



Pathways Transfer Program Articulation Agreement in Allied Health

Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.) in Medical Assistant to a Bachelor of Science Degree (B.S.) in Allied Health

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

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

Empire State College will offer graduates with an A.A.S. degree in Medical Assistant from SUNY Sullivan an opportunity to participate in the Pathways Transfer Program into the B.S. in Allied Health program at Empire State College. SUNY Sullivan graduates meeting ESC's admissions requirements will become Empire State College students upon admission.

How the Pathways Transfer Program Works:

During their first year at Empire State College, students in the Pathways Transfer Program may, with advisement, cross-register for additional credits at SUNY Sullivan 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 prerequisite courses.

Empire State College requires 124 credits for a bachelor's degree, of which SUNY Sullivan graduates must complete a minimum of 31 credits (in residency) 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 SUNY Sullivan Transfer Students:

Empire State College will provide the following benefits for participating SUNY Sullivan 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 program

To be eligible, SUNY Sullivan transfer students must have completed an associate degree within the last three years, or be in (or entering) their final semester of completing an associate degree.¹

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 SUNY Sullivan for distribution.

Benefits for Employees of SUNY Sullivan:

Employees of SUNY Sullivan 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 SUNY Sullivan 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 SUNY Sullivan.

¹ 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 Medical Assistant students, (2) outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at SUNY Sullivan to provide program information, and (3) offer information sessions for students at SUNY Sullivan, at Empire State College locations, and online.

Sullivan County Community College 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).

Medical Assistant (A.A.S.) to Allied Health (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 sample provided on page 5.

This agreement becomes effective when all signatures are affixed, as of the 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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President

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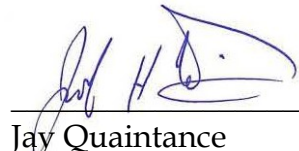
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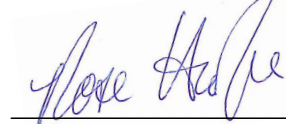
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Appendix A: Sample Degree Plan

Degree: Bachelor of Science
Area of Study: Allied Health

Sullivan County Community College - Medical Assistant (A.A.S.)

MED 1110 Medical Terminology I	3
MED 1620 Medical Administration Procedures I	3
MED 2120 Medical Terminology II	3
MED 1501 Health Care Law and Ethics	3
MED 2210 Medical Assisting I and MED 2211 Lab	4
MED 2105 Basic Phlebotomy and EKG	3
MED 1824 Medical Insurance and Billing	3
MED 2220 Medical Assisting II and MED 2221 Lab	4
MED 2104 Basic Pharmacology	3
MED 2250 Medical Assistant Externship	3

IAS 1005 Metamorphosis	2
ENG 1001 Composition I	3
BUS 1101 Business Mathematics or elective	3
SCI 1050/51 Introduction to Biology & Lab or SCI 1051 Principles of Biology	4
CPT 1207 Computer Applications	3
PSY 1500 General Psychology	3
SCI 1424 Intro to Anatomy and Physiology with Lab	4
ENG 1301 Fundamentals of Speech	3
SOC 1600 Introduction to Sociology	3
PED/REL 1601 Physical Fitness & Wellness	2
REL 1801 Advanced First Aid and CPR	2

Total Transcript Credit from A.A.S. Respiratory Care	64
Other Credits from Either SUNY Sullivan or Prior Learning	6
Total Advanced Standing	70

Empire State College - Sample Only (all courses are available online)

COMM 2005 Communications for Professionals (or equivalent)	4
HLAD 2010 The United States Health Systems (or equivalent)	4
HLAD 3020 Cultural Competency in Health Care	4
HLAD 4015 Health Care Policy	4
HLAD 4020 Leadership in Health Care	4
HLAD 3045 Health Care Ethics	4
HLAD 3200 Health Informatics	4
EDPL 4005 Educational Planning: Transition to Baccalaureate Health Professions	4

General Education Course	4
General Education Course	4
Elective (or PALS and ACLS ²)	4
Elective	4
Elective	4
Elective	2

Total Empire State College Credit	54
Degree Program Total	124

² Empire State College awards 4 upper-division credits for earned certificates in PALS and ACLS

Suggested Courses for B.S. in Allied Health Elective Areas (all courses are offered online):

Biosciences

CHEM 3400 Biochemistry (4 credits)
BIOL 3206 Cell Biology or BIOL 3208 Molecular Biology (4 credits)
BIOL 3204 Genetics (4 credits)
Current Issues in Bioscience (Independent Study, 2 credits)

Community Health

HLAD 3005 Community Health (4 credits)
HSCI 4200 Epidemiology (4 credits)
PSYC 3090 Health Psychology or ENSC 3304 Environmental Health (4 credits)
Current Issues in Health (Independent Study) or COMW 3122 Proposal Writing or EDST 3040 Learning Styles (2 credits)

Education

EDST 4005 Adults as Learners: Theories and Strategies (4 credits)
EDST 3015 Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment or PSYC 3015 Educational Psychology:
Advanced (4 credits)
Practicum - Student Teaching (Independent Study, 4 credits)
EDST 3040 Learning Styles (2 credits)

Management

HLAD 3025 Economic Issues in Health Care (4 credits)
HLAD 3050 Health Care Management (4 credits)
MGMT 3060 Organizational Behavior (4 credits)
Current Issues in Health Care Management (Independent Study, 2 credits)

Marketing - (typically will need Introduction to Marketing or Marketing Principles as a prerequisite - could take course at SUNY Sullivan)

MRKT 3010 Consumer Behavior (4 credits)
MRKT 3030 Marketing Communications: Advertising and Promotion (4 credits)
MRKT 3045 Marketing Management (4 credits)
Marketing Research (Independent Study, 2 credits)

Appendix B: Empire State College Policies and Procedures for Transfer

1. Students successfully completing degree requirements for an A.A., A.A.S., or A.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.³ 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 Sullivan County 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, 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 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.

³ 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/>