

# **GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**

## **University of Virginia School of Nursing and Virginia Community College System RN to BSN Program**

The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia ("University") is pleased to guarantee the admission of Virginia Community College System ("VCCS") students according to the terms of this Guaranteed Admission Agreement ("Agreement"). VCCS students who do not meet the terms described herein may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed.

### **Section 1: General Requirements for Undergraduate admission to the School of Nursing RN to BSN Program**

The University agrees to guarantee fall admission to the School of Nursing ("SON") RN to BSN Program for a VCCS student who fulfills all of the steps described below.

- Completes an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing and passes the NCLEX examination for Registered Nurses within the five-year period preceding matriculation at the University. All required nursing courses must be taken within the VCCS. Due to the variability in nursing curricula among VCCS schools, the University will grant all students with 41 advanced standing credits<sup>1</sup> for completion of any VCCS nursing curriculum and successfully passing the NCLEX-RN exam prior to matriculation.
- Exams an additional minimum of at least 49 transferable<sup>2</sup> credits, 39 or more of which are from the VCCS. (See Section II for details specific to transferable credits). Transferable credits may include dual enrollment credit, but not AP or IB credit. The University will evaluate AP and IB credit for an admitted student and award credit based on policies in place at the time the student enrolls. The SON does not award advanced standing or advanced placement for the American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), or Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES).
- Satisfies all competency and area requirements of the SON as specified in Section II.
- Achieves a cumulative grade point average in VCCS coursework of 3.4 or better on a 4.0 scale at the time of application and at the time of matriculation. If a student repeats a course, the University will include both the original and repeated course grades in the grade point average calculation.

<sup>1</sup> Advanced standing credit acknowledges completion of the VCCS nursing curriculum have to transfer to the University. Rather, students will receive an aggregate 41 credits for completion of the core nursing classes to the university'

<sup>2</sup> All uses of "transferable" in the Agreement mean transferable to the University.

- Earns a grade of C or better in every VCCS course taken, with the exception that the grade in the following courses must be a B or better: ENG 111, ENG 112, and MTH 157/240/241.
- Submits an unofficial transcript to the SON Admissions Counselor by January 1 of the year in which the student is seeking admission. These unofficial transcripts will be reviewed with the sole purpose of identifying missing prerequisites.
- Possesses an unencumbered license to practice as a Registered Nurse in Virginia, or an unencumbered compact (multistate) license as a Registered Nurse pursuant to the Nurse Licensure Compact, by the start of the academic year in which the student matriculates at the University.
- Submits a completed application for fall transfer admission by the March 1 application deadline. (Applicants with financial need may be eligible for an application fee waiver. An interested student should submit a written request that includes an explanation of financial hardship to the Office of Undergraduate Admission by March 1.) A completed RN to BSN transfer application includes:
  - The Common Application with the University supplement;
  - The application fee; and
  - College transcript (from each institution attended).

## **Section II: Specific Course Requirements for Admission to the School of Nursing RN to BSN Program**

In addition to completing all requirements described in Section I above, a successful VCCS transfer applicant must present VCCS courses that satisfy the SON competency and area requirements described below.

Applied to the 41 advanced standing credits awarded for completion of the VCCS nursing curriculum:

- Health Assessment: NUR 226 (or NUCO 2330 taken through the University).
- Pharmacology: One course from NUR 195, NUR 230 or HLT 250. Applicants may submit syllabi from other pharmacology courses for consideration.
- Developmental Psychology: PSY 230 or PSY 231+232

Areas required for the 49 general education credits outside of the nursing curriculum:

- English Composition (6 credits): ENG 111 and 112 with a grade of a B or better.
- Natural Science / Mathematics (12 credits): Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II (BIO 141+142 or NAS 161+162) are required. A statistics course within the past five years with a grade of a B or better is also required. MTH 157, MTH 240, or MTH 241

satisfies this requirement. Other transferable courses include biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology, mathematics, microbiology, and physics.

- Social Science / History (9 credits): Three transferable courses in any of the following areas: anthropology, economics, history government, political science, psychology, sociology, or Western civilization.
- Humanities / Fine Arts (9 credits): Three transferable courses in any of the following areas: art, drama, ethics, foreign language, music, philosophy, or religion.
- Electives (13 or more credits, as needed, to total 49 credits outside the nursing curriculum): Two courses, up to 5 credits, in skill courses such as music performance or studio art may be added toward these elective course requirements. Only 2 physical education credits can be accepted for elective transfer credit.

Remedial, developmental, and/or orientation courses (including SDV) will not be counted for academic credit in transfer.

### **Section III: School of Nursing RN to BSN Requirements**

A student who satisfies Sections I and II of this Agreement will enter the School of Nursing RN to BSN Program as a third-year student. In order to earn a degree from the SON, a student must complete the following steps:

- Enroll as a part-time student carrying an average of 6 to 7 credits each semester.
- Earn a total of 120 credits, of which a minimum of 30 must be at the University.
- Complete coursework, all major requirements, and graduation requirements in no more than five semesters. Exceptions must be approved by the student's advisor, the applicable department chair, and the SON's Associate Dean for Academic Programs. Exceptions are granted only under extenuating circumstances.

### **Section IV: Financial Aid**

All financial aid for undergraduate students at the University is administered through Student Financial Services. To apply, students must complete the federal FAFSA form and a University financial aid form. Subject to any modifications to the AccessUVA program made subsequent to the date of this Agreement, VCCS students admitted under this Agreement are eligible to apply for the AccessUVA financial aid program (see [www.virginia.edu/financialaid/access.php](http://www.virginia.edu/financialaid/access.php)). To apply for AccessUVA, students should follow the steps described at [www.virginia.edu/financialaid](http://www.virginia.edu/financialaid). In addition, after matriculation, students will have the opportunity to apply for need-based scholarships from the SON. The SON strongly encourages RN to BSN students to pursue tuition reimbursement through their current employer.

## **Section V: General Terms**

The terms of this Agreement may be evaluated at the discretion of either party at any time during the Agreement term annually. Either party may withdraw from this Agreement by providing written notice one year in advance. The University reserves the right to deny admission to any student who has been suspended, expelled, or convicted of a crime, or who fails to complete and satisfy all published admission requirements of the University. Neither party will unlawfully discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, marital status, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, veteran status, or family medical or genetic information in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. The University and the VCCS will indicate this relationship through appropriate literature and Web sites. This Agreement clarifies the responsibilities of the parties as to each other as provided herein and is not intended nor shall it be interpreted as creating any contractual or other rights in any third party or person who is not a signatory to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the University and VCCS have caused this Agreement to be signed by their authorized representatives below:

FOR THE RECTOR AND VISITORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA:

Teresa A. Sullivan, President  
University of Virginia  
Date: 6/3/13

VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Glenn DuBois, Chancellor  
Virginia Community College System  
Date: 5-28-13