

**TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH GUARANTEED ADMISSION  
BETWEEN RADFORD UNIVERSITY AND THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
SYSTEM**

**PROGRAM: RN-to-BSN Fast Track Program (BSN)**

In accordance with *Virginia's State Policy on College Transfer*, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and Radford University (RU) recognize the need for and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to another as they pursue their educational goals. The VCCS and RU enter into this agreement to provide students with an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree an opportunity for guaranteed admission to the university. VCCS students who do not meet the requirements described herein are encouraged to apply and may be considered for admission under the regular admission procedures of the University.

This agreement supersedes all previous agreements between RU and the VCCS or its individual institutions signed prior to June 1, 2024. It does not nullify individual program-to-program agreements articulated since this date.

**Section 1: Definition of Guaranteed Program Admission Agreement (GPAA)**

The GPAA is an agreement between two- and four-year institutions guaranteeing students earning a transferable associate degree and reaching specified academic benchmarks admission to a specific plan of study. This agreement enables students who follow the terms of the agreement to optimize the completion of a four-year degree after transfer.

**Section 2: Requirements for Admission**

**A. Applicable Associate Degrees:**

This GPAA applies to the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree from a community college in Virginia.

**B. Limitations due to academic or disciplinary record:**

Students will not be admitted into RU while on academic or disciplinary suspension or academic probation at their current institution. Students must meet the ethical and technical standards of professional nursing. Health records, criminal background checks, and urine drug testing are required.

**C. Registration of Intent to use the agreement:**

A student is not required to register his/her/their intent to use this agreement but can choose to do so through the Transfer Virginia portal if the student wants to receive information about the RN to BSN Program.

**D. Program and Course Requirements:**

All specific course and program requirements are designated on the pathway map and informational notes as part of the Transfer Guide. These include, but are not limited to, the minimum GPA requirement, licensure (if applicable), course requirements, minimum credits to be completed at the associate degree institution, maximum credits applicable for transfer, testing requirements, admission processes and deadlines, and transcript submission.

**Minimum GPA requirement:**

There is no minimum GPA requirement for students earning an AAS in Nursing degree from one of Virginia's community colleges. Since there is no minimum GPA requirement, there is no course repeat process that is applicable here.

**Licensure:** Licensure verification including registration number and expiration date of license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) are required and must be submitted. Students must have a license to practice as a RN in the state where clinical practicum course experiences are conducted.

**Course requirements:**

Completed state-approved nursing coursework from a Virginia community college with a grade of C or better.

**Minimum credits to be completed at associate degree institution:** Students must complete the AAS in Nursing from a VCCS institution with at least 64 credits to be eligible for this agreement. Students must meet the 25% residency requirement at the granting 2-year college. This agreement is applicable to students who were previously enrolled at RU and transferred to a VCCS college to complete an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree.

**Maximum credits applicable for transfer:** There is no maximum number of transferable hours, but the student must complete 30 credits at RU to meet residency requirements.

**Testing requirements:** A passing score on the NCLEX-RN examination prior to admission.

**Admission application and enrollment:** The RN-to-BSN program admits students six times a year. See RU's RN to BSN Transfer Guide for details. Students may apply for the RN-to-BSN program and start the session following the successful completion of the AAS in Nursing degree.

**Transcript submission:** A review of the application will not occur until official transcripts from all colleges attended have been received in the Office of Admissions.

**Section 3: Application of Associate Degree to General Education Requirement**

Completion of the AAS Nursing degree does not satisfy all lower-division general education requirements at RU.

**Section 4: Application of this Agreement to Students Earning an Associate Degree Concurrent with High School**

N/A

**Section 5: Credit for Prior Learning**

Although students who have taken AP/IB/CLEP will receive the benefits of transferring under the GPAA, credit is not guaranteed for these courses; credit will be granted only if AP/IB/CLEP examination scores meet established RU criteria. Specific courses will only be added to a student record once official scores are received and evaluated by the Office of Admissions. An official Joint Services Transcript should be sent to evaluate specific military credit.

**Section 6: Associate Degree Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination**

Students will be subject to the catalog in effect at the time of their first RU enrollment unless otherwise requested. Upon student request, RU will honor the degree requirements of the RU academic catalog in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the two-year VCCS institution. Students who maintain continuous enrollment at the two-year VCCS institution have a maximum of four years from their first enrollment at the institution for this designation. Students must enroll at RU within one year of completing their associate degree.

**Section 7: Passport/UCGS Course Waivers:**

N/A

**Section 8: Program Roster and Transfer Guides – Student Document**

The attached Program Roster and Transfer Guide (see attachment) represent all requirements for admittance under this GPAA and the benefits that result. The Transfer Guide will be applied as the student-facing document for this agreement.

**Section 9: Administration of Agreement**

The RU official responsible for all RU aspects of the GPAA and Register of Intent to Transfer is the Senior Director of Transfer Recruitment or his/her designee. The VCCS official responsible for all VCCS aspects of the GPAA is the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Workforce Programs or his/her designee, in consultation with the Guaranteed Admission Review Committee of the VCCS Academic and Student Affairs Council.

This Agreement will remain in effect until modified or terminated. This Agreement may be modified only in writing and signed by the VCCS Chancellor and President of RU. Termination may be made by either party upon one (1) year prior written notice. Students who register in the Transfer Virginia Portal their intent to participate in the GPAA prior to the date of termination are eligible for admission for two years after termination becomes effective.

The effective date of this Agreement is the date last signed by the President of RU and the VCCS Chancellor. The signed Agreement will be maintained in the Transfer Virginia Portal.

**VCCS Responsibilities**

- Submit a PDF of the official signed Agreement to the Portal Coordinator.
- Use portal data to track which four-year institutions students are targeting for the GPAA and provide support to students.
- Communicate proposed changes to this agreement or the VCCS AAS Nursing program that could potentially affect this agreement to the RU RN-to-BSN program chair and College of Nursing Dean.

**University Responsibilities**

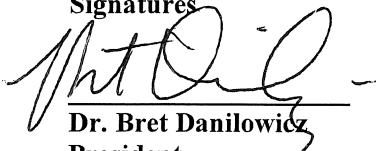
- Advise students interested in the RU RN-to-BSN program upon their inquiry and assist them in the transfer process.

**Section 10: Review Clause**

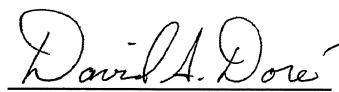
RU and the VCCS will review this agreement and the student tracking data every three years and adjust as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and value and improve the transfer process. Changes will not be applied retroactively to students already enrolled or registered under the provisions of the existing GPAA.

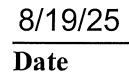
If no changes are necessary, the documented review below will extend this agreement for three years.

**Signatures**

  
**Dr. Bret Danilowicz**  
President  
Radford University

  
Date

  
**Dr. David Doré**  
Chancellor  
Virginia Community College System

  
Date

**Review Documentation**

<b>Review Date</b>	<b>Completed By</b>	<b>Agreement Extension</b>

**Note: Recorded by the VCCS or RU, shared with senior institution and updated in the Transfer Virginia Portal.**