Welcome to SUNY Empire State College. We are thrilled that you’ve chosen SUNY Empire as the place to pursue your studies. As a SUNY Empire student, you are part of a proud legacy of innovation in higher education.

Since SUNY Empire’s founding in 1971, our students have worked with faculty mentors to develop flexible academic schedules that fit their busy lifestyles. Our students are active and engaged learners who are often working full time, raising families, and managing community obligations, all while taking classes. Our goal is to provide each of our students with a personalized learning experience that fits their schedule and meets their academic needs.

At the heart of all we do is our students and their studies. SUNY Empire currently has 16,500 students, who come from throughout the state, across the country, and around the world.

Our undergraduate degrees are diverse and range from addiction studies, business administration, criminal justice, and nursing to the arts and labor studies. We offer graduate degrees and advanced certificates in education, nursing, liberal arts and science, and business, management, and leadership. We also offer a doctoral program in educational leadership and change.

The diversity of our offerings is evident in our 94,000 alumni, who excel in careers ranging from health care and the military to the performing arts and library sciences. We maintain a close connection with our alumni, many of whom remain engaged in SUNY Empire’s institutional mission, and serve as mentors and resources for our students.

Together, the SUNY Empire community stands united around a singular mission: to provide innovative, flexible, and quality academic programs that empower people and strengthen communities. I hope you now consider yourself a vital part of that mission and take advantage of all we offer. On behalf of the entire SUNY Empire family, I wish you the best of luck as you begin your journey at SUNY Empire.

Sincerely,

Lisa Vollendorf, Ph.D.
President

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