

Partnership Agreement in Nursing (RN to BSN)

Including Optional Upper-division Courses Offered on the
Rockland Community college Campus

Empire State College (ESC) and Rockland Community College (RCC), 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 Rockland Community College 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 Rockland Community College graduates who want to remain close to their homes and/or community;
- Provide clear guidelines for Rockland Community College graduates to follow during the transition.

ESC will offer nursing graduates from Rockland Community College an opportunity to participate in the Partnership Program into the RN to BSN Nursing program. Rockland Community College graduates will be able to transfer all 68 credits earned as part of their associate degree in Nursing to ESC. Rockland Community College graduates meeting ESC's admissions requirements will become ESC students upon admission.

Admissions Requirements

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

With advisement, students in the Partnership Program may elect to register for up to 11 additional lower-division credits at Rockland Community College. These 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. Up to 79 total lower-division credits could be included from Rockland Community College towards the 124 credit bachelor's degree at ESC.

A benefit for Rockland Community College is the potential to receive additional tuition revenue for up to 11 credits for each Partnership Program student.

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

Rockland Community College agrees to: (1) provide access for Partnership students to campus facilities and resources (i.e. Library, academic support, computer labs), (2) promote the program on campus to current students and faculty advisors, as well as alumni, and licensed RNs in the community and (3) 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 Rockland Community College

Empire State College will offer two or more upper-division courses on the Rockland Community College 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 Rockland Community College students or recent graduates who have yet to become licensed RNs, and (2) graduates of associate degree Nursing programs who are licensed RNs and want to begin working towards a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

- Pre-licensed Nursing Students -

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

Rockland Community College
Lisa Schachter
Department Chair, Nursing
(845) 574-4474
LSchacht@sunyrockland.edu

Empire State College
Nursing.Program@esc.edu

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

Rockland Community College graduates from the 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 BSN program.¹

- Licensed Registered Nurses (RN)

Licensed associate degree nurses have two options for how they can take ESC courses at Rockland Community College's campus. One option is to enroll as a non-matriculated (non-degree) ESC student to see if the bachelor's degree program is right for them. Credits completed will be counted as fulfilling core requirements towards the BSN 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 BSN degree program will be offered to those non-matriculated (non-degree) students who complete ESC courses taught at Rockland Community College'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

EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE



Merodie Hancock
President

2/14/18
Date



David Bejou
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

2/12/18
Date



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Dean, School of Nursing and Allied Health

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ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE



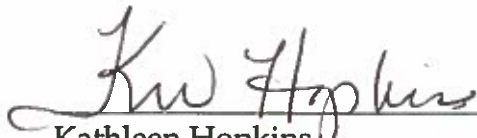
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Chair, STEM and Health Professions Division

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

Rockland Community College - A.S. Nursing

NUR 111 - Nursing Process IA	3.5
NUR 113 - Nursing Process IB	3.5
NUR 141 - Nursing Process IIA	3.5
NUR 142 - Nursing Process IIB	3.5
NUR 231 - Nursing Process IIIA	4
NUR 232 - Nursing Process IIIB	4
NUR 241 - Nursing Process IVA	4
NUR 242 - Nursing Process IVB	4
NUR 106 - Principles of Drug Administration	1
NUR 149 - NCLEX Review	0

ENG 101 - College Writing I	3
ENG 102 - College Writing II	3
PSY 103 - General Psychology	3
PSY 203 - Developmental Psychology	3
BIO 110 - Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 111 - Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 207 - Microbiology	4
SPE 101 - Fundamentals of Speech	3
CHM 105 - Principles of General and Biological Chemistry	3
MCS 101 - Introduction to Multicultural Studies	3
MAT 125 - Statistics	4

Total Rockland CC Credit 68**

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

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
Multigenerational Nursing	4
Baccalaureate Capstone	5

General Education	8
Liberal Arts elective	7

**Total Empire State College Credit 56
Degree Program Total 124**

** Effective for Fall 2018 incoming students, this total will be 67 credits

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 Rockland Community College 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.