Pathways Transfer Agreement (MOU)
RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Empire State College (ESC) and Orange County Community College (OCCC), both of the State University of New York, agree to develop a Pathways Transfer Agreement in Nursing. The agreement is designed to support transfer students during their transition to Empire State College, and intends to:

- Ensure a smooth transfer for OCCC graduates to Empire State College;
- 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 Orange county graduates who want to remain close to their homes and/or community;
- Provide clear guidelines for OCCC graduates to follow during the transition.

Empire State College will offer AAS degree graduates in Nursing from Orange County Community College an opportunity to participate in the Pathways transfer program into the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing program. OCCC graduates meeting ESC’s admissions requirements will become Empire State College students upon admission.

Admissions Requirements

- Completed AAS degree in Nursing
- Possession of an active, unencumbered nursing license (RN)
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Current certification in CPR
- Current resume
- Completed Empire State College admissions application

Empire State College agrees to accept the entire AAS in Nursing degree (68 credits) as earned by Orange County Community College students. The minimum number of credits to be taken at ESC would be at least 45 advanced-level credits, which would include 40 credits in Nursing. Up to 80 total lower-division credits could be included from OCCC towards the 128 credit bachelor’s degree at Empire State College.
As part of the agreement, Empire State College will provide the following: (1) individual educational planning and mentoring for all Nursing students, (2) outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at Orange County Community College to provide program information, and (3) offer information sessions for students on the OCCC campus, at Empire State College locations, and online.

Orange County Community College agrees to provide: (1) promotion of the program on campus to current students, faculty advisors, and alumni, and (2) to 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 Empire State College on a full or part-time basis. Students may elect to follow a two-year or three-year program track.

Sample Two-Year Program

First Year Courses
- Educational Planning: Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing (4 credits)
- Advanced Health Assessment (4)
- Nursing Research (4)
- Nursing Informatics (4)
- Pharmacology (4)
- Nursing Elective (Advanced Nursing Physiology) (4)
- Statistics (recommended) or General Education (4)
- General Education / Elective (4)

Second Year Courses
- Health Care Delivery Systems and Policy (4)
- Community Health Nursing (4)
- Professional Issues and Leadership in Contemporary Nursing (4)
- Advanced Clinical Experience (4)
- General Education / Elective (4)
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Second Year Courses

- Professional Issues and Leadership in Contemporary Nursing (4)
- Nursing Informatics (4)
- Nursing Research (4)
- Nursing Elective (4)
- Statistics or General Education / Elective (4)

Third Year Courses

- Community Health Nursing (4)
- Advanced Clinical Experience (4)
- General Education / Elective (4)
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Demand for this program is expected to be high. Empire State College will provide five openings in each incoming Nursing class for Orange County Community College students who are eligible for this transfer program as outlined above. Additional students from OCCC who are interested in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program are welcome to apply and will be considered as space is available. The transfer conditions are applicable to all admitted students.

Signatures to the Agreement

EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

Meg Benke, Provost

Date 2/1/11

Bridgett Nettleton, Dean of Nursing

Date 1/31/11

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

William Richards, President

Date 11/10/11

Richard Heppler, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date 1/16/11

Pat Slesinski, Nursing Department Chair

Date 1/4/11