

**SUNY Westchester Community College
and
SUNY Purchase College
Guaranteed Pathway Agreement**

I. Purpose

This Guaranteed Pathway Agreement ("Agreement") is made between the State University of New York, an educational corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, by and on behalf of SUNY Purchase ("Purchase") and SUNY Westchester Community College ("SUNY WCC").

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish collaboration between SUNY WCC and Purchase to increase the enrollment of students at both institutions and to establish a clear path for acceptance and enrollment at Purchase for SUNY WCC graduates, to enhance the current agreement and to create one comprehensive agreement.

Beginning on the Effective Date for students applying for the Fall 2026 term, this Agreement establishes a pathway to acceptance at Purchase by enabling eligible students to first complete their associate degree at SUNY WCC and then transfer seamlessly to Purchase. The terms outlined herein are to ensure a smooth, transparent, and equitable transfer process for SUNY WCC students and graduates, promote degree completion at SUNY WCC, and provide assurance that qualifying students who participate in the Pathway program will matriculate at SUNY Purchase with junior standing.

Any pre-existing agreements with Purchase continue to apply to students prior to fall 2026.

II. Eligibility

This Agreement applies to prospective students who reside in Westchester County and apply to Purchase but do not meet the admission standards for acceptance to Purchase, or any other students matriculating at SUNY WCC who elect to participate in the program beginning in Fall 2026 and thereafter while the agreement is in effect.

III. Guaranteed Admissions

Students who graduate from an associate degree program identified in [Appendix A](#) and earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher at SUNY WCC will be guaranteed admission to Purchase.

Students who graduate from SUNY WCC's Business Management, A.S. with a 2.0 or higher will be guaranteed admission to the Arts and Cultural Management, BA/MA Accelerated program, as outlined in [Appendix B](#) for details.

Upon meeting the program requirements, students will transfer with junior standing at Purchase.

Students may opt-in at any time during their WCC coursework, but to ensure the 2+2 pathway, students must opt-in by the end of their first semester at WCC.

Purchase will also admit up to 25 ASAP (known as Viking Road at SUNY WCC) students to the Purchase College ACE Program each year.

IV. Responsibilities

- a. SUNY Purchase will:
 - i. Identify students from Westchester County, who applied as freshmen, and were not accepted for direct admission at Purchase.
 - ii. Notify students who have been denied admission at Purchase that they are eligible for the Pathway program.
 - iii. Students are officially accepted as a Purchase student when requirements for the Associate degree are met.
 - iv. Provide a mechanism for students to opt-in to the Pathway program providing explicit student consent for Purchase to share student contact information with SUNY WCC.
 - v. Formally notify students of their formal acceptance into the Pathway program.
 - vi. Collaborate with SUNY WCC's Program Liaison to develop a series of events and workshops for these students that will be offered at SUNY WCC and Purchase designed to help them transition into a Baccalaureate program upon completion of an associate degree program.
 - vii. Assign an admissions advisor to work with the Coordinator of Transfer Services at SUNY WCC to develop a schedule for student appointments and individual advising to support progress of pathway students toward successful completion and transfer.
 - viii. Ensure that the transfer admission process from SUNY WCC to Purchase is seamless in accordance with SUNY policy.
 - ix. Conduct transfer credit evaluations as defined in V. Transfer Credit Evaluation.

- x. Facilitate course registration at the start of the registration period for the semester in which the student is expected to enroll.
- xi. Provide orientation, onboarding and other engagement opportunities specifically for new transfer students.
- b. SUNY WCC will:
 - i. Identify SUNY WCC students in majors where a SUNY Transfer Pathway exists at both colleges, who are not already accepted into the Pathway program, and inform them about the Pathways opportunity dual admissions program.
 - ii. Provide identified students with the opportunity to opt-in via the Purchase College Guaranteed Pathway Opt-In form by which they may indicate interest and grant SUNY WCC permission to forward their contact information to Purchase.
 - iii. Assign the Coordinator of Transfer Services at SUNY WCC to arrange a location for events and workshops on the SUNY WCC campus offered by Purchase.
 - iv. Ensure that the Coordinator of Transfer Services at SUNY WCC will work closely with the Purchase admissions advisor and provide a location for student appointments.

V. Transfer Credit Evaluation

- a. Purchase will conduct a transfer credit evaluation during the student's final semester at SUNY WCC to support transfer planning and registration at Purchase.
- b. A follow up transfer credit evaluation will be completed within a month of the student's graduation from SUNY WCC to account for final course grades and credits applied.
- c. A minimum of 60 and a maximum of 75 credits from an Associate degree (A.A. or A.S.) will be applied toward the completion of the articulated bachelor's degree program.
 - i. General Education: Upon completion of the A.A. or A.S. degree at SUNY WCC, students will be considered to have fulfilled Purchase College's General Education requirements, with a minimum of 30 credits applied toward their course of study at Purchase.
 - ii. SUNY Transfer Path Programs: Programs where there is a SUNY Transfer Path will have the applicable courses taken at SUNY WCC applied to the associated major at Purchase.

- iii. Remaining Credits: Credits earned beyond General Education and SUNY Transfer Path courses will be applied to the appropriate program requirements within the bachelor's degree.
- iv. Where there is no SUNY Transfer Pathway specified, the student should consult with the Purchase College Advisor to develop a four semester plan to ensure degree applicability of credits.
- d. Grades earned in major courses must be at least a 2.0 or better to apply towards major requirements at Purchase.
- e. Courses not applied toward the bachelor's degree, including those determined not to have an equivalent, will be explained in writing to the student and shared with SUNY WCC.
- f. Students will be required to fulfill Purchase's bachelor's degree requirements that are in effect the semester/year they are accepted into Purchase College, after obtaining their Associate degree.

VI. Transfer Process

- a. Purchase College will provide a direct admissions application form that can be shared with WCC students for final acceptance.
- b. Submit final official college transcripts from all colleges attended prior to Purchase.

VII. Student Requirements

- a. While pursuing their associate degree, all participating students will be deemed students of SUNY WCC for all purposes (including financial aid, disciplinary action, counseling, accommodations, etc.) and are expected to adhere to the general policies and procedures, including the code of conduct applicable to all students at WCC.
- b. While pursuing their bachelor's degree, all participating students will be deemed students of SUNY Purchase for all purposes (including financial aid, disciplinary actions, counseling, accommodations, etc.,). All transfer students are expected to adhere to the general policies and procedures, including the code of conduct, applicable to all students at Purchase. The [SUNY Purchase catalog](#) specifies, in detail, all relevant policies/procedures.

VIII. Scholarships

Purchase offers New York State tuition and a \$3,000 scholarship award for students who are New York State residents, complete the associate's degree with

a GPA of 3.0, and maintains full-time status at Purchase. This award is available for four semesters for a total of \$6,000.

Purchase offers \$1,000 for those with a GPA between 2.5 and 2.9. This award is available for four semesters for a total of \$2,000 and students must full-time status at Purchase.

IX. Student Privacy

The parties agree to abide by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and any other applicable federal and state laws and regulations addressing student privacy.

While students are enrolled at each respective institution, each institution shall have the obligation of notifying the students currently studying on its campus, that the institutions are cooperating in the coordination of all aspects of the Program, including, without limitation, the awarding of respective degrees, the planning of the curriculum, the academic advisement of students, the orientation of students, the tracking of students' successes and problems, and the evaluation of the Program, and that such cooperation in the offering and administration of a Program will require the exchange of certain student information from their educational records by and between the Parties. Before such records are released and/or shared, that institution shall obtain permission for such release and sharing from each student, as is required by FERPA, as amended and as may be further amended from time to time.

X. Promotion/Outreach

SUNY WCC and Purchase agree to publicize this Agreement via, but not limited, to printed and electronic marketing materials and communications. SUNY WCC and Purchase agree to collaborate to ensure successful enrollment and transfer initiatives, such as information and advisement sessions, academic presentations, and direct mail/email campaigns to students.

SUNY WCC and Purchase grant a reciprocal limited license for each to use the name and/or logo of the other educational institution for the purpose of promotion and advertisement of this specific dual admissions program. The agreed-upon name of this relationship for publicity purposes will be consistently referred to as a Pathway Agreement. Neither party is authorized to use the other's name and/or logo for any purpose other than stated herein and in a manner consistent with such party's use policies. Advertisement will be disseminated only after

consultation and agreement between the parties. SUNY WCC and Purchase will communicate their marketing and promotion plan to each other to avoid duplication and to make effective use of promotion resources.

XI. Term/Monitor/Review

- a. The initial term of this Agreement shall be four (4) years from the date of the last signature (the "Effective Date"). Both parties agree to assess the progress and success of the Pathway Agreement annually (preferably in the month following the end of each academic year), and to communicate the results of these assessments with each other by July 1 of a given year, before proposing any amendments to the Agreement.
- b. The Agreement may only be amended by mutual written agreement.
- c. To the extent permitted by applicable law, (1) SUNY WCC will share enrollment statistics for SUNY WCC students who participate in the Program(s) in this Agreement. Data requests from one Party to the other may include: number of applications, enrollments, majors, GPAs, financial aid awarded outside of state/federal aid, as well as retention and completion statistics; and (2) Purchase will provide enrollment, majors, GPAs, financial aid awarded outside of state/federal aid, retention and completion data for these students to SUNY WCC.
- d. Purchase will supply SUNY WCC with a list of courses determined to have an equivalent, together with a written explanation.
- e. SUNY WCC and Purchase agree to communicate program changes in a timely manner to avoid disruption of student progress toward degree completion.

XII. Termination

The Agreement may be terminated by either party with or without cause and after written notification with a minimum of 90 days' notice. Termination of the Agreement will not adversely affect any students participating in the dual enrollment program at the time of termination, and both parties agree to teach out the program for as long as required for all eligible enrolled students to complete degree requirements at Purchase.

XIII. Additional Terms

- a. Each Party will be responsible for costs incurred by the Party in carrying out the roles and responsibilities set forth herein. Neither Party shall be responsible for the acts of the other as it relates to the Program and/or this Agreement.
- b. Force Majeure: In the event that the performance of the obligations under this Agreement is prevented by reasons of Force Majeure, the Parties are released

from their obligations and neither party shall be responsible for any damages sustained and shall have no further recourse against the other party. Force Majeure shall mean fire, earthquake, hurricane, flood, act of God, natural disasters, epidemic, pandemics, nuclear explosions, strikes, work stoppages, or other labor disturbances, riots or civil commotions, war or other act of any foreign nation, terrorism, power of government, or governmental agency or authority, or any other cause or like or unlike any cause mentioned which is beyond the control of the Parties.

- c. No Third-Party Beneficiaries: No term of this Agreement shall be construed to confer any third-party beneficiary rights on any non-party.
- d. Non-Discrimination: Neither party shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, criminal conviction, or any other characteristic protected by applicable state or federal law. Furthermore, the parties hereby certify that they have institutional policies or practices (including training for employees) that prohibit harassment of or discrimination against and discrimination of individuals on the basis of protected status under state and federal anti-discrimination laws and provide a means for individuals to bring allegations of discrimination forward for redress.
- e. Notice: Notice to either Party hereunder must be in writing, signed by the Party giving it and shall be served either personally or by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by nationally recognized overnight courier service, with delivery receipt, addressed as follows:

To SUNY Purchase
Attn: President
735 Anderson Hill Rd
Purchase, NY 10577

To SUNY Westchester Community College
Attn: President
75 Grasslands Rd
Valhalla, NY 10603

Notice shall be deemed complete on the date of hand or courier delivery (as evidenced by a signed receipt) or the date of delivery by certified mail (as evidenced by a return receipt from the United States Postal Service). Each Party may change its address or addressee set forth above by giving written notice of change to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereby execute this Agreement by their respective authorized signatories on the day and year as stated below to bind themselves to this Agreement.

State University of New York

Chancellor John B. King Jr.



Signature

3/27/26

Date

State University of New York by and on behalf of SUNY Purchase College

Dr. Michael E. Steiper, President



Signature

3/27/2024

Date

Dr. Earnest Lamb, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



Signature

3/27/24

Date

SUNY Westchester Community College

Dr. Belinda Miles



Signature

3-27-26

Date

Dr. Vanessa Morest, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs



Signature

3/27/26

Date

Appendix A: SUNY Transfer Pathway Programs

The table below outlines the SUNY Transfer Pathways that correspond to associate degree programs at SUNY WCC and bachelor's degree at Purchase. The programs included reflect SUNY's system-wide Transfer Pathways, which identify core coursework within a major that will transfer seamlessly across SUNY institutions. Participating students will follow the appropriate [SUNY Transfer Pathway](#) for their intended major at Purchase.

WCC Program	Purchase Program	TPath
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Social Sciences, A.A. - Anthropology	Anthropology, B.A.	Anthropology
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Mathematics and Science, A.S. - Biology	Biology, B.A. / B.S.	Biology
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Mathematics and Science, A.S. - Chemistry	Chemistry, B.A.	Chemistry
Communications and Media Arts, A.A.	Communications, B.S.	Communication: Media
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Social Sciences, A.A. - Economics	Economics, B.A.	Economics
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Childhood Education (Teacher Education Transfer), A.S. - English	English and Global Literatures, B.A.	English
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Humanities, A.A. - English	English and Global Literatures, B.A.	English
Environmental Science, A.S.	Environmental Studies, B.A.	Environmental Science: Biophysical Track
Environmental Studies, A.S.	Environmental Studies, B.A.	Environmental Science: Social Science Track
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Childhood Education (Teacher Education Transfer), A.S. - History	History, B.A.	History

WCC Program	Purchase Program	TPath
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Humanities, A.A. - History	History, B.A.	History
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Childhood Education (Teacher Education Transfer), A.S. - Spanish	Language and Culture, B.A.	Spanish
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Humanities, A.A. - Spanish	Language and Culture, B.A.	Spanish
Justice Studies, A.S.	Law and Justice Studies, B.A.	Criminal Justice/Criminology
Computer Science, A.S.	Mathematics/Computer Science, B.A.	Computer Science
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Childhood Education (Teacher Education Transfer), A.S. - Mathematics	Mathematics/Computer Science, B.A.	Mathematics
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Mathematics and Science, A.S.	Mathematics/Computer Science, B.A.	Mathematics
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Mathematics and Science, A.S. - Honors	Mathematics/Computer Science, B.A.	Mathematics
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Mathematics and Science, A.S. - Mathematics	Mathematics/Computer Science, B.A.	Mathematics
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Social Sciences, A.A. - Psychology	Psychology, B.A.	Psychology
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Social Sciences, A.A.	Sociology, B.A.	Sociology
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Social Sciences, A.A. - Honors	Sociology, B.A.	Sociology
Liberal Arts and Sciences/Social Sciences, A.A. - Sociology	Sociology, B.A.	Sociology
Performing Arts, A.S.	Theatre and Performance, B.A.	Theatre

Appendix B: Arts and Cultural Management BA/MA Accelerated Program

The Arts and Cultural Management, BA/MA Accelerated Program provides the opportunity for eligible students to begin graduate coursework while completing their bachelor's degree.

- Under SUNY guidelines, up to 12 credits may be applied to both degrees at the undergraduate tuition rate.
- Upon enrolling in a 13th graduate credit or becoming eligible for the bachelor's degree (whichever occurs first), students are classified as graduate students and are subject to graduate tuition, financial aid, and enrollment policies.
- A minimum 3.0 GPA is required to remain in the program.

Total credits for the program is as follows:

- **SUNY WCC Credits - 64**
- **Purchase Credits - 78**
- **Total Credits - 142**
 - *Undergraduate Credits -109*
 - *Graduate Credits -33*

Students interested in this pathway are encouraged to speak with the Purchase Admissions Advisor to support progress toward successful completion and transfer of the BA/MA program.