

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

In accordance with Virginia's *State Policy on College Transfer*, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and Virginia Wesleyan University (VWU) 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 VWU enter into this agreement to provide all students 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 VWU and the VCCS or its individual institutions signed prior to December 1, 2022. It does not nullify individual program-to-program agreements articulated since this date.

Section 1: Definition of Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA)

An agreement between a two-year institution or the VCCS (system office) on behalf of community colleges and a four-year institution according to which a student is guaranteed admission to the four-year institution by earning a transfer degree or a specified applied degree and satisfying specified academic benchmarks and criteria. Students transferring under a general admission GAA are not necessarily entitled to be admitted to a specific program. GAAs should be state-level agreements.

Section 2: Requirements for Admission

A. Applicable Associate Degrees:

Transfer-oriented associate degrees include the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Arts & Sciences (AA&S), and Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) degrees identified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as university-parallel transfer degrees. VWU considers all General Studies degrees as transfer-oriented degrees including those not recognized by SCHEV as transfer degrees.

B. Minimum GPA requirement:

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for credits earned at the degree-granting institution is required. VWU will recognize the cumulative GPA as recorded on the VCCS transcript and not recalculate based on multiple course attempts. Courses transferred into the two-year college are not included in the GPA computation.

C. Limitations due to academic or disciplinary record:

Students must have upheld standards of student conduct. VCCS students who do not meet these terms may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed. VWU reserves the right to deny admission or enrollment to students who have been academically dismissed or suspended or to those convicted because of a felony.

D. Course requirements:

Students are required to complete all courses applying to the associate degree with a grade of C or higher.

E. Minimum credits to be completed at associate degree institution:

Students must meet all requirements to earn a transfer associate degree as determined by their VCCS institution, including a minimum of 60 credits. Students who were previously enrolled at VWU and transferred to a VCCS college are not eligible for participation in the GAA.

F. Maximum credits applicable for transfer:

VWU accepts 64 credits as the maximum number of credits.

G. Testing requirements:

There are no testing requirements.

H. Admission application and enrollment:

VCCS students applying for VWU guaranteed admission should complete a transfer application and submit all official college transcripts by July 1 for the fall term and November 15 for the spring term. No application fee will be charged.

I. Transcript submission:

Official college transcripts from all institutions previously attended are required with the transfer application. Students who are unable to get official transcripts at the time of application are handled on a case-by-case basis.

J. Registration of Intent to use the agreement:

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

Section 3: Application of Associate Degree to General Education Requirement

Completion of an approved transfer associate degree satisfies all lower-division General Education requirements at VWU. VCCS students graduating with a transferable associate degree will be guaranteed junior class status at VWU.

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

Completion of the associate degree through dual enrollment will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement.

Section 5: Applications of this Agreement to Students Earning Credit for Prior Learning

Students may receive a maximum of 32 semester hours of credit for prior learning experiences. Students can review the details by visiting the VWU Catalog. This includes credit for courses completed through International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, CLEP, and Armed Services experience that will be accepted according to policies for acceptance of credit found in the VWU catalog in effect for the year in which the VCCS student enrolls at VWU.

Section 6: Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination

VWU will honor the catalog 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 who maintain continuous enrollment at the two-year institution have a maximum of four years from their first enrollment at the institution for this catalog designation. Students must enroll at VWU within one year of completing their associate degree.

Section 7: Transfer Guide – Student Document

The attached General Transfer Guide represents all requirements for admittance under this GAA and the benefits that result. The General Transfer Guide will be applied as the student-facing document for this agreement. Major-specific transfer guides will be developed and featured at the Transfer Virginia portal (<https://www.transfervirginia.org/>). Students should check the Transfer Guidance section of those transfer guides to understand whether admission into the university also guarantees admission into their major or program of choice.

Section 8: Administration of Agreement

The VWU official responsible for all VWU aspects of the GAA and Register of Intent to Transfer is the Vice President for Enrollment or her/his/their designee. The VCCS official responsible for all VCCS aspects of the GAA 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 President of VWU. 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 GAA 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 VWU 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 GAA and provide support to students.

University Responsibilities

- Use portal and internal data to track students who register their intent to use the GAA. Use this data to maintain the 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 9: Review Clause

VWU and the VCCS will review this agreement and the student tracking data every three 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 GAA. If no changes are necessary, the documented review below will extend this agreement for an additional three years.

Signatures



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Date



David Doré
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3/08/2024

Date