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J. Sargeant Reynolds
Community College



Elite institutions court best and brightest Reynolds students

Williamsburg and Richmond, Va. (July 17, 2007) – The College of William and Mary will provide more opportunities for J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College students to attend the historic institution. Through a creative agreement signed today by the two presidents, at least 15 Reynolds students will be allowed to co-enroll in classes at William and Mary each year.

To be considered for the co-enrollment program, Reynolds students must sign a *Letter of Intent to Matriculate at the College of William and Mary* upon completing a minimum of 15 credit hours of coursework at Reynolds applicable toward the Associates of Arts or Associate of Science degree. Students must also maintain a 3.5 minimum grade point average in those courses. Once accepted into the program, students must remain continuously enrolled at Reynolds until completion of the associate's degree.

While students at Reynolds, they will enroll in a minimum of four and maximum of five 3-4 credit courses at William and Mary. All co-enrolled students must complete a university seminar and all but one of their courses must fulfill general education requirements at both Reynolds and The College of William and Mary. Participating co-enrolled students will register for William and Mary courses through Reynolds and only pay the community college tuition and fees. Students may also be eligible for financial aid through Reynolds. After the co-enrollment period, Reynolds students will be guaranteed admission as degree candidates to William and Mary if they meet additional admissions requirements.

More Options

Reynolds students wishing to attend The College of William and Mary who are not selected for the co-enrollment program may be able to take advantage of the Virginia Community College System's guaranteed transfer admissions option. Reynolds graduates

with grade-point-averages of not less than 3.6 who complete transfer-oriented associate's degrees are ideal candidates for the program. To qualify for guaranteed transfer admission, students must complete a *Letter of Intent to Transfer to the College of William and Mary* at least one year before transferring, but after completion of 15 credit hours at the community college.

In addition, a minimum of 45 credit hours of the transferable credits must have been earned at Reynolds after graduation from high school. Once the letter of intent is signed, the students must remain enrolled in the community college each semester (except for summers) until graduation. Students must also have a grade of "B" or better in Advanced Composition as well as VCCS equivalent courses that meet William and Mary's general education requirements.

Reynolds students who do not meet these requirements may still apply to The College of William and Mary and will be considered for admission, although admission will not be guaranteed.

Virginia community college students accepted to William and Mary can apply for the college's Gateway financial aid package, which features caps on need-based loans, loan-free packages for low-income students, and a commitment to meet 100 percent of every student's need. In addition, any Virginia community college student who transfers under the guaranteed admission agreement will have the same opportunities as other William and Mary students for housing, registration, or any other college activities or services.

For more information about the co-enrollment program and guaranteed admissions opportunities, contact Robin Beale at (804) 523-5067.

Serving over 17,000 students annually, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College is the youngest and third largest of 23 community colleges in Virginia. The college operates three campuses serving residents in the City of Richmond and the counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Powhatan and Louisa. The College of William and Mary guaranteed admission agreement is one of several recently adopted statewide agreements with various public and private senior institutions, including Virginia Commonwealth University, Longwood University, Sweet Briar College, the School of Engineering and the School of Agriculture and Life Science at Virginia Tech, and the University of Virginia.

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