

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
FOR
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING
AND
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the admission of transfer students from Virginia's community colleges to VCU as they pursue a baccalaureate degree in nursing, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA). This agreement provides a pathway for students to progress from the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree directly to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BS Completion Program) at VCU. VCCS students who do not meet the eligibility terms described herein may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed. This agreement supersedes and replaces the articulation agreements with Reynolds Community College, signed on August 25, 2008 and John Tyler Community College, signed on March 29, 2013.

Section I: Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission under this GAA, a VCCS students must:

1. Complete a VCCS Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Nursing.
2. Earn a minimum cumulative college-level grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (as determined and transcribed by the community college).
3. Earn a minimum grade of "B" in all the required nursing classes for the AAS degree.
4. Earn a minimum grade of "C" in the following general education classes.

General Education Requirement	Number of Credits	VCCS Course
English Composition	6	ENG 111-112
Anatomy & Physiology	8	BIO 141-142 or BIO 231-232 or NAS 161-162
Statistics	3	MTH 157 or MTH 240 or MTH 241 or MTH 155 or MTH 245
Introductory Psychology	3	PSY 200
Developmental Psychology	3	PSY 230 or PSY 238
General Sociology	3	SOC 200
Laboratory Science	8	Select from BIO 101, BIO 102, CHM 101, CHM 111, PHY 101, PHY 201
Microbiology*	4	BIO 150 or BIO 205
Nutrition*	3	DIT 121 or HLT 230
Philosophy	3	Select from PHI
General Education electives	9	Select from ENG, HIS, CST, POL, MUS, ART, PHI, REL, foreign language

* National League of Nursing (NLN) Proficiency exams are available for RN-BS applicants who do not have academic credit for microbiology and nutrition.

5. Submit the Letter of Interest after completing 15 credits at the participating community college. The Letter of Interest form can be found on the VCU Office of Admissions website (<https://transfer.vcu.edu/apply/>).
6. Apply to the VCU School of Nursing by the application deadlines (see: <http://nursing.vcu.edu/admission/application-instructions/rn-to-bs/>).

VCCS students meeting the above criteria will be guaranteed admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BS Completion Program) at VCU. GAA students will be given the same consideration as other nursing students at VCU for registration, financial aid, and any other opportunities open to students with RN-BS Completion Program degree-standing.

Section II: Academic Terms

Upon receipt by VCU of completed application materials, GAA students are guaranteed admission to VCU and may expect the following:

1. No distinction will be made by VCU regarding credit received for college courses applicable to the AAS degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.
2. Credit for courses completed through Advanced Placement, Cambridge, CLEP, DANTES, International Baccalaureate, and Armed Services experience will be accepted according to stated policies for acceptance of credit, which can be found in the VCU Undergraduate Bulletin for the year the GAA student enters VCU. For these credits to be accepted by VCU, GAA students are responsible for submitting the necessary transcripts or documentation of this additional coursework to VCU no later than the conclusion of the first semester of enrollment at VCU.
3. A minimum grade of "C" must be obtained in each course the student wishes to transfer. If a student repeats a course and receives a grade of "C" or higher, the course will transfer.
4. VCU RN-BS students are awarded a total of 39 upper division proficiency credits from their AAS degree (reflecting an assessment of their prior learning and clinical work experience) after successful completion of NURS 308 at VCU.
5. Thirty (30) of the last 45 credits must be earned at VCU. The VCU RN-BS curriculum has 32 credits in the nursing degree to be earned at VCU.
6. The total minimum number of credits required for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing is 124 credits. See Appendix 1 for a sample student transfer summary.

Section III: Benefits to Virginia Community College Students

1. GAA students may apply for need-based financial aid through VCU's Office of Financial Aid. Students should refer to the VCU Financial Aid website for information concerning application deadlines (see website at: <http://www.enrollment.vcu.edu/finaid/>).
2. After submitting the Letter of Interest, GAA students will be able to contact the VCU Transfer Center and an advisor in the School of Nursing to discuss the transferability of courses and a successful transition from a VCCS college to VCU.
3. After submitting the Letter of Interest, GAA students will receive continuous communication regarding programs and activities from the Office of Admissions and the VCU Transfer Center.
4. After submitting the Letter of Interest, GAA students who pay \$25 to receive a VCU ID card are also eligible for the following benefits:
 - Access to VCU's library services
 - Ability to participate in VCU's transfer-related events

Section IV: Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the VCCS:

1. Notify students of transfer opportunities to VCU under this GAA by posting links to the agreement on the VCCS Transfer Website (<http://www.vccs.edu/students/transfers/>) and the Virginia Education Wizard (www.vawizard.org).
2. VCCS colleges will provide academic advising services to assist VCCS students in choosing courses that will best prepare them for their intended major at VCU. VCCS colleges will prepare faculty advisors and counselors to provide appropriate and accurate advising services related to students' plans to apply to VCU.
3. Notify the Chief Transfer Officer (<http://www.schev.edu/index/agency-info/advisory-committees/virginia's-chief-transfer-officers>) at VCU when situations arise warranting VCCS faculty and VCU faculty interaction to address advising or curricular issues.
4. Provide VCU with a summary of research findings and actions taken based on data supplied by VCU on transfer student performance.

Responsibilities of VCU:

1. Disseminate accurate information to prospective transfer students regarding the general conditions of the GAA.
2. Provide academic advising services through the VCU Transfer Center and the School of Nursing to GAA students during the term prior to transfer to assist these students in making a smooth transition from the community college to VCU.
3. Notify the Chief Transfer Officer (<http://www.schev.edu/index/agency-info/advisory-committees/virginia's-chief-transfer-officers>) at the Virginia community college (or the VCCS representative) when situations arise that warrant VCCS faculty and VCU faculty interaction to address advising or curricular issues.
4. Provide tracking data on performance of GAA students at VCU, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, VCU courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from VCU, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements and the timing of the report will be determined by Institutional Research staffs from the VCCS and VCU and provided by July 1 of each year.

Responsibilities of the Student:

1. It is primarily the responsibility of students who choose to pursue the GAA to know and understand the requirements for the AAS in Nursing degree as well as degree requirements and the specific requirements for BS in Nursing at VCU.
2. Complete the preadmission process to include: (a) submission of the Letter of Interest to VCU after completion of at least 15 transferable credits, but before 90 days prior to graduation from a VCCS institution (see website link to Letter of Interest at: <http://www.ugrad.vcu.edu/apply/transfer/agreements.html>); and (b) earn a 3.0 cumulative grade point average toward the AAS degree.
3. Eligible transfer students must provide transcripts from any other institutions attended and documentation for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Cambridge, CLEP, military

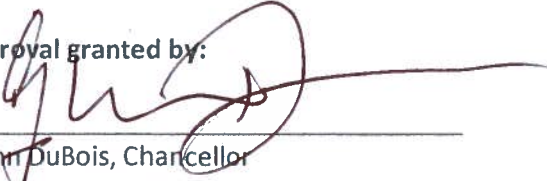
<http://www.ugrad.vcu.edu/apply/transfer/agreements.html>); and (b) earn a 3.0 cumulative grade point average toward the AAS degree.

3. Eligible transfer students must provide transcripts from any other institutions attended and documentation for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Cambridge, CLEP, military credit, or other advanced standing credit applied toward completion of their associate degree.
4. Follow the VCU application processes and deadlines (<http://nursing.vcu.edu/admission/application-instructions/rn-to-bs/>).

Section V: Review of the GAA

1. The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of this GAA at the VCCS. VCU will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at VCU.
 - a. Representing VCU will be the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and the Dean of the School of Nursing, or designees.
 - b. Representing the VCCS will be the VCCS Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research and the Director of Educational Policy, in consultation with the Articulation Subcommittee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.
2. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of the GAA to their respective clientele (external and internal constituents). VCU and the VCCS will review the GAA at a minimum of every three years and make adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation. Such changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provisions of the existing GAA.
3. The GAA will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice should be given at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination, and students who entered under the GAA may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.

Approval granted by:



Glenn DuBois, Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

Date

5/8/18



Michael Rao, President
Virginia Commonwealth University

Date

4/27/18

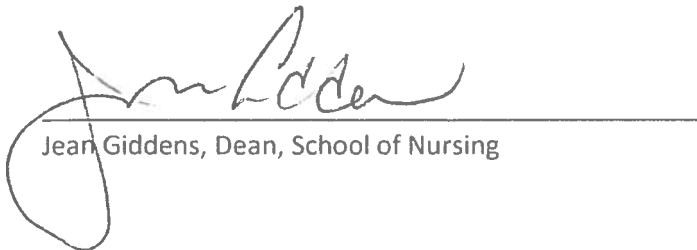
Appendix 1:

Sample student transfer summary	Credits
AAS degree in nursing (VCCS) – includes 39 upper-division proficiency credits	66
Additional general education requirements (VCCS)	26
RN to BSN (VCU)	32
Total credits for RN to BSN degree (minimum)	124

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