABAAv2rvKIchVU6rDXb7PgNretNO47O5kLiO

"CTC-SUNY Articulation Agreement March 2021" History

🔲 Document created by Felicia Robinson (felicia.robinson@ctcd.edu)
2021-06-09 - 1:46:58 PM GMT- IP address: 67.79.90.2

✉ Document emailed to Nathan Gonyea (nathan.gonyea@esc.edu) for signature
2021-06-09 - 1:47:38 PM GMT

🔲 Email viewed by Nathan Gonyea (nathan.gonyea@esc.edu)
2021-06-09 - 1:53:29 PM GMT- IP address: 138.116.122.87

✍ Document e-signed by Nathan Gonyea (nathan.gonyea@esc.edu)
Signature Date: 2021-06-09 - 1:54:06 PM GMT - Time Source: server- IP address: 138.116.122.87

✉ Document emailed to Robin Garrett (rgarrett@ctcd.edu) for signature
2021-06-09 - 1:54:08 PM GMT

🔲 Email viewed by Robin Garrett (rgarrett@ctcd.edu)
2021-06-28 - 3:18:47 PM GMT- IP address: 67.79.90.2

✍ Document e-signed by Robin Garrett (rgarrett@ctcd.edu)
Signature Date: 2021-06-28 - 3:19:37 PM GMT - Time Source: server- IP address: 67.79.90.2

✅ Agreement completed.
2021-06-28 - 3:19:37 PM GMT

 Adobe Sign