

**TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH GUARANTEED PROGRAM ADMISSION
BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE
AND THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

PROGRAM: ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING: RN TO BSN

In accordance with Virginia's *State Policy on College Transfer*, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and The University of Virginia's College at Wise (UVA Wise) recognize the need for and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. The VCCS and UVA Wise enter into this agreement to provide all students an opportunity for guaranteed admission into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. 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 college.

This agreement supersedes all previous agreements between UVA Wise and the VCCS or its individual institutions signed prior to January 2023. It does not nullify individual program-to program agreements since this date.

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

The GPAA is a formal agreement between two- and four-year institutions outlining the transfer policies for a specific academic degree and specification of course-by-course equivalencies. This agreement enables students who follow the terms of the agreement to optimize the completion of a four-year degree after transfer. The GPAA clearly identifies expectations of students to be guaranteed admittance to a program of study. When a common curriculum exists, the GPAA should be a state-level agreement. For applied programs and local curricula, local GPAAs can be implemented.

For competitive programs not included in a GPAA, the Transfer Guide template is used to clearly identify the expectations for students to be candidates for acceptance.

Section 2: Requirements for Admission

A. Applicable Associate Degrees:

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

B. Limitations due to academic or disciplinary record:

UVA Wise reserves the right to deny admission to any student who has been convicted of a felony, or any student who is on academic or disciplinary probation, or who has been suspended or expelled from his or her previous institution.

C. Registration of Intent to use the agreement:

UVA Wise recommends but does not require students register their intent to use this agreement after completion of 15 college credits through the Transfer Virginia portal.

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, 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: Students must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or above for all prior academic (non-nursing) coursework and a 2.3 or above for all nursing coursework. UVA Wise will not recalculate GPA based on multiple course attempts. Courses

transferred into the two-year college are not included in the GPA computation. UVA Wise will recognize the highest grade earned for awarding transfer credits.

Licensure: Students must have a license to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) in one or more states (must be licensed in states where clinical experiences are conducted). Registration number and expiration date of license to practice nursing are required.

Employment (if applicable): It is not required that students be employed as a nurse at the time of admission.

Course Requirements: Completed state-approved nursing coursework or program from a regionally accredited community college.

Minimum credits to be completed at associate degree institution: Students must complete the AAS in Nursing from a VCCS institution with at least 60 credits to be eligible for this agreement. Students must meet the 25% residency requirement at the granting 2-year college. Students who have attended UVA Wise, then returned to the two-year institution, may again use this agreement to re-enroll at UVA Wise.

Maximum credits applicable for transfer: Students may transfer a maximum of 62 community college credits not counting nursing courses as necessary. Students completing the AAS degree in Nursing have the option to take additional general education courses required in the third year of UVA Wise's BSN at a community college. See Transfer Guide for details.

Testing requirements: A passing score on the NCLEX-RN examination prior to enrolling in upper division clinical nursing courses.

Admission application and enrollment: Applicants to the program follow regular admission procedures by applying to UVA Wise via www.uvawise.edu/admissions/apply. Where applicable, submission of nursing registration number and expiration date of license to practice nursing.

Transcript submission: Students will submit final official transcripts of all work completed at other academic institutions upon application to UVA Wise. Students will not be able to continue with admission to the program until all official transcripts are submitted.

Character: Students will exhibit characteristics consistent with acceptable academic study and professional practice. The role of a student nurse is physically, emotionally, and cognitively challenging. Professional values are demonstrated in ethical code that clarify nursing profession practices, the quality of professional care, and professional norms.

Section 3: Application of Associate Degree to General Education Requirement

Upon completion of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing, all lower division general education requirements will be met upon admission to UVA Wise. Any nursing prerequisites such as ethics, statistics, and/or psychology may be required if not completed with the Associate.

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

N/A

Section 5: Credit for Prior Learning

UVA Wise accepts credits for prior learning for Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge (CIE), and College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and Joint Services Transcript (JST). Students completing an associate degree using credits for prior learning will receive the benefits of this agreement for courses applied to general education and non-nursing courses. CPL credit will be

evaluated for equivalency and qualifying scores. In instances where the score is too low, the student may be required to complete additional coursework. UVA Wise publishes equivalencies for awarding credit.

UVA Wise grants local transfer credit for students completing nursing credits in the AAS in Nursing. This includes 39 credits for lower division courses in nursing by transfer from or validation of the associate degree program work. In addition, UVA Wise accepts credit for prior learning for a maximum of 51 credits to satisfy the institution's Liberal Arts Core Requirements, which includes pre-BSN coursework at the community college in addition to the general education courses required in the AAS in Nursing.

Section 6: Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination

Students entering the RN to BSN program will be assigned to the catalog year date at the time of admission.

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 A) 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 UVA Wise official responsible for all UVA Wise aspects of the GAA and Register of Intent to Transfer is the Director of Admissions and the Registrar or her/his/their designee. The VCCS official responsible for all VCCS aspects of the GPAA is the VCCS Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Workforce Programs or her/his/their 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 by mutual agreement by the VCCS Chancellor and Chancellor of UVA Wise. Termination may be made by either party upon one (1) year prior written notice. Students who register their intent to use this agreement through the Transfer Virginia portal under 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 Chancellor of UVA Wise 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.

UVA Wise Responsibilities

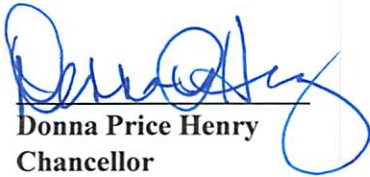
- Use portal and internal data to track students who register their intent to use the GPAA. Use this data to maintain ability to honor agreement in respect to enrollment capacities.
- 4-year institutions use portal data to track students who register their intent to use this agreement and engage with students to best prepare students for transfer.

Section 10: Review Clause

UVA Wise and the VCCS will review this agreement and the student tracking data every four years to adjust as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and value and for the improvement of 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 an additional four years.

Signatures



Donna Price Henry
Chancellor
UVA Wise

7/31/2024

Date



David Doré
Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

7/26/2024

Date

Review Documentation

Review Date	Completed By	Agreement Extension

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

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Program Roster

Program of Study/Major	Effective Date	Review Date

THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE RN TO BSN IN NURSING

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Transfer Degree

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Complete at VCCS				Complete at UVA Wise		
BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		SATISFIED BY		BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT		
Course	Credits	CC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
	1-2	SDV		NUR 3230	3	Issues in Professional Nursing
ENG 1010	3	ENG 111		NUR 3170	3	Leadership/Management I
PSY 1100	3	PSY 230		NUR 4710	3	Evidence-Based Nursing Practice
BIO 2310/2311	4	BIO 141		NUR 3180	3	Nursing Theory
MTH 1180	3	MTH 155 or 245	Prerequisite for MTH 245 is MTH 154 or MTH 161	NUR 3190	3	Appalachian Culture and Health
BIO 2320/2321	4	BIO 142		NUR 4210	3	Genomics in Nursing Practice
NUR 200T	4	NSG 100		NUR 4870	3	Leadership/Management II
NUR 200T	2	NSG 106		NUR 4654	3	Rural/Public Health
NUR 200T	1	NSG 130		NUR 4190	3	Health Promotion in Rural Appalachia
NUR 200T	3	NSG 200		NUR 4920	3	Transition to Prof. Nursing Practice
BIO 100T	4	BIO 150		Electives	26-30	120 Hours Required for Bachelor's Degree – Additional hours may be taken prior to transfer or after.
NUR 200T	3	NSG 152				
NUR 200T	6	NSG 170				
NUR 200T	5	NSG 210				
NUR 200T	5	NSG 211				
NUR 200T	2	NSG 230				
NUR 200T	4	NSG 252				
NUR 200T	4	NSG 270				
HUMXXXX	3	Humanities				
CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 64-65				CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 55-56 = 120		

TRANSFER GUIDANCE

Guaranteed Program Admission Agreement for UVA Wise Nursing RN to BSN

By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the RN to BSN in Nursing

- Earn a transferable associate degree in applied nursing from a state-approved accredited community college.
- Earn a minimum GPA of 2.3 for your associate's degree with a C+ or above for all prior nursing coursework
- Licensed as a registered nurse in a state where clinical experience is conducted

Please create an account through the [Transfer Virginia](#) portal to register your intent to use this guarantee for admission to UVA Wise.

IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **How do I apply?:** <https://www.uvawise.edu/admissions/transfer>
- **Nursing Web Page:** <https://www.uvawise.edu/academics/departments/nursing>
- **Admission Application:** By March 1 for fall admission and November 1 for spring at <https://www.uvawise.edu/admissions/transfer>
- **Financial Aid:** <https://www.uvawise.edu/affordability/scholarships-aid/financial-aid-forms-scholarship-applications>
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 1 for fall semester at **How do I apply?:** <https://www.uvawise.edu/admissions/transfer>

WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Make sure you complete prerequisite courses such as statistics.
- Completion of the Applied Associate of Science in nursing enables students to qualify for the RN to BSN online.
- You may choose to take individual courses or work toward a minor for additional hours required for the bachelor's degree.
- **Catalog Year:** UVA Wise freshmen and transfers typically use the catalog year of entry to the college but may choose to use either of the previous two years when enrolled at the community college.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON MY DEGREE OF WORK I HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED?

- **Associate Transfer Degree Completion:** The completion of a transfer associate degree results in all lower-division general education requirements being met.
- **Associate of Science in Nursing:** The completion of an associate of applied science in nursing qualifies you for application to the RN to BSN program of study. All lower level general education will be met. You may have to complete elective hours to reach 120 required for the degree.

- **Credit for Prior Learning:** UVA Wise accepts AP, IB, Cambridge, CLEP, DANTES, and military credits.

IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- **LOCATION** -- With a beautiful, modern campus, spanning 396 acres in the rolling mountains of Southwest Virginia there's plenty to explore on our campus in Wise, Virginia. With many attractive facilities and over 50 campus organizations, UVA Wise offers lots to do and see. We have many types of on campus housing options and several eateries, including the Dining Commons, Chick-fil-A and Build pizza and subs. Located a short distance from Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia, there is a wealth of hiking, outdoor recreation, camping, shopping, entertainment and more in the region.
- **PROGRAM OF STUDY** -- UVA Wise is a small, liberal arts college with many majors and minors from which to choose. We'll help you find the major that is right for you, whether you're interested in moving into the workplace right out of college or moving on to graduate or professional studies.
- **OPPORTUNITIES** -- Leadership opportunities, volunteerism, experiential learning, being a part of a club or organization -- our small but diverse community has something for everyone. Inclusion is a deeply ingrained core value of UVA Wise. If you are looking to connect with a broad range of people, you'll fit right in!

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Every major at UVA Wise has experiential opportunities for students to learn by doing.
- Every student who studies nursing has employment opportunities before they graduate and are often working in the field already.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

- UVA Wise has an office of Career Discovery that helps students plan for employment well before graduation -- <https://www.uvawise.edu/after-graduation/careers>.
- Faculty are available to students who want to have conversations about career opportunities as they relate to Accounting.
- Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at www.TransferVirginia.org

PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

- 85.5-100% Pass rate for the last five years for the NCLEX exam
- 17 average student per class
- 100% employment for the class of 2022
- Low to no debt for graduates

WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

- If you have the appropriate prerequisites your chances are excellent. Questions? Email ub9yz@uvawise.edu We look forward to hearing from you!