1. SUNY Empire State College’s RN to BSN program prides itself on seeing our students as individuals. We recognize that everyone’s needs and goals are different, and we respect those differences.

2. What makes our program distinctive? At Empire State College, you will be able to take all of your nursing courses online, with precepted clinical experiences in your own community. Working with our expert faculty mentors and academic advisors, you’ll develop a degree plan that can include credit for college-level learning gained through work and life experience as well as transfer credit from other colleges you have attended in the past.

As an added value, you’ll be able to take advantage of our reasonable NYS tuition rates.

3. SUNY Empire State College has a clear and very focused mission.

Despite the obstacles you may have faced in the past, Empire State College will give you the opportunity to finally finish your degree.

4. We have been fulfilling our mission since 1971, and have grown into the largest arts and sciences college in the State University of New York.

Our college awards the widely recognized and highly respected State University of New York degree.

The RN to BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Empire State College students truly enjoy their academic experience. As a matter of fact, we’ve been consistently ranked No.1 in SUNY for overall student satisfaction, academic advising and more.

5. As a nursing student at Empire State College you will be able to take advantage of our flexible study options. As was mentioned earlier, your nursing courses will be taken online.

You will also be required to complete liberal arts and general education courses, which you can choose to take either online or onsite at one of our many locations across the state.

6. Additionally, with guidance provided by the clinical coordinator and your mentor, you will plan and complete two precepted clinical experiences at the end of your degree program.

You will be able to choose where you complete these experiences based on your interests and needs.
7. Proof of immunization is required for all students in the RN to BSN program and must be submitted -- before registering for clinicals.

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8. Your first clinical experience will focus on Community Health Nursing. You can choose a setting which best meets your own professional goals.

Examples of agencies that would meet this requirement include county or state public health departments, home health care agencies, hospice programs, parish nursing and homeless shelters.

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9. Your degree program will culminate with your successful completion of the advanced clinical experience. In this capstone leadership course, you can choose one of three areas of focus -- administration, education or informatics. The requirements of this clinical experience may be met by working with administrators such as the vice president or director of an agency, nurse practitioners, nurse informatics specialists, staff development professionals or faculty members.

Please note that clinicals may be completed in your workplace, but they must be outside of your current role.

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10. During your studies at SUNY Empire State College, you will be guided by one of our faculty or academic advisors.

The term “mentor” recognizes the personal attention and intensive academic advising that you will receive as a student. Your mentor will work with you from orientation to graduation to:

- Help you design your degree
- Review the possibility for credit by evaluation of college-level learning you may have gained through work or life experience
- Review your transcripts from other colleges and help you determine how those credits may fit into the degree program you design

Empire State College’s flexible study options are taught by fully qualified professors within the State University of New York — more than 90 percent hold a Ph.D. or other highest degree in their discipline.

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11. Your mentor is an expert at degree planning and will help you craft a plan that includes all the requirements you need to get a degree from the State University of New York.

These requirements include:

- General Education Studies completed in seven out of ten knowledge and skill areas. Of the credits needed for a bachelor’s degree, 30 credits will be devoted to general education studies.
12. You will also be required to complete 64 credits in liberal arts and sciences, and 45 advanced-level credits, including 41 upper level nursing credits in your concentration.

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13-14. At SUNY Empire State College, we recognize that not all learning happens in a college setting. That’s why we award credit for college-level learning that you may have gained through work or life experience.

At Empire State College prior learning can consist of:

- Previous coursework at other regionally accredited colleges
- Licenses, certifications and training programs that have already been evaluated for college credit
- Standardized tests in a wide variety of academic subjects
- And college-level learning gained through work or life experience

By enabling you to maximize your previous experience, we help you earn **your degree faster** and **could possibly help you save thousands of dollars in college tuition**.

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15. The amount of prior-learning credit that you can bring into your degree will depend on a variety of factors. The credits you bring in must fit into the degree program you design and meet the guidelines previously mentioned for general education, liberal studies, and advanced level coursework.

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16. Not only are we a transfer friendly college, we’re military friendly as well. As a matter of fact, Empire State College was recently voted one of America’s Top Military Friendly Colleges.

Our Office of Veteran and Military Education is available to assist with the transition to Empire State College.

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17. Another distinctive benefit enjoyed by students is our extensive online library and vast assortment of learning resources. You’ll have unlimited access to tens of thousands of e-books and journals along with personal guidance from our reference librarians.

As a SUNY student, you also will be able to use any library in the entire SUNY system.

For students who need extra help, online tutoring is offered around the clock in most subject areas, including math and writing.

In addition, all of our students are welcome to take advantage of our online career resources.
18. From registration through graduation, Empire State College helps you stay connected and motivated to complete your degree.

Our dedicated professionals and staff offer many opportunities for you to get the most out of your time here, including:

Our annual Student Academic Conference

Student and Alumni Networking Events

And, of course, to celebrate your accomplishments — we hold graduation ceremonies across the state.

The college also offers disability services for those students who qualify.

19. If you are a licensed registered nurse, you are eligible to take a few nursing courses at Empire State College without earning a degree. Requests will be considered on an individual basis during the late registration period.

Our nonmatriculated study opportunities may work for you if:

- You want to try a study or two before applying, to see if the college is right for you, or
- You want to take a few specific studies for work or personal interest.

Nonmatriculated students are not eligible for federal or New York State financial aid.

20. Another advantage at Empire State College, is our ability to offer an outstanding education with affordable, State University of New York tuition. The majority of our undergraduate studies are 4 credits each.

In addition to very reasonable tuition rates, our fees are the lowest of any four-year SUNY institution. Rates are subject to change, so for the most up-to-date information, please visit our website at esc.edu/tuition.

21. Empire State College students may be eligible for federal and state financial aid programs including:

- Federal and state grants such as Pell, TAP and Aid for Part-time Study
- Scholarships from the Empire State College Foundation
- Employer tuition assistance programs
- Student loans, and
- Work study

To be eligible for financial aid, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly known as a FAFSA.

For more information on financial aid programs, frequently asked questions, and application instructions, please visit our website at esc.edu/financialaid
22. Ready to apply? It’s simple.

Complete and submit our easy, online admissions application, which includes a 300-word essay.

In addition, you must:

Request that all official transcripts be sent directly from the institution where you earned your associate degree, diploma or other college credits.

Pay a $50 orientation fee ... and that’s it!

23. Our RN to BSN program admits students twice a year so it’s important to submit all materials by the application deadline.

If we are unable to accommodate you in the term that is your first choice, you will be given preference for the next term.

24. Your future starts now. Start your application today and become a nursing student at SUNY Empire State College.