

**BENEFITS FOR FULL-TIME FACULTY**  
**HEALTH INSURANCE**

COVERAGE BEGINS ON 43RD CALENDAR DAY OF EMPLOYMENT AND IS AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYEE, ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS AND ELIGIBLE DOMESTIC PARTNERS.

You may choose The Empire Plan or choose from several Health Maintenance Organizations. Documentation of date of birth, social security number, and date of marriage (if applicable) must be provided before dependents can be enrolled. Information about the New York State Health Insurance Program can be found on the Internet at [www.suny.edu/benefits](http://www.suny.edu/benefits)

**THE EMPIRE PLAN**

The Empire Plan is a comprehensive worldwide health insurance program and its components are administered by several companies. Provides coverage at Centers of Excellence for infertility, cancer treatment, and transplants.

**Empire Blue Cross** - provides hospitalization coverage (inpatient hospital services, emergency room and outpatient services in a hospital setting). Inpatient care for covered services is paid in full. A \$60 co-pay applies to covered outpatient surgery; \$70 emergency room; \$40 outpatient diagnostic services.

**United HealthCare** - administers major medical coverage (doctor's office visits, office surgery, lab and radiology). Charges by Participating Providers are subject to a \$20 co-pay per visit. Charges by Non-Participating Providers are reimbursed at a rate of 80% of reasonable and customary fees after a \$1000 deductible each per enrollee, enrolled spouse and all dependent children. Basic medical coinsurance maximum is \$3000 annually. You must call for pre-certification for scheduled MRI, MRA, CT, PET scans.

**Managed Physical Medicine Program** - administers chiropractic treatment and physical therapy. \$20 co-payment for office visits to a Managed Physical Network provider. Substantial deductible and coinsurance if using a non-network provider.

**Home Care Advocacy Program (HCAP)** - administers home care services, diabetic supplies, skilled nursing services and durable medical equipment. Use of the HCAP provides a paid-in-full benefit. Substantial costs to employee if using out of network providers.

**ValueOptions** - administers the inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance abuse portion of the Empire Plan. Network provider visits subject to a \$20 co-payment; non-network benefit substantially reduced.

**Empire Blue Cross** - administers the Empire Plan's hospital pre-admission certification program for maternity, scheduled hospital admission, and skilled nursing facility admission.

**CVS/Caremark** - administers the prescription program. Co-payments will vary depending on whether prescription is generic, preferred brand name or non-preferred brand name and whether you fill the prescription at a retail pharmacy or through mail order. For a 30-day supply at a pharmacy or through mail order, the co-payment is \$5, preferred brand name is \$25 and non-preferred brand name is \$45. 31-90 day supply through mail order is \$5 generic, \$50 preferred brand name, \$90 non-preferred brand name. 31-90 day supply at retail pharmacy is \$10 generic, \$50 preferred brand name, \$90 non-preferred brand name.

**HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS (HMOs)**

All NYSHIP HMOs provide a wide range of health services. Each offers a specific package of hospital benefits, medical, surgical and preventive care and prescriptions to employees living or working in the counties they cover. These services are provided or arranged by a primary care physician whom you have selected from the HMO's staff or physician directory. Inpatient hospital care is covered in full. Emergency care worldwide.

**Capital District Physicians' Health Plan (CDPHP) (#300)** - serves Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, Otsego, Tioga counties. \$20 office visit; prescriptions \$5/generic, \$30/formulary, \$50/non-formulary for 30-day supply. Visit [www.cdphp.com](http://www.cdphp.com)

**HMO-Blue (CNY) (#72)** - serves Broome, Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Onondaga, Oswego, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga and Tompkins counties. \$25 PCP office visit; prescriptions \$10/ Tier 1, \$30/Tier 2, \$50/Tier 3 (30 day supply). Visit [www.bcbscny.org](http://www.bcbscny.org)

**MVP Health Plan (#330)** - serves Broome, Cayuga, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Otsego, Oswego, Tioga, Ulster counties. \$25 office visit; prescriptions \$10/generic, \$30/brand, \$50 non-formulary (30 day supply). Visit [www.mvphealthplan.com](http://www.mvphealthplan.com)

Other HMOs are available.

**2015 Biweekly Premium Costs**  
**Annual Salary of \$40,936 or less**      **Annual Salary of \$40,937 or more**

|   | INDIVIDUAL | FAMILY   | INDIVIDUAL | FAMILY   |
|---|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| The Empire Plan (#001)                                  | \$35.42    | \$149.56 | \$47.23    | \$178.28 |
| Capital District Physician's Health Plan (CDPHP) (#300) | \$67.75    | \$206.39 | \$78.57    | \$233.88 |
| HMO-Blue (Central NY) (#072)                            | \$102.91   | \$292.95 | \$114.07   | \$321.02 |
| MVP Health Plan (#330)                                  | \$81.66    | \$244.42 | \$92.29    | \$271.46 |

**RETIREMENT PLANS**

Participation in a retirement plan is mandatory for all full-time employees. Three options are available.

- TIAA-CREF (Optional Retirement Plan) - Employee contributes a percentage of salary per the chart below for duration of employment; State contributes 8% of salary for the first seven years and 10% thereafter.
  - Employee contribution will be based on salary (adjusted annually)
    - Wages of \$45,000 or less      3%
    - Wages between \$45,000.01 and \$55,000      3.5%
    - Wages between \$55,000.01 and \$75,000      4.5%
    - Wages between \$75,000.01 and \$100,000      5.75%
    - Wages of \$100,000.01 or more      6%
  - There is a 366 day vesting period which is waived if employee is a member of a NYS public retirement system or has active retirement contracts with any of the four carriers in the ORP (TIAA-CREF, Voya (ING), Met Life or VALIC).
  - If you leave employment before vesting, you can request a refund of your contribution with interest.
  - Program can be transferred to other participating colleges.
  - Pension is based upon total contributions and resultant accumulations in accounts through investment and earnings.
  - SUNY CREF accumulations and contributions may be transferred to Alternate Funding Vehicles (AFVs)-MetLife, VALIC, and Voya (formerly ING).

2. New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) or New York State Employees' Retirement System (ERS)
- Employee contributes a percentage of salary per the chart below for the duration of employment;
  - There is a 10-year vesting period. •Pension is based on years of service and final average salary.
  - Employee contribution will be based on salary (adjusted annually)
    - Wages of \$45,000 or less 3%
    - Wages between \$45,000.01 and \$55,000 3.5%
    - Wages between \$55,000.01 and \$75,000 4.5%
    - Wages between \$75,000.01 and \$100,000 5.75%
    - Wages of \$100,000.01 or more 6%

**SICK LEAVE**

Full-time faculty members accrue sick leave as follows:

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|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>0-1 year:</b> | 1.25 days/mo | <b>3-5 years:</b> | 1.50 days/mo |                  |              |
| <b>2 years:</b>  | 1.33 days/mo | <b>6 years:</b>   | 1.66 days/mo | <b>7+ years:</b> | 1.75 days/mo |

**UNITED UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONS (UUP) UNION BENEFIT FUND**

The UUP Benefit fund provides vision and dental coverage. There is no employee premium for individual, domestic partner or family plans. Coverage begins on the 43rd calendar day of eligible appointment.

Visit website [www.uupinfo.org](http://www.uupinfo.org) for eligibility information, types of dental coverage including payment schedules and vision coverage.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE (for employees only)**

Space Available - Tuition is waived on a space available basis for one course per semester at SUNY institutions.

Tuition Reimbursement (B140) - A percentage of tuition is reimbursed based upon the total amount of funds available for this purpose. Courses must be taken at SUNY institutions.

Tuition Assistance - \$25 per credit hour may be reimbursed for courses taken at other accredited institutions. This is done through your Department's Supplies & Expenses budget.

**PAYROLL**

New York State is on a 2-week lag payroll. This means you will receive compensation for your first two weeks of work approximately one month after you begin work. Paychecks are distributed every other Wednesday. Direct Deposit is available upon employment.

**TAX DEFERRED PROGRAMS**

Employees may elect to have salary withheld and invested in tax-deferred programs. The amount withheld is not subject to income tax until collected at retirement.

**ON-SITE CHILD CARE CENTER**

The Cortland College Children's Center is located in the new Education Building. This state-of-the-art facility provides quality child care services for children ages 6 weeks to five years old. For further information, contact the Center's Director 607-753-5955.

**FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS**

Flexible spending accounts (governed by IRS regulations) provide eligible employees the opportunity of paying for eligible child, elder or other dependent care expenses (DEPENDENT CARE ADVANTAGE ACCOUNT) or un-reimbursed health care expenses (HEALTH CARE SPENDING ACCOUNT) on a pre-tax basis. Contact the FSA Hotline, 1-800-358-7202, for a packet of information or visit their website [www.flexspend.state.ny.us](http://www.flexspend.state.ny.us)

**NYPERL- LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE**

New York State Public Employee and Retiree Long-term Care Insurance Program (NYPERL) is available to all employees that are in a benefits eligible position and eligible family members. The program is administered and insured through MedAmerica. If you enroll within 60 days of appointment date, you are guaranteed issue. If you enroll at any other time, you will be subject to medical underwriting. Visit the NYPERL website at [www.nyperl.net](http://www.nyperl.net) to get instant premium quotes and to receive a self-enrollment kit or call 866-474-5824

**CREDIT UNION**

Employees may join a Federal Credit Union with savings by payroll deduction.

**GROUP DISABILITY INSURANCE**

All active full-time faculty are eligible for coverage after the completion of one year of service. The one-year waiting period is waived if an immediate previous employer provided a similar group disability insurance policy. The plan provides benefits which begin after six months of total disability.

**DOMESTIC RELOCATION SERVICES**

SUNY has an agreement with Corrigan Moving Systems for reduced relocation services for SUNY employees. The local representative for Corrigan can be reached by calling 800-333-0763. A free estimate can be obtained online at [www.corriganmoving.com/nyedu/](http://www.corriganmoving.com/nyedu/)

**NYS-BALANCE**

Free resource and referral service for issues related to work, family, daily life, finances, health and well-being. Visit the website [www.nysbalance.ny.gov](http://www.nysbalance.ny.gov) Username: nys Password: balance Phone: 866-320-4760

**WIRELESS DISCOUNT PROGRAMS**

State employees are offered a discount on wireless service with a number of wireless companies, AT&T Wireless, Sprint PCS, and Verizon. Contact information can be obtained in Human Resources, Miller 301.