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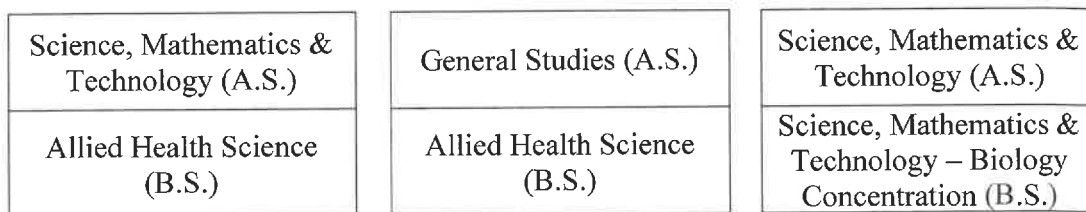
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## Pathways Transfer Program Articulation Agreement EMS Paramedic Program

[Empire State University](#) (SUNY Empire) and [Stony Brook University](#) (SBU), both of the State University of New York (SUNY), agree to develop a Pathways Transfer Agreement between the [EMS Paramedic certification program](#) (non-credit) and multiple degree pathways leading to associate and baccalaureate degree programs (see below). This Agreement assures that qualified students completing the certification program at SBU will be able to transfer seamlessly to SUNY Empire.



### Empire State University – Program Pathways



### EMS Paramedic Program

Stony Brook University has a 30+ year tradition of excellence in paramedic education. SBU's certification program is designed to train students to become exemplary paramedics and leaders in the profession. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has assumed responsibility for the development of training

courses that are responsive to the standards established by the Highway Safety Act of 1966 (amended). The courses are designed to provide national guidelines for training and are kept current for technical content and instructional strategy.

Upon successful completion of the Paramedic program, graduates will be eligible to take examinations for New York State and national EMT-Paramedic certification.

The Stony Brook University Paramedic program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) upon the recommendation of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

### Professional Learning Evaluation

Students completing the EMS Paramedic program are eligible to receive up to 40 undergraduate credits upon enrollment at SUNY Empire (see Appendix A). SUNY Empire's Office of Prior Learning conducted a thorough Professional Learning Evaluation (PLE) of the Emergency Medical Services course sequence based on the national curriculum, standards, training materials and learning outcomes.

In order for students enrolling at SUNY Empire to receive credit for any earned EMS credential(s), they must present official documentation that they hold **current** national or New York State certification as an EMT or Paramedic. Such documentation may be presented to the Office of Admissions as part of the application and enrollment process.

### How the Pathways Transfer Program Works:

Students at SUNY Empire can earn their degree without having to leave their home community. The flexibility of the educational model allows them to customize their courses and schedule to fit around their family, work and community commitments. SUNY Empire, the recognized leader in online education within SUNY, offers courses designed to be online, by online faculty, as opposed to modifying in-person classes to be delivered online. When it comes to online education, students will benefit from the many years of recognized online excellence and expertise provided by SUNY Empire.

SUNY Empire requires 64 credits for an associate degree, and 120-124 credits for a bachelor's degree, of which a minimum of 24 credits and 31 credits respectively must be completed in residency with SUNY Empire.<sup>1</sup> Associate and bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 30 credits in General Education as defined by SUNY. To earn a bachelor's degree, a minimum of 45 upper-division credits, 24 of which must be in the concentration, are required, consistent with SUNY Empire's requirements for a bachelor's degree. The

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<sup>1</sup> Online courses with SUNY Empire may be counted towards the residency requirement. An A.A. or A.S. in General Studies has a minimum residency requirement of 12 credits.

remaining 79 lower-division credits can be transferred in through transcribed credit or prior learning assessment.

Additional sources of advanced standing credits may include:

- Individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA)
- Transcript credit from a regionally accredited college or university
- Standardized exams, such as CLEP or other exams
- Military credit evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE)
- Licenses or training evaluated by SUNY Empire

### Benefits for Active Military, Veterans, and Spouses

SUNY Empire has a long-standing commitment of supporting active military, veterans and family members, and enthusiastically pledges to maintain its commitment to provide the following benefits and services to military-aligned students, and as they may be amended from time to time by SUNY Empire:

- Pre-enrollment advising and an Evaluated Education Plan (EEP) with a review of anticipated transfer credits prior to enrollment
- Waive all mandatory fees for military members (active-duty, guard, reserve and veterans) along with their spouses. Waived fees include: orientation fee, college fee, student activity fee, technology fee, health and wellness fee, portfolio (assessment) fee, and program amendment fee.
- Individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA) fees are waived for military members
- Support military-aligned students through Veterans Affairs (VA) and Tuition Assistance (TA) funding processes
- Access to the Veteran and Military Resource Center (VMRC) and its dedicated resources to support student success all the way through to degree completion.

### Opportunity Programs at SUNY Empire State University

Opportunity programs at SUNY Empire provide access, academic support, and/or financial assistance to underserved students who show promise for college success. SUNY Empire serves students at all stages of life and learning, full or part-time.

SUNY Empire offers eight opportunity programs, including:

- SUNY Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) – a program for full-time, first-time freshmen and full-time opportunity program transfer students.
- Empire State Opportunity Program (ESOP) – a program for full-time and part-time transfer students.
- Empire Promise Program (EPP) – a program for first-time freshmen, continuing students, and transfer students.
- Military Veteran Opportunity Program (MVOP) – a program with the same services

as EPP, along with military specific mentoring, advising and monthly programming.

For more information, visit [www.SUNYEmpire.edu/admissions/op/](http://www.SUNYEmpire.edu/admissions/op/) or contact the SUNY Empire Office of Opportunity Programs at (800) 847-3000 ext. 2204 or by email at [OPapply@SUNYEmpire.edu](mailto:OPapply@SUNYEmpire.edu).

#### Online Student Support:

After acceptance to SUNY Empire, students attend an orientation session at which they learn about the next steps, including the extensive support services available to them. A partial list of available services includes: online course training, technical support, academic and peer tutoring, access to an extensive online library and librarian assistance, writing and mathematics resources, 24/7 telephone counseling, career services, and free workshops on developing various academic skill sets.

#### For Further Information and to Apply:

Students who wish to apply or have application or registration questions should contact:

Jillian Johnis  
Assistant Director of Enrollment Management  
Long Island region and the School of Nursing and Allied Health  
[Nursing.AlliedHealthEnroll@sunyempire.edu](mailto:Nursing.AlliedHealthEnroll@sunyempire.edu)

To begin the application process, please refer to the [Office of Admissions website](#).

- All transfer students must submit the Empire State University Application for Admission form along with an official transcript of completed course work from each college previously attended to the Office of Admissions, Empire State University, 111 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.
- A unique application code for interested students to use during the admissions application process will be created by SUNY Empire and provided to the EMS Program Director for distribution to interested students and alumni.
- Students may enroll at SUNY Empire on a full or part-time basis.

This agreement applies to graduates of the SBU EMS Paramedic program beginning with the 2023-2024 cohort. This agreement becomes effective when all signatures are affixed, as of the date of the last signature, and remains in effect for 5 years or until one or both institutions deem it necessary to terminate the agreement. The agreement may be amended by mutual agreement and will be formalized via revision of this agreement.

Signatures to the Agreement:

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**Appendix A:  
EMS Paramedic Program  
Professional Learning Evaluation - Credit Recommendation**

**Stony Brook University - EMS Paramedic program (non-credit)**

SUNY Empire's Professional Learning Evaluation - recommended credits for New York State or national Paramedic certification:

CPR	1
NIMS 100	1
NIMS 700	1
Hazmat	1
Skills 1^	4
Skills 2^	4
Skills 3^	4
Anatomy and Physiology I*	4
Anatomy and Physiology II*	4
Medication^	4
Trauma^	4
Hospital fieldwork^	4
Practicum field^	4

**Total PLE credits 40**

^ advanced level credit

\* liberal credit

## Appendix B: SUNY Empire Degree Requirements

### General Studies (A.S./A.A.)

The A.S./A.A. in General Studies is designed to allow students with a variety of college credits and life experiences without a completed degree to quickly complete an associate degree and move into a bachelor's degree program at the university. This is accomplished by maximizing transferrable credit and prior learning assessment, not requiring an area of concentration, and requires a minimum of 12 credits taken at Empire State University.

- Required courses: [General Studies: A.S., A.A.](#)
- Educational Planning (4 credits)
- Program electives (8 credits)
- SUNY General Education requirements (30 credits)
- 64 total credits

### Science, Mathematics & Technology (A.S./A.A.)

The A.S./A.A. in Science, Mathematics & Technology offers students the opportunity to develop individualized degree plans based on their intellectual, professional, and personal interests. Students work with an academic mentor to develop a specialized concentration and to select courses that meet the academic guidelines and address each student's individual interests. Students will study the fundamental laws and concepts of their concentration to enhance skills for their current profession or to build a foundation for advanced study in a bachelor's degree program.

- Program details: [Science, Mathematics, and Technology: A.S., A.A.](#)
- Educational Planning (4 credits)
- SUNY General Education requirements (30 credits)
- 64 total credits

### Allied Health Science (B.S.)

The B.S. in Allied Health Science is a degree completion program designed for certified allied health professionals. To be admitted to the program, students must have (1) an associate degree in an allied health or related field that leads to licensure or certification, (2) a current license or certification in a health related profession that requires one, and (3) the completion of at least 12 credits in the natural and social sciences (Anatomy & Physiology required).

- Program details: [Allied Health Science: B.S.](#)
- Educational Planning: Transition to Baccalaureate Health Professions (4 credits)
- Program electives (16 credits)
- SUNY General Education requirements (30 credits)
- 120 total credits

Science, Mathematics & Technology - concentration in Biology (B.S.)

The study of biology involves four levels of analysis: molecular, cellular, organism, and ecological. The B.S. in Science, Mathematics & Technology - Biology concentration degree program will include advanced level study in each of these levels. The remaining advanced level courses in the concentration can be either focused in a single area of biology or distributed among different areas according to the student's specific interests in biology and their professional goals.

Students will work with an academic mentor to develop their biology concentration and to select courses that meet the academic guidelines and address each student's individual interests.

- Program details: [Science, Mathematics and Technology: B.S. – Biology concentration.](#)
- Educational Planning (4 credits)
- SUNY General Education requirements (30 credits)
- 124 total credits

Degree Programs	Total Credits	Maximum Advanced Standing Credits	Minimum SUNY Empire Credits in Residence	Minimum Upper-Division Credits	Minimum Upper-Division Credits in the Concentration	Minimum Liberal Arts and Sciences Credits
A.S.	64	40	24	--	--	32
A.A.	64	40	24	--	--	48
B.S.	120-124	93	31	45	24	62
B.A.	120-124	93	31	45	24	94
B.B.A.	120-124	93	31	45	24	32
B.P.S.	120-124	93	31	45	24	32

SUNY General Education requirements:

- Students entering SUNY Empire Fall 2023 and after, with no previous coursework taken at any SUNY institution, follow the 2023 General Education Framework - bachelor's degree programs must include at least 30 credits from seven of ten general education knowledge and skill areas, including Mathematics, Communication, Natural Sciences, and Diversity: Equity, Inclusion and Social Justice.
- Returning students and new students with coursework from any SUNY institution taken between Fall of 2010 and Fall 2023 follow the 2010 General Education Requirements -bachelor's degree programs must include at least 30 credits from seven of ten general education knowledge and skill areas, including Mathematics and Basic Communication.
- Students with coursework taken at a SUNY institution prior to Fall 2010 follow the 2023 General Education framework.

### **Appendix C: SUNY Empire Policies and Procedures for Transfer**

1. Students successfully completing degree requirements for an A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. and transferring in the entire associate degree will be able to transfer to SUNY Empire all credit earned for the associate degree, including “D” grades that are part of the completed degree.
2. The residency requirement for a 120-124 credit bachelor’s degree is 31 credits, and 24 credits for a 64 credit associate degree. In many cases, students may transfer in the remaining credits through transcribed credit and/or prior learning assessment.<sup>2</sup> A student may exceed stated credit minimums in certain circumstances to preserve the integrity of components that meet degree requirements.
3. 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.
4. Students earning a bachelor’s degree from SUNY Empire 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 knowledge and skill categories, including mathematics, communication, natural sciences, and diversity.
5. All students need to complete the application process and meet all admissions criteria before being accepted to SUNY Empire. Students must submit the SUNY Empire Application for Admission form along with an official transcript(s) of their completed

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<sup>2</sup> Prior learning assessment includes NYSED-approved degree granting institutions, pre-evaluated credit (NCCRS, ACE, SUNY Empire 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/>.

coursework to the Office of Admissions, SUNY Empire, 111 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. These forms can be found at [www.sunyempire.edu/admissions](http://www.sunyempire.edu/admissions).

Active, Reserve and Guard Army soldiers should apply and register through Army IgnitED at - [www.armyignited.com/app](http://www.armyignited.com/app). Soldiers may contact the Veteran and Military Resource Center for assistance at [military.programs@sunyempire.edu](mailto:military.programs@sunyempire.edu) or (518) 587-2100 ext. 2779.