

# Virginia Commonwealth University Bachelor of Science in Health Services (offered in-person and online)

## TRANSFER GUIDE

Catalog years: 2023-2025

## Associate Transfer Degree Plan in Public Health

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

| Complete at VCCS              |         |              |   |   | Complete at VCU               |         |       |
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| BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT |         | SATISFIED BY |   |   | BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENT |         |       |
| Course                        | Credits | Gen ED*      | CC Course   | Notes   | Course                        | Credits | Notes |
| UNIV 101                      | 1-2     |              | SDV 100 College Success Skills or 101 Orientation |   | ALHP 310                      | 3       |       |
| UNIV 111-112                  | 3       | PUA          | ENG 111 College Comp I                            | UNIV 111 is waived and students receive 3 credits for UNIV 112. | ALHP 320                      | 3       |       |
| UNIV 200                      | 3       | UA           | ENG 112 College Comp II                           |   | ALHP 325                      | 3       |       |
| General Education             | 3       | PUA          | Any UCGS Art or Humanities                        |   | ALHP 330                      | 3       |       |
| General Education             | 3       | UA           | Any UCGS Art, Humanities, or Literature           | These two courses must come from two different disciplines.     | ALHP 340                      | 3       |       |
| PSYC 101                      | 3       | PUA          | PSY 200 Introduction to Psychology                |   | ALHP 410                      | 3       |       |
| General Education             | 3       | PUA          | Any UCGS History                                  |   | ALHP 415                      | 3       |       |
| BIOL/Z 151                    | 4       | PUA          | BIO 101 Introduction to Biology I                 |   | ALHP 416                      | 3       |       |
| STAT 210                      | 3       | PUA          | MTH 245 Statistics                                |   | ALHP 420                      | 3       |       |
| General Education             | 3-4     | UA           | Any UCGS transfer course                          |   | ALHP 425                      | 3       |       |
| General Education             | 3-4     | UA           | Any UCGS transfer course                          |   | ALHP 430                      | 3       |       |
| HPEX 2XX (elective)           | 3       |              | HLT 228 Intro to Public Health                    |   | ALHP 435                      | 3       |       |
| BIOL 217 (elective)           | 3       |              | HLT 230 Principles of Nutrition                   |   | ACCT 202                      | 3       |       |

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| ECON 210   | 3    |  | ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics  |  | HCMG 300                  | 3  |   |
| PSYC 304   | 3    |  | PSY 230 Developmental Psychology  |  | Restricted electives      | 18 | See VCU advisor for list of restricted electives. |
| PHIL 213 or SOCY 101   | 3    |  | Select either:<br>PHI 227 Bio-Medical Ethics or SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology |  |                           |    |   |
| MATH 131 or MATH 141   | 3    |  | MTH prerequisite for MTH 245 (select from MTH 154 or MTH 161)                     |  |                           |    |   |
| VCU equivalents  | 7-10 |  | Additional transfer electives, if needed to meet 60 credits                       |  |                           |    |   |
| CREDITS PRE-TRANSFER: 60   |      |  |   |  | CREDITS POST-TRANSFER: 60 |    |   |
| * <b>A</b> = Completion of the Associate Degree satisfies this General Education Requirement. <b>U</b> = This course satisfies a Uniform Certificate of General Studies requirement.<br><b>P</b> = This course satisfies a Passport requirement. |      |  |   |  |                           |    |   |

## TRANSFER GUIDANCE

**This degree program is covered by VCU's Guaranteed Admission Agreement. By meeting the following criteria, you are guaranteed admission to the BS in Health Services:**

- Earn a transfer associate degree.
- Earn a minimum GPA of 2.5 for your associate degree.
- Earn grades of "C" or higher in all community college courses. VCU will accept credit for repeated courses for "D" or "F" grades.

### IMPORTANT LINKS & DATES:

- **University Transfer Center:** <https://transfer.vcu.edu/>.
- **Admission Application:** By March 15 for fall admission and November 1 for spring at <https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/>.
- **Financial Aid:** <https://semss.vcu.edu/our-services/financial-resources-and-guidance/>.
- **FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid:** March 1 for fall semester at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

### WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER WHEN SELECTING COURSES?

- Complete your English courses and start your math sequence in your first year.

- Create a schedule for all required courses, pay attention to prerequisites and when courses are offered. For help, see Transfer Steps and Resource Center at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).
- Connect with an advisor at your community college and the VCU Transfer Center (<https://transfer.vcu.edu/>) in your first semester.

### IS THIS DEGREE RIGHT FOR ME?

The Bachelor of Science in Health Services will prepare future health care leaders with the knowledge, skills and competencies to meet the challenges of managing responsibilities across the range of healthcare organizations. With an emphasis on evidence-based practice, the program will prepare students to work as medical and health services providers charged with planning, directing and coordinating medical and health services. Graduates will be able to work in diverse health care settings, such as hospitals, specific clinical areas or departments within those facilities, health management organizations or in medical practice groups.

The program is designed for students who wish to create a pathway into a health care field. It provides a core set of courses to build a foundation of health care knowledge. It also provides the flexibility for students to focus their studies on a particular area of interest through the selection of open and restricted elective courses. The flexibility gives students an opportunity to identify how their strengths, values and skills can best serve the health of their communities.

### 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 when you transfer to VCU.
- **Dual Enrollment – Completion of Associate Degree in HS:** The completion of an associate degree concurrent with high school results in 60 credits of coursework applied towards your degree and VCU's general education courses will be satisfied. High school students must apply to VCU as freshman applicants for orientation and engagement purposes.
- **Credit for Prior Learning:** VCU accepts AP, IB, Cambridge, CLEP, DANTES, and military credits.
- **Catalog Year:** VCU will honor the degree requirements of the VCU Undergraduate Bulletin in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the two-year institution. Students must stay enrolled at their community college and take no more than four years to complete their associate degree. Students must also enroll at VCU within one year of completing their associate degree.

#### IS THIS COLLEGE RIGHT FOR ME?

- Located in downtown Richmond, within two hours of the beach, the mountains and Washington DC, VCU provides top-ranked academic programs, research opportunities and an urban setting so students can live and learn in the real world.
- VCU is a large, public research institution dedicated to the success and well-being of students and the Richmond community.
- Diversity, inclusion and equity are deeply ingrained core values at VCU. If you are looking to connect with a broad range of people, come join us!

Learn more about our college at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- Completing your associate transfer degree satisfies all lower division general education requirements and increases the likelihood you will complete your bachelor's degree?
- Exceeding 3 years or 90 credits at your community college could exhaust your financial aid there and reduce your future financial aid at VCU?

#### WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Explore possible careers, salaries, and job outlook at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org)

#### PROGRAM SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

Most required/core courses in Health Services are designed for around 30 students per course. Both face to face and online courses seek to engage learners in a dynamic and interactive learning environment. In addition, the service learning course brings both hands-on experience and career readiness activities to support students transition into their new careers. Students in the health services program have the option to complete the entire program face-to-face or complete their last two years asynchronously online.

#### WHAT ARE MY CHANCES FOR GETTING ACCEPTED?

If you apply through general application instead of through the Guaranteed Admission Agreement, you will be considered for admission with all other transfer applicants.

Learn more about applying at [www.TransferVirginia.org](http://www.TransferVirginia.org).

#### DO MORE WITH YOUR DEGREE!

Health Services majors will complete a service learning experience with a partner organization through ALHP 435: Health Care Career Development and Planning in Allied Health Professions. Students have an opportunity to serve on the Student Advisory Board that advises programmatic initiatives, as well as engage in a variety of leadership projects designed to foster a diverse learning community.

#### OTHER THAN CLASSES, ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

All students must complete at least one VCU "REAL" experiential learning activity in order to graduate from VCU. Examples of REAL activities include: internships, research, and service learning. This requirement may be satisfied by completing a 300-level (or higher) REAL course or through an approved REAL co-curricular experience.

Learn more at <https://real.vcu.edu/>.