

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is to set forth the terms and conditions for a Joint Program (hereinafter referred to as the "*Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program*" or the "*Program*") between **Suffolk County Community College** ("Suffolk") and **State University of New York (SUNY) for and on behalf of SUNY at Stony Brook** ("Stony Brook University").

The *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program* stipulates that upon admission to Suffolk's Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree Program in Nursing, students are guaranteed admission into the Stony Brook School of Nursing (SON) Registered Nurse Baccalaureate Program, provided they meet the requirements set forth in this MOU.

A. Term

This term of this MOU shall be for five (5) years, from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026. The MOU may be renewed for additional five (5) year terms upon the parties' mutual consent reflected in a written amendment to the MOU.

B. Student Eligibility

1. The following eligibility requirements are to be met by students seeking admission into the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program*:
 - a. First-time matriculated freshmen enrolled in Suffolk's Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree in Nursing Program;
 - b. Successful completion of the A.S. Degree in Nursing awarded by Suffolk;
 - c. Cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.1 or higher, and earned grades of C or higher in all required courses for the A.S. Degree in Nursing; and
 - d. Licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse after graduation from Suffolk County Community College and within six (6) months from the start of enrollment as a student in the baccalaureate program at Stony Brook University.
2. Students must complete the Joint Application form provided by Suffolk following admission to the Suffolk Nursing Program, and the Intent to

Enroll form provided by Stony Brook University School of Nursing.

3. International students holding student visas are not eligible for the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program*. Eligible students must indicate citizenship/immigration status as one of the following:

- A U.S. citizen or U.S. national.
- An alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States.
- An alien granted asylum under Section 208 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.
- A refugee granted asylum under Section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act.
- An alien paroled in the United States under Section 212(d)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act for a period of at least 1 year.
- An alien whose deportation is being withheld under Section 241(b)(3) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.
- An alien granted conditional entry pursuant to Section 203(a)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act as in effect prior to April 1980.

C. Program Progression Objectives

Students in the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program* should plan to complete their Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree in the Stony Brook SON Registered Nurse Baccalaureate Program in two (2) years of part-time study. Completion of the degree requirements within this two (2) year timeframe is dependent upon summer session matriculation and subsequent winter and summer sessions enrollment at Stony Brook SON, licensure as a Registered Professional Nurse, and the student's program of study and progress in completing the requirements of the Registered Nurse Baccalaureate Program.

D. Joint Institutional Commitments

Stony Brook University and Suffolk agree that each institution will:

1. Designate a coordinator and an academic advisor for the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program*.
2. Publicize the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program*, both internally and externally. Each institution must approve any information or statements about the program, whether published only in one institution's materials (including admissions information, student bulletins, course guides, etc.) or otherwise.

E. Stony Brook University Commitments

1. Stony Brook University SON representative(s) will meet at Suffolk with students in the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program*. The purpose of such

meetings is to provide information about Stony Brook University's SON Registered Nurse Baccalaureate Program's curriculum and general information about Stony Brook University.

2. As needed and as mutually agreed upon between the parties, Stony Brook University SON representative(s) will provide information sessions with faculty and staff of Suffolk who will be involved in advising students enrolled in the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program*.

F. Suffolk Commitments

1. Publicize this MOU to students, faculty and professional staff in campus publications, and ensure that brochures and other printed materials are distributed to its Counseling Centers and other appropriate offices.

2. Suffolk will provide the necessary applications for students who want to apply to the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program*. The cost of printing the application will be borne solely by Suffolk.

3. Suffolk will be responsible for the identification of candidates to the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program*. Applications will be evaluated according to the criteria set forth in this MOU. Consideration for the *Nursing First Program* may only take place during the student's first year of study.

4. On February 1st of each year, Suffolk will submit to the Stony Brook University SON a list of those students enrolled in the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program* who are scheduled to graduate at the end of the subsequent spring semester and who have confirmed their decision to attend the Stony Brook University's SON Registered Nurse Baccalaureate Program.

5. By June 1st of each year, Suffolk will instruct students enrolled in the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program* to request that a copy of their official transcript, indicating final grades and the conferral of the A.S. degree in Nursing, and provide such copy to Stony Brook University SON.

6. Suffolk will assist in the coordination and preparation of advisement programs involving Stony Brook University's SON faculty and staff.

G. Articulation for Transfer Students Not Participating in the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program*

1. The terms and conditions set forth under this MOU relate specifically to students who are enrolled in the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program* by simultaneously applying to Suffolk and Stony Brook University's SON Registered Nurse Baccalaureate Program. Some students who apply to Suffolk, however, have not yet decided upon their ultimate educational objective or transfer destination. During their

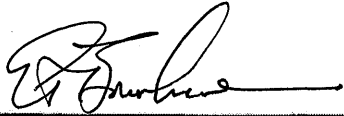
course of study at Suffolk they may decide to apply to Stony Brook University's SON Registered Nurse Baccalaureate Program.

2. Suffolk and Stony Brook University's SON agree to make every effort to facilitate admitting these students to the Stony Brook University's SON Registered Nurse Baccalaureate Program by making available to them program information, advisement and consultation. It is understood and agreed that students not covered under this MOU must meet the admission standards of Stony Brook University SON Registered Nurse Baccalaureate Program as outlined in the Stony Brook University Undergraduate Bulletin and complete a Stony Brook University School of Nursing application.

I. Periodic Review of Program

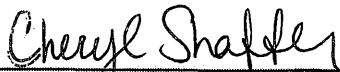
Stony Brook SON and Suffolk agree to periodically review, assess and evaluate the *Suffolk-Stony Brook Nursing First Program*. Amendments to this MOU may only be made in writing and as mutually agreed upon by both parties.

Suffolk County Community College



Dr. Edward T. Bonahue
President

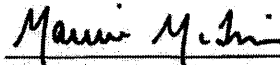
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Dr. Cheryl Shaffer
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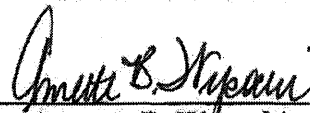
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Date: 9/30/2021



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Date: 9/29/2021



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Date: 30 September 2021