

# **DUAL ADMISSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY AND REYNOLDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Reynolds Community College (REYNOLDS) and Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) recognize the importance of providing a seamless and student-centered dual admission experience. REYNOLDS and VCU enter into this dual admission agreement to provide eligible students an opportunity for simultaneous admission to both institutions. Through dual admission, REYNOLDS students will receive coordinated support services from REYNOLDS and VCU personnel to assist students in completing their associate degree at REYNOLDS and continuing their academic journey toward a bachelor's degree at VCU. Students who do not meet the eligibility requirements described herein are encouraged to apply to VCU under the regular admission procedures of the University.

This dual admission agreement complements the Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) between Virginia Commonwealth University and the Virginia Community College System (see: <https://www.vccs.edu/transfer-programs/#statewide-transfer-agreements>). According to the GAA, students who complete a transfer-oriented associate degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 are guaranteed admission to the university. Acceptance into some degree programs at VCU is competitive; thus, guaranteed admission into VCU does not imply admission into these competitive programs without further acceptance by the school or department offering the program.

## **Section 1: Definitions**

### **Dual Admission Agreement**

As stated in the "Public higher education policy guidelines for the development of transfer agreements" (State Council of Higher Education for Virginia), a dual admissions agreement is "An agreement between two- and four-year institutions granting qualified students with simultaneous admission at both institutions of higher education and specifying applicable co-curricular requirements and privileges."

## **Section 2: Description**

The REYNOLDS-VCU dual admission program is established to provide eligible students from Reynolds Community College with the following benefits and services.

- 1) Dual admission status at both REYNOLDS and VCU will result in guaranteed admission to the university and applicable VCU degree programs (see list of applicable VCU bachelor's degree programs in Appendix A: Transfer Pathways for Dual Admission) upon completion of an associate degree at REYNOLDS with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher. NOTE: Appendix A will be edited each year as the list of applicable pathways expands and/or curricular changes are made.
- 2) Cost savings through 2+2 transfer pathways (whereby students complete at least 50% of their bachelor's degree requirements at Reynolds Community College).

- 3) VCU transfer advising support through transfer major maps and appointments with VCU transfer advisors who will evaluate students' unofficial transcripts and assist students with selecting REYNOLDS courses needed for their intended VCU bachelor's degree.
- 4) VCU email address.
- 5) Waiver of the transfer application fee.
- 6) A VCU student ID card upon acceptance into the dual admission program, granting access to VCU library services, campus facilities, cultural events, and eligibility to participate in VCU Recreation and Well-Being programs.
- 7) Invitations to virtual and in-person information sessions about the VCU application process, financial aid, VCU academic requirements, and career planning resources.
- 8) Streamlined enrollment and early registration process at VCU that includes an advising appointment with a VCU departmental academic advisor prior to enrollment at VCU who will assist students with understanding their bachelor's degree plan and registering for their first semester of courses at VCU.

### **Section 3: Eligibility**

The REYNOLDS-VCU dual admission program is available to REYNOLDS students who:

1. Intend to complete an eligible associate degree at REYNOLDS and transition into a participating VCU bachelors' degree program (as listed in Appendix A: Transfer Pathways for Dual Admission) immediately after graduating from REYNOLDS with an associate degree.
2. Enroll in the REYNOLDS associate degree program identified as the most appropriate pathway to the selected VCU bachelor's degree (as listed in Appendix A: Transfer Pathways for Dual Admission).
3. Have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on the first 12 credits attempted at REYNOLDS and a minimum GPA of 2.5 at graduation from REYNOLDS.
4. Have earned no more than 30 college credits at the time of applying for dual admission (excluding AP, IB, CLEP, or any other credit earned by exam). High school dual enrollment credit and credit earned at other U.S. or international colleges/universities does apply to the 30-credit limit.
5. Submit the online VCU Dual Admission Interest Form between 12-30 credits.

### **Section 4: Responsibilities of Virginia Commonwealth University**

VCU will:

1. Guarantee admission to VCU and to applicable programs listed in Appendix A, contingent upon completion of the associate degree with a minimum GPA of 2.5.
2. Accept all transferable coursework from the completed associate degree where students earned a minimum grade of "C."
3. Waive VCU general education requirements for students who complete a transfer-oriented associate degree.
4. Provide personalized academic advising and degree planning tools, including major maps.

5. Offer advising appointments and transition support during the students' enrollment at REYNOLDS.
6. Host virtual and in-person information sessions for program participants.
7. Facilitate early course registration and orientation advising prior to VCU enrollment.
8. Assist with co-enrollment opportunities as applicable.
9. Share performance data and feedback with REYNOLDS
10. Collaborate with REYNOLDS on marketing and outreach.

## Section 5: Responsibilities of Reynolds Community College

REYNOLDS will:

1. Identify and inform eligible students about the REYNOLDS-VCU Dual Admission Program.
2. Promote the program and VCU-led sessions across campuses.
3. Support course selection and academic planning in collaboration with VCU advisors.
4. Coordinate space and resources for VCU outreach on REYNOLDS campuses.
5. Assist students with their transition to VCU.
6. Maintain communication with VCU for program success and support.
7. Send student transcripts to VCU upon request.
8. Notify VCU when participating students apply for graduation from REYNOLDS.


## Section 6: Review of the agreement


The VCU official responsible for all VCU aspects of this agreement is the Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Success or his/her/their designee. The REYNOLDS official responsible for all REYNOLDS aspects of the agreement is the Vice President for Student Affairs or his/her designee.

This agreement shall remain in effect for an initial period of three (3) years (Appendix A: Transfer Pathways for Dual Admission will be reviewed and/or updated annually). This agreement may be renewed for set terms of three years thereafter upon written agreement by both parties. This Agreement may be modified only by mutual agreement by the President of REYNOLDS and President of VCU. Termination may be made by either party upon one (1) year prior written notice.

The effective date of this Agreement is the date last signed by the President of VCU and the President of REYNOLDS.

## Signatures:

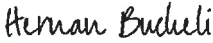
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### Appendix A: Transfer Pathways for Dual Admission (2025-2026)

<u><b>VCU Bachelor Degree Program</b></u>	<u><b>Reynolds Associate Degree Program</b></u>
African-American Studies (B.A.)	General Studies (A.S.) <b>OR</b> Liberal Arts (A.A.)
Anthropology (B.S.)	General Studies (A.S.)
Biology (B.S.)	Science (A.S.)
Chemistry (B.S.)	Science (A.S.)
English (B.A.)	Liberal Arts (A.A.)
Foreign Languages (B.A.) - Spanish	Liberal Arts (A.A.)
Forensic Science (B.S.)	Science (A.S.)
Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies (B.A.)	General Studies (A.S.) <b>OR</b> Liberal Arts (A.A.)
Health, Physical Education & Exercise Science (B.S.)	Health Sciences (A.S.)
History (B.A.)	Liberal Arts (A.A.)
International Studies (B.A.)	Liberal Arts (A.A.)
Mass Communications: Advertising (B.S.)	General Studies (A.S.)
Mass Communications: Journalism (B.S.)	General Studies (A.S.)
Mass Communications: Media Production (B.S.)	General Studies (A.S.)
Mass Communications: Public Relations (B.S.)	General Studies (A.S.)
Mathematical Sciences: Mathematics (B.S.)	Science (A.S.), Mathematics Major
Mathematical Sciences: Statistics (B.S.)	Science (A.S.), Mathematics Major

Philosophy (B.A.)	General Studies (A.S.) <b>OR</b> Liberal Arts (A.A.)
Physics (B.S.)	Science (A.S.)
Political Science (B.A.)	General Studies (A.S.) <b>OR</b> Liberal Arts (A.A.)
Psychology (B.S.)	Social Sciences (A.S.)
Religious Studies (B.A.)	General Studies (A.S.) <b>OR</b> Liberal Arts (A.A.)
Science (B.S.)	Science (A.S.)
Sociology (B.S.)	Social Sciences (A.S.)