



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY AND SUNY EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

Introduction:

A Memorandum of Agreement formally recognizes that SUNY Empire State College and the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) will cooperate in providing educational opportunities for currently enrolled and potential students of their institutions. This agreement requires a commitment by both institutions to facilitate the transfer of DAU course credits that have been certified by the American Council on Education (ACE) toward SUNY Empire State College degree programs without jeopardizing the intended mission and stated goals of either institution.

Purpose:

An agreement defines a structure through which articulation on all levels can be supported. This agreement is specifically designed to allow for maximum transfer of credit and a seamless transition for students. This agreement may be amended as needed for a specific program articulation without affecting the currency of the master agreement. As DAU receives new approvals SUNY Empire State College will review for any updates to transfer credit. SUNY Empire State College will honor the input from DAU so that the most efficient transfer possible may be achieved, consistent with applicable standards. DAU will designate an individual to serve as a liaison for the purpose of monitoring this agreement. SUNY Empire State College will provide updated catalogs annually upon availability to the liaison representative at DAU. DAU will provide SUNY Empire State College an updated listing of all new ACE reviewed courses and the ACE recommendations annually, upon availability. Either party reserves the right to terminate, after 60 days prior notice, the articulation agreement when the interest of that party so dictates, subject to taking all reasonable efforts to ensure that existing students are not adversely impacted in completing their programs of study. Every effort will be made by either party to give 60 days notice prior to effective date of termination and to complete the then-current programs year.

Transfer Features and Benefits:

1. Students from DAU will be guaranteed admission to SUNY Empire State College based on satisfaction of admissions requirements stated in the SUNY Empire State College Catalog.

2. All ACE credit from DAU will be reviewed for transfer into SUNY Empire State College, not to exceed the maximum transfer for a specific degree program:
 - Associate's Degree 40 semester hours
 - Bachelor's Degree 93 semester hours
 - Master's Degree and Certificate (program may also qualify, credit amounts will vary)

DAU courses eligible for transfer into the undergraduate program will be accepted by SUNY Empire State College per ACE credit recommendations. Limitations may be made in order to accommodate degree requirements (30 credits of general education, 64 liberal studies credits, and 45 advanced level studies).

Services Provided to DAU Students by SUNY Empire State College:

1. SUNY Empire State College will provide advising services to DAU students seeking information on pursuing their degree with SUNY Empire State College.
2. Students seeking credit for DAU courses not reviewed by ACE may be eligible for life assessment credit. Students should present appropriate documentation at time of admission to SUNY Empire State College in order to be eligible to receive credit.
3. SUNY Empire State College will list DAU on its website as one of its institutions with which an articulation agreement is in place.
4. Please see attachment 1 for the SUNY Empire State College academic guidelines

Services Provided to Empire State College by DAU:

1. DAU will assist SUNY Empire State College in the distribution of information regarding transfer opportunities to DAU students.
2. DAU will place transfer information on the DAU homepage. DAU will update information on the homepage as changes occur.

SUNY Empire State College or DAU may use the other party's name or logo in published materials (e.g., website and catalog) to reference this agreement or contact information/links to the others party. Content and text of all promotional information must be approved by each party prior to release.

DAU and SUNY Empire State College understand that to reap benefits from this cooperative relationship, there must be ongoing interaction and communication. However, it is agreed that all discussions that occur through this cooperative engagement shall be conducted in a non-attribution environment so as to encourage the free-flow of ideas and recommendations.

All participants of DAU are eligible to receive SUNY Empire State College corporate partnership benefits:

- a. waiver of orientation fee (\$50 value for degree programs, \$25 for certificate-only programs) at time of submission of online admissions application (non-matriculated course registrations are ineligible)
- b. one-time, \$100 Presidential Scholarship applied to the student's first term of enrollment in a degree or certificate program

Note: students must be enrolled past day 28 of the term to remain eligible for the scholarship.

As this learning organization evolves and specific opportunities for additional partnering and collaboration are identified on our programs, this partnership agreement will be updated with addenda that will reflect bilateral or multilateral agreements as appropriate.

No agreements concerning the transfer or exchange of any asset of either party is intended or implied by this memorandum. SUNY Empire State College and DAU are separate and independent institutions of higher education and by this agreement both will continue to operate as separate institutions. The administrators of SUNY Empire State College and DAU are authorized to sign, prepare and implement plans of action and procedures necessary to effect this agreement.

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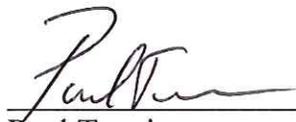
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Attachment: Academic Guidelines

Graduate Degrees

Graduate degree programs are offered online and some degree programs also require face-to-face activities including regional group meetings or attendance at occasional weekend residencies.

For specific requirements and information about each graduate degree program visit

<http://www.esc.edu/graduate-studies/>

Graduate Nursing Degree: The Master of Science in Nursing Education

The M. S. in nursing education is a 42-credit, online program. The degree prepares students to perform the nurse educator role in a clinical setting (such as a staff development department), or as faculty for institutions of higher education. For more information, visit

<http://www.esc.edu/degrees-programs/nursing-degrees/masters-nursing/>

Undergraduate Nursing Degree: RN to B.S. in Nursing

The RN-BSN program is offered online and is 124-credit program which includes 41 upper-division nursing credits. For specific requirements and information about this program, visit

<http://www.esc.edu/degrees-programs/rn-to-bs-in-nursing/program-design/>

Undergraduate Degrees

At SUNY Empire State College, students self-design their Associate or Bachelor's degree using an area of study guideline and the State University of New York and SUNY Empire State College degree requirements. Students pursuing a degree at SUNY Empire State College through this MOU work with an assigned faculty mentor to determine the most appropriate degree for their interests and goals and to determine how best to apply the advanced standing credits and design their degree. The college recommends that students enroll in educational planning as one of their first studies to complete the degree program. The degree program must be submitted for faculty review before students enroll in the final 16 credits of their degree. SUNY Empire State College students have the ability to transfer in up to 40 credits towards an associate degree or 93 credits towards a bachelor's degree, including transcript credit, pre-evaluated credit (e.g., ACE) and prior learning assessment as long as those credits fit into an approved degree program. Students must complete a minimum of 24 credits for an associate degree and 31 credits for a bachelor's degree at SUNY Empire State College.

Possible sources of additional Advanced Standing Credits:

- Individualized Prior Learning Assessment¹
- Transcript Credit from a Regionally Accredited College or University
- Standardized Exams, such as CLEP or other exams (see website for full list²)
- Military Credit Evaluated by American Council on Education (ACE)
- Other (see SUNY Empire State College website for full list³)

Requirements for a SUNY Empire State College Undergraduate Degree (i, ii, iii)

Degree	Total Credits	Maximum Advanced Standing Credits	Minimum Liberal Arts and Sciences Credits	Minimum SUNY General Education Credits	Minimum Advanced-level Credits in your Concentration	Minimum Advanced-level Credits in your Program	Educational Planning Credits
A.A.	64	40	48	30	-	-	4

A.S.	64	40	32	30	-	-	4
B.A.	124	93	93	30	24	45	4
B.S.	124	93	62	30	24	45	4
B.S. Nursing	124	93	62	30	41	45	4
B.P.S.	124	93	32	30	24	45	4

ⁱ Area of Study and Concentration guidelines are used to structure the student's individualized degree program curriculum.

ⁱⁱ To meet the SUNY General Education policy, every SUNY Empire State College undergraduate degree program must have at least 30 credits over seven general education knowledge and skill areas and include the areas of Mathematics and Basic Communication.

ⁱⁱⁱ Every student must take 4 credits in Educational Planning at SUNY Empire State College.

Notes:

1. Individualized Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit is awarded for verifiable college-level learning acquired through work, life experience or independent study.
2. Standardized Exams such as CLEP and others: <http://www.esc.edu/degree-planning-academic-review/prior-learning-assessment/standardized-tests>
3. Other (see SUNY Empire State College website for full list) <http://www.esc.edu/degree-planning-academic-review/degree-program/student-degree-planning-guide/current-esc-professional-learning-evaluations/>