



## HBS - SUNY EMPIRE COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The educational partnership agreement between Hunter Business School and SUNY Empire establishes that current students and alumni of specific Hunter programs seeking to build upon and advance their current educational level are eligible to participate in SUNY Empire's Academic Partner Benefits program.

As part of this Partnership Agreement, SUNY Empire has evaluated each of Hunter's eligible programs and has made specific college credit recommendations that they will award towards the completion of one of their degree programs.

SUNY Empire has more than 110 flexible degree programs and offers students a blend of online and in-person classes at locations and learning hubs in every region of the state at the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels and can be individualized to meet your career goals and interests. To view a full list of degrees and programs, visit: [www.esc.edu/degrees-program](http://www.esc.edu/degrees-program).

Students may also apply other non-duplicative advanced standing credits, such as transcribed credits from another accredited college or university if these credits fit into the approved degree program of their choice at SUNY Empire. Individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA) credit is also awarded for verifiable college-level learning acquired through work, life experience, military service, or independent study.

**Professional Learning Evaluation (PLE):** Professional Learning Evaluation credits are available to all qualified SUNY Empire students. To receive PLE credit, you must provide the required documentation. There is no charge for PLE credit. To view a current list of other professional learning evaluations, visit [www.esc.edu/PLE](http://www.esc.edu/PLE).

**individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA):** Your prior learning also can be evaluated through an individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA). As you develop your degree plan with your faculty mentor, you can develop your iPLA requests, where you will explain and document your learning so it can be assessed by a qualified evaluator. There is a non-refundable, one-time iPLA fee of \$700, which is charged to all students who request iPLA. This fee covers all iPLA requests you submit throughout your tenure as a matriculated undergraduate student at SUNY Empire.

<b>Professional Learning Evaluation (PLE) for the following Hunter Business School Programs:</b> As of the signing of this Agreement, SUNY Empire College has recognized the following credit recommendations as related to programs offered by Hunter:		
<b>HUNTER PROGRAM</b>	<b>CERTIFICATIONS OR REGISTRIES MUST HAVE PASSED</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED CREDITS</b>
<b>Medical Assistant (MA)</b>	RMA Certification Exam offered by the American Medical Technologists (AMT)	24

<b>Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS)</b>	ARDMS Registry Credential	54
<b>Radiologic Technology (RT)</b>	ARRT RT Certification ARRT Computed Tomography ARRT Mammography	57 19 15
<b>Webb Application Design &amp; Development (WADD)</b>	Google Data Analytics Certificate	12
<b>Computer Technician Networking Specialist (CTNS)</b>	CompTIA Network+ Certification CompTIA Security+ Certification CompTIA Cloud+ CompTIA Linux+	3 3 3 3

The maximum amount of advanced standing a student may be granted at SUNY Empire is 93 total credits (up to 79 lower-division credits). This would include upper and lower-division transcript credits, pre-evaluated credit (such as ACE, NCCRS, or SUNY Empire's Professional Learning Evaluation program), military credits, and individualized prior learning assessment, as long as the credits fit into an approved degree program.

### **MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **How much does it cost to attend SUNY Empire State College?**

As part of the State University of New York (SUNY), SUNY Empire offers affordable tuition and generous financial aid options. To view current tuition rates and fees, visit: [www.esc.edu/tuition-financial-aid/tuition-rates](http://www.esc.edu/tuition-financial-aid/tuition-rates)

#### **How many credits do I need for an associate degree? A bachelor's degree?**

- Associate degree programs are **64 credits** (at least 24 credits must be taken at SUNY Empire). If you are transferring from another partner school, college, or university to SUNY Empire to earn your associate degree, you can transfer up to **40 credits** including iPLA credits.
- Bachelor's degree programs are **124 credits** (at least 31 credits must be taken at SUNY Empire). If you are transferring to earn your bachelor's degree at SUNY Empire, you can bring up to **93 credits** including iPLA credits.

All credits must be relevant to your degree program.

#### **How much time and money can I save?**

- On average, students who receive PLA credits and complete an associate degree cut their time to degree by 2-3 terms and save approximately \$7,000.
- On average, students who receive PLA credits and complete a bachelor's degree cut their time to degree by 3-4 terms and save approximately \$10,000.

#### **How do I apply to SUNY Empire?**

To apply, visit: [www.esc.edu/admissions/associate-bachelors](http://www.esc.edu/admissions/associate-bachelors)  
From there, you will create your log-in and begin the application process.

#### **Who can I contact regarding financial aid?**

1Stop Student Services can assist you with financial aid questions.  
Call 800-847-3000, ext. 2285.

**Where do I send my official transcripts?**

When you request an official transcript from a partner school or another college or university, it can take several weeks before SUNY Empire receives them. It is recommended that you request an electronic transcript (which arrives quickly) and put in your request well in advance of SUNY Empire’s application deadline. If you have questions about transcripts, email admissions at [admissions@esc.edu](mailto:admissions@esc.edu).

**How long does it take to be accepted to SUNY Empire?**

If you submit your online application and all required supplemental items by the application deadline, you should receive an admissions decision via email within one to two weeks. SUNY Empire encourages that you check the status of your application at <https://apply.esc.edu>.

**What do I do after I’ve been accepted?**

Once you are accepted, SUNY Empire’s Begin Team will contact you to get you ready for registration and answer questions you may have about online orientation, financial aid, mentor assistance, and more. We’ll also assign you a mentor, who will help you register for your first-term courses.

**Do I need to submit immunization records if I’m studying fully online?**

If you are only enrolled in online courses, you are exempt from submitting your immunization record. If you are taking any in-person courses, such as independent study, study groups, and residencies, you must provide a current immunization record. It is recommended you submit your immunization record early in the application process to avoid a delay in registering for your courses.

**If I have questions during the application process, who can I contact?**

If you have questions during the application process, please contact the SUNY Empire State College recruiter assigned to your location. For Long Island’s Nassau & Suffolk Counties contact:

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