

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF STUDENTS FROM ROCKLAND
COMMUNITY COLLEGE INTO THE BACHELOR'S DEGREE PROGRAMS AT STATE
UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE**

Introduction

This agreement establishes an articulation agreement, which assures that students completing an Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Science (AS) or Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree at Rockland Community College are able to transfer to Empire State College. On November 29, 1972, the Board of Trustees of the State University established a transfer policy that guaranteed graduates of two-year colleges within the University an opportunity to continue their education at a State University senior campus. The policy was strengthened in 1980 and 1987 by requiring the establishment of agreements between two- and four-year institutions within the State University of New York according junior status in four-year colleges to those graduates of two-year colleges who were enrolled in a parallel program. Such agreements are meant to assure that the four-year campus provides an opportunity to those students it accepts to complete a bachelor's degree in the equivalent of four additional semesters at the four-year college. This agreement establishes procedures to ensure implementation of the policy of providing an opportunity for graduates of Rockland Community College to obtain the appropriate bachelor's degree (B.A., B.S., B.P.S.) at Empire State College.

Objectives of the Agreement

1. To promote the easy transition of qualified transfer students from Rockland Community College to bachelor's degree programs at Empire State College.
2. To provide specific information for transfer students intending to pursue bachelor's degrees.
3. To recognize and provide for combined programs as an alternate route to quality education for students who have not been able to follow a one-college program.
4. To provide the transfer student seeking an alternative non-traditional educational mode of baccalaureate learning ease of access and opportunity to Empire State College.

Terms of Agreement

1. Rockland Community College agrees to promulgate information and to advise interested students of the provisions of this agreement.
2. Empire State College agrees to accept as juniors those students who have successfully completed an AA, AS, or AAS.
3. Periodically, the Academic Vice President/Academic Dean or designee of each institution shall meet to confer on matters of mutual concern, which affect this articulation agreement. They shall attend particularly to new curricular offerings to ensure that they articulate in the spirit of this agreement.
4. The widest possible publicity will be given the establishment of this agreement such as procedures and descriptions in catalogues and bulletins of each school, and such literature shall clearly specify the persons or offices to contact at each institution. In addition, faculty advisors from Empire State College shall be available at appropriate times to explain educational opportunities available to transfer students and to assist them in effecting articulation.
5. This agreement becomes effective when all signatures are affixed and remains in effect for five years from that date (of last signature); formal reaffirmation of the agreement, with additions and adjustments as necessary, initialed by both parties after mutual discussion (as noted in (3) above), will insure the maintenance of continued articulation.

Guidelines of the Agreement

Students successfully completing degree requirements for an AA, AS, AAS and transferring in the entire degree:

- A. 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
- B. will be given the opportunity to complete all requirements for the bachelor's degree in a closely related area of concentration (as specified in Section A) with 2 additional years of successful full-time study,

Applications from students who have completed associate degrees that are not closely related to the bachelor's degree area of concentration may require more than 2 years of successful full-time study to complete their degrees, and will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis to achieve maximum transferability.

General Information

Further information about Empire State College may be obtained by calling the Rockland Community College, Office of Transfer Planning at 845-574-4224 or 574-4510.

All transfer students must submit the Empire State College Application for Admission form along with an official transcript 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.

Signatures to the Agreement

Empire State College
Robert [Signature]
Dean

7/14/05
Date

Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date

President

Date

Rockland Community College
[Signature]
President

7/14/05
Date

[Signature]
Vice President for Academic Affairs

7/14/05
Date

Build on Your Associate Degree

As a graduate of Rockland Community College (RCC), you will find it easier to continue your education and earn a bachelor's degree as a result of an articulation agreement between RCC and Empire State College, an arts and science college of the State University of New York.

Under the terms of the agreement, once you have completed specific associate degree programs at Rockland Community College, you should be able to complete a degree requirements with two additional years of full-time study at Empire State College.

All students earning a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York must fulfill the 30-credit, SUNY general education policy. Empire State College at Rockland Community College work together to insure that transfer students will be able to meet this requirement through courses taken at either institution.

The chart in this brochure refers you to the specific areas of study at Empire State College to which your associate degree will transfer. Within the particular area of study, you will prepare, in consultation with an individually assigned faculty mentor, a concentration – a focused, in-depth study of a discipline or several disciplines a problem, a theme, or a professional or vocational area.

Consider the Advantages

Under the terms of the agreements between Rockland Community College and Empire State College, you and other students successfully completing degree requirements at RCC for any associate degree specified on the chart found inside this brochure will:

- Be granted admission to Empire State College
- Be eligible to enroll for a bachelor's degree in a closely related area of concentration
- Transfer all credits earned as part of a completed degree

Applications from students in programs not listed on the chart will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis to achieve maximum transferability.

Become an Independent Learner

The guided, independent study mode of learning at Empire State College requires a high degree of commitment and self-motivation. As a graduate of Rockland Community College continuing your education at Empire State College, you will have the opportunity to design a degree program that reflects your unique personal and professional aspirations by working one-to-one with an Empire State College faculty mentor. To learn more about this challenging, exciting way of earning a bachelor's degree – so that you can decide if independent study will meet your educational needs – attend an information session at the Empire State College location nearest you.

Expand your Opportunities

Empire State College, a national leader in nontraditional education, offers Rockland Community College graduates:

- Transferability – apply your associate degree credits to your four-year degree.
- Guided independent study designed expressly for you – develop your own degree program.
- One-to-one instruction – work individually with an Empire State College mentor.
- Credit for college-level learning from work and life experiences.
- Accredited bachelor's degrees with State University recognition
- Economical SUNY tuition.
- Financial aid programs for eligible students.

For more information, contact any of the offices listed below the chart found inside this brochure or the Admissions Office, SUNY Empire State College, 111 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866-4390, telephone 800 847-3000 ext. 223 or www.esc.edu/admissions

ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND SUNY EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE TRANSFER PROGRAM

Listed horizontally are Empire State College areas of study. Listed vertically are the Erie Community College associate degrees. The boxes indicate which associate degree is most closely related to an Empire State College area of study for ease in transferring.

Empire State College Bachelor's Degree Program Options

	The Arts	Business Management Economics	Community & Human Services	Cultural Studies	Educational Studies	Historical Studies	Human Development	Interdisciplinary Studies	Science, Mathematics & Technology	Social Theory, Social Structure & Change
A.A. Communication Media Arts	■							■		
A.A. Liberal Arts & Sciences-Humanities & Social Science	■			■	■	■	■	■		■
A.A. Liberal Arts & Sciences-Humanities & Social Science/Elementary Education, PreK-6					■		■	■		
A.A. Liberal Arts and Science-Mathematics and Science	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	
A.A. Performing Arts								■		
A.S. Business Administration	■			■	■			■		
A.S. Criminal Justice - Police		■						■		
A.S. Data Processing: Computer Information Systems		■	■					■		
A.S. Fine Arts	■			■	■		■	■		
A.S. Human Services			■				■	■		■
A.S. Liberal Arts & Sciences-Mathematics & Science								■	■	
A.S. Nursing			■					■	■	■
A.S. Photography	■			■				■		
A.A.S. Automotive Technology								■		
A.A.S. Business -Accounting		■						■		
A.A.S. Business - Business Administration		■						■		
A.A.S. Business - Marketing		■						■		
A.A.S. Business - Office Technologies		■						■		
A.A.S. Data Processing-Local Area Network Admin								■	■	
A.A.S. Electrical Technology								■	■	
A.A.S. Emergency Medical Technology/Paramedic			■					■		
A.A.S. Fire Protection Technology		■						■		
A.A.S. Food Service Administration - Dietetic Technology/Nutrition Care		■						■	■	
A.A.S. Graphic Design and Computer Graphics	■							■	■	
A.A.S. Health Information Technology/Medical Records			■					■	■	
A.A.S. Hospitality and Tourism		■						■		
A.A.S. Medical Assistant			■					■		
A.A.S. Occupational Therapy Assistant			■					■		

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A.A.S. PC Support Services								<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
A.A.S. Respiratory Care			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

For Further Information Contact:

The Office of Transfer Planning, Rockland Community College, 145 College Rd., Suffern, NY 845-574-4224 or 845-574-4510

Area Empire State College Locations:

SUNY Empire State College, New City Unit, 240 North Main Street, New City NY 10956-5302 845-708-7010

SUNY Empire State College, Hudson Valley Center, 200 North Central Ave., Hartsdale, NY 10530-1999 914-948-6206