



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 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 evaluated for credit by the American Council on Education (ACE) toward 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 Empire State College will review for any updates to transfer credit. 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. Empire State College will provide updated catalogs annually upon availability to the liaison representative at DAU. DAU will provide 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 Empire State College based on satisfaction of admissions requirements stated in the Empire State College Catalog.
2. All ACE credit from DAU will be reviewed for transfer into Empire State College, not to exceed the maximum transfer for a specific degree program:
 - Associate's Degree 40 semester hours
 - Bachelor's Degree 96 semester hours

DAU courses eligible for transfer into the undergraduate program will be accepted by Empire State College per ACE credit recommendations. If any discrepancies exist between the DAU transcript and ACE recommendations, Empire State College will follow the ACE recommendation. 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 Empire State College:

1. Empire State College will provide counseling services to DAU students seeking information on pursuing their degree with 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 to the Empire State College Director of Academic Program Review in order to receive credit.
3. Empire State College will list DAU on its website as one of its institutions with which an articulation agreement is in place.

Services Provided to Empire State College by DAU:

1. DAU will assist 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.

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 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.

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. 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 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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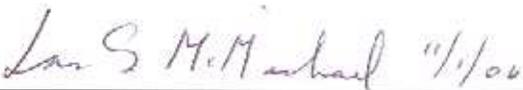
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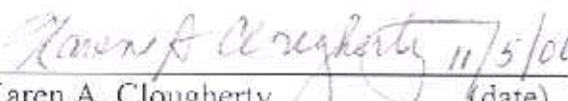
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