

Dear Dowling Students,

Dowling College today announced that it has reached a partnership agreement with Long Island University (LIU) to be the lead institution to accept Dowling transfer students. In addition to LIU, Dowling has agreements with five other institutions of higher learning to give students a wide range of options. These colleges have agreed to work with Dowling to create a transfer program which will give Dowling students an opportunity to complete their degrees.

Dowling College recently announced that it had lost its accreditation. As a result, the College has been working diligently to find options for its remaining students who need to finish their degrees. The main option is now Long Island University, a private college founded in 1926. Their main campuses are in Brooklyn, NY and Brookville, Long Island, with satellite campuses in Riverhead and Brentwood with 18,500 students between the two locations, and they have 1,400 academic staff who stand ready to assist incoming Dowling students.

TRANSCRIPTS

Beginning August 4th, LIU will be the repository for all current students and alumni and all requests for transcripts will be made through the Office of the Registrar at LIU. LIU's University Registrar, Beth Wilkow, can be reached at Beth.Wilkow@liu.edu, or by phone at (516) 299-2589.

All Dowling students with 60 or more credits who are in good standing will be accepted for admission by LIU and will pay Dowling's 2015-16 tuition and student fees as they complete their degree at LIU Post. Students from Dowling who seek transfer of fewer than 60 credits will be admitted at LIU's discretion and will pay LIU's current schedule of tuition and fees. All accepted students will have the opportunity to qualify for academic and need-based scholarships to which LIU has committed more than 100 million dollars to support students each year.

In order to assist current Dowling students who wish to transition to other institutions, LIU and the other partner schools will hold transfer fairs on the Dowling campus.

- These fairs will take place August 1st-3rd, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. LIU will be available all three days. We expect all of the partners to be available at the session on Tuesday, August 2nd.
- Officials from the U.S. Department of Education will be available to answer general questions regarding the Title IV financial aid process.
- Admissions counselors will be on site at Dowling to make the transfer process as easy as possible.
- Onsite transcript evaluation, registration and financial aid assistance will be available.
- **All sessions will be held at Dowling College, Oakdale Campus, Fortunoff Hall.**

In the case of LIU, this includes choosing one of the more than 250 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs at the Post campus of LIU. Students may also take accelerated programs allowing them to earn both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in five total years of study.

The other colleges who have partnered with Dowling to offer students a chance to continue their education are Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology, St. Joseph's College, Farmingdale State College, and Empire State College. In addition, there is also an opportunity for students to take online courses at Excelsior College.

Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology, formerly known as the College of Aeronautics, is a private school founded in 1932. One of its greatest advantages for aeronautic students is that it is literally next to LaGuardia Airport. Vaughn's main areas of study are Engineering, Technology, Aviation and Management. They have approximately 1,600 students and grant Associate's, Bachelor's, and Master's degrees. Vaughn will be a good fit for Dowling students studying aviation and related subjects.

St. Joseph's College is a liberal arts college founded in 1916 with campuses in Brooklyn and Patchogue, Long Island. The college offers a wide variety of majors and programs. Between its two campuses, St. Joseph's has 4,138 undergraduates and 841 graduate students. Students with 60 or more credits who transfer to St. Joseph's will pay Dowling's 2015-16 tuition and student fees as they complete their degree. St. Joseph's is a good option for Dowling students studying education and sports management.

Farmingdale State College is a public college in East Farmingdale, New York. Part of the SUNY system, Farmingdale State was founded in 1912, and now offers programs in four schools: Arts & Sciences, Business, Engineering Technology, and Health Sciences. The school has over 8000 undergraduates, and will be available to students studying aviation and related subjects.

Empire State College is also part of the SUNY system, and is designed to accommodate students with family, work and community responsibilities. The university allows students to use multiple methods of studying, including online courses, study groups, intensive residencies, and guided independent studies. Empire State College will make all of its major programs available to Dowling transfers.

Excelsior College, a private college offering online degree programs, will also make all of its degree programs available to Dowling Students. Founded in 1971, Excelsior is based in Albany, New York and currently serves approximately 40,000 students.

Each partner school has provided contacts to which students can reach out with any questions or concerns:

1. Long Island University

Contact: Rita Langdon
Dowling-to-LIU Transfer Center
516-299-2900
Post-Transfer@liu.edu
liu.edu/dowling

2. Vaughn College

Contact : Mr. Ernie Shepelsky
Vice President of Enrollment Services
ernie.shepelsky@vaughn.edu

718.429.6600 ext. 141.

3. Farmingdale State College

Contact: Bahar Zoghi Ph.D., P.E., LEED AP
Acting Assistant Dean and Acting Chair of Aviation
School of Engineering Technology
Farmingdale State College-SUNY
2350 Broadhollow Road, Lupton Hall Room 104
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zoghimb@farmingdale.edu
631-420-2308 or 631-420-6292

4. St. Joseph's College

Contact: Adriana Silva
Sr. Associate Director of Admissions
asilva@sjcny.edu
631- 687-4528.
631-687-4500 (Admissions Main Line)

5. Empire State College

Contact: Tai Arnold
Interim Vice Provost for Academic Administration
SUNY Empire State College
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Saratoga Springs, NY, 12831
518-587-2100 X2236
tai.arnold@esc.edu

6. Excelsior College

Contact: Jill E. Terry
Executive Assistant to the President
Excelsior College
7 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203
(518) 464-8524

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to the admissions offices at LIU or any of the partner schools, as they will be happy to help you through this transition.

Sincerely,

Albert Inserra

President, Dowling College