

**B.P.S. in Business, Management, and Economics
Concentration in Culinary Management
offered by SUNY-Empire State College
in partnership with
Niagara County Community College
at the
NIAGARA FALLS CULINARY INSTITUTE**

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why do culinary students need a bachelor's degree?

- **A four-year degree increases graduates' career potential, especially for moving into management.**
- **Graduates from this program will have a solid foundation for developing the skills to be a manager and to progress to owning business**

What topics are included in this program?

- **Students will study such topics as financial management, cost control, facilities and events management, management information systems, customer and vendor relations, marketing, sustainability, in addition to advanced-level culinary courses.**
- **The courses designed for this program take account of current practices and future trends in the culinary field.**

What's different about this program?

- **All NCCC graduates who complete an associate's degree in Culinary Arts are guaranteed admission to Empire State College.**
- **NCCC students in the Culinary Arts associate degree program complete four semesters at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute – here's the difference for NCCC graduates in Culinary Arts, who enroll at Empire State College to pursue a B.S. degree:**
 - **In the fifth semester, students are Empire State College students, but their courses are NCCC courses, taught by NCCC faculty, as provided by the Pathways agreement**
 - **In the fifth semester, students also take a two-credit course with an Empire State faculty member to begin planning their bachelor's degree.**

- In semesters 6, 7, and 8, students will be enrolled in blended (hybrid) courses, with 5–7 meetings per semester and online coursework between meetings.
- Blended study in semesters 6, 7, and 8 mean that students who are employed can continue their studies while working.
- All courses that lead to a bachelor's degree with a concentration in Culinary Management are offered at the Niagara Falls Culinary Institute.
- All courses are taught by faculty who meet SUNY requirements and have expertise in their field – credentials and experience.
- Empire State College can grant college credit to students for what they know as a result of working in the culinary field -- referred to as earning credit for college-level knowledge gained through employment.
- Students earn a SUNY degree, which is both respected and affordable.

Other important information:

- Students who transfer to NCCC and complete the associate's degree in Culinary Arts are guaranteed admission to Empire State. Consult NCCC for transfer information.
- Students with Culinary Arts associate degrees from other colleges must complete a regular Empire State College application, meet the college's requirements, and have completed courses of study equivalent to NCCC's requirements for the A.S. in Culinary Arts.
- Tuition for Empire State College resident undergraduate credits are: \$257 per credit or \$6,170 per year for a full-time student.
- Online application is found at www.esc.edu.