



## **Fact Sheet: Strengthening Transfer Pathways to Support Student Success** ***Investments From the SUNY Transformation Fund***

SUNY is committed to the success of every student and to ensuring that our campuses are engines of social mobility for New Yorkers. Thanks to Governor Hochul's leadership, the enacted FY24 State Budget included a \$75-million SUNY Transformation Fund to support innovation, help meet workforce needs, enhance student support services, improve academic programs, increase enrollment, and modernize campus operations.

A total of 19 SUNY campuses have chosen to invest their SUNY Transformation Funds in **strengthening transfer pathways**. Improving transfer is important to helping students who begin at a community college realize their long-term higher education goals and improve their future economic prospects. Nationally, 80% of first-year community college students say they want to earn at least a bachelor's degree, but six years later, only 17% have received one.

The **SUNY Transformation Fund** provides an opportunity for associate and baccalaureate-granting campuses to work together to provide early shared transfer advisement, 2+2 degree pathways, and joint program delivery to help students move between campuses. Examples include:

- **SUNY Oneonta** will partner with its sister community colleges to provide early personalized advisement to future transfer students on the campuses of Broome, Dutchess, Hudson Valley, Mohawk Valley, and Schenectady;
- **SUNY New Paltz** will build in programming and communication support, including the hiring of an additional advisor to assist students with the transition from their community college to New Paltz;
- **Farmingdale State College** also received a grant to work with Nassau and Suffolk Community Colleges to strengthen transfer opportunities;
- **Empire State University** will use its funding to assist in the creation of additional multiple award nursing programs with community colleges leading to a bachelor of science degree with a major in nursing. SUNY Empire currently has a multiple award nursing program with Nassau Community College that has served several hundred students since its inception in 2018;
- **SUNY Brockport** will use its funding to add a Coordinator of Transfer Programs, who will work to improve and streamline the transfer advisement and credit evaluation process and enhance transfer student-focused orientation for all transfer students, especially students from Monroe Community College, Finger Lakes Community College, and Genesee Community College; and,
- **University at Albany** will establish dual-admission agreements with key community college partners – starting with Hudson Valley Community College, UAlbany's largest transfer partner, with plans to expand to others with strong alignment with emerging academic programs at UAlbany.

**SUNY offers unprecedented opportunities for students to move across its comprehensive system of 64 campuses to pursue degrees in multiple disciplines.** The SUNY Transformation Fund is just one part of SUNY's strategy to make transfer truly seamless for students. Other elements include **SUNY Transfer Match**—an initiative launched last year to provide automatic admission into SUNY baccalaureate degree programs to students who complete programs at SUNY community colleges—and a new **Transfer Task Force** to strengthen transfer policies, increase transparency, and leverage technology to support students in achieving their degree goals.