TRANSFER AGREEMENT VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY AND RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE of The College of William and Mary

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to assist students at various levels of higher education to achieve their goals in an efficient and timely way. This purpose may be achieved through the coordination between Virginia Commonwealth University and Richard Bland College of The College of William and Mary of transfer policies, enhanced advising, and acceptance of equivalent courses. This agreement is in support of the State Policy on Transfer. VCU agrees that Richard Bland College graduates who are accepted under the provision of the State Policy on Transfer will be designated as junior-level students.

- 1. Upon application, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) will guarantee acceptance of all Richard Bland College graduates with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree who have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5. This guarantee assumes that there are no other factors in a student's academic or personal record that might prevent acceptance. For guaranteed acceptance, applications must be received by June 1 for fall term and November 1 for spring term. Students with grade point averages below 2.5 will be considered but without the guaranteed acceptance.
- 2. Richard Bland College graduates may be required to complete any unfulfilled VCU upper-division general education requirements.
- 3. Acceptance in some degree programs at VCU is competitive; acceptance into VCU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program. Students participating in this admission agreement should follow all special college and/or departmental application procedures and deadlines, as well as grade point requirements listed in the VCU catalog for native VCU students. Transfer students and native VCU students will be treated identically with regard to admission to programs.
- 4. Students who are not native speakers of English must score at least 550 on the paper based exam and an 80 on the internet-based exam (213 CBT) on the TOEFL examination (or complete Richard Bland College English 101-102 with "C" grades or better) and have the minimum grade point average of 2.5 in order to be guaranteed admission.
- 5. VCU will offer accepted applicants from Richard Bland College consideration for available financial aid if they apply for aid by the recommended deadline of March 1st for the electronic FAFSA and February 15 for the paper FAFSA for the fall, and any time during the fall semester for the spring.
- 6. The faculty and staff of the two institutions will work together to maintain a course-bycourse evaluation of all courses listed in the Richard Bland College Catalog. Richard

Bland College faculty and advising staff will encourage prospective VCU transfer students to meet the spirit and content of the VCU general education requirements to the greatest extent possible in preparing for transfer. The College and various school academic advisors at VCU will offer counsel to Richard Bland College students who plan to transfer to VCU.concerning degree requirements and programs of study.

- 7. Richard Bland College agrees to support this articulation agreement by indicating the relationship in appropriate literature and through its web site.
- 8. This agreement may be amended as needed, for specific program articulation without affecting the currency of the master agreement. All course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as needed.
- 9. This transfer Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice should be given at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination. Students who entered under this agreement may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.

Approved:

James B. McNeer, President Richard Bland College of the College of William and Mary Eugene P. Trani, President Virginia Commonwealth University

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