

**Guaranteed Admission Agreement**  
**Between**  
**The Virginia Community College System**  
**And**  
**Strayer University**

**PURPOSE**

This articulation agreement is designed to coordinate transfer policies, enhance advising, promote the acceptance of the programmatic transfer of courses/credits between Strayer University (SU) and The Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and encourage completion of the associate's degree.

**ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT**

**A. Admissions Practices**

1. SU will accept applications from students who wish to transfer from VCCS into any baccalaureate degree program at SU. Transferring VCCS applicants must meet the same admissions criteria as other students applying for transfer to SU. Students are accepted by Strayer into a program of study that aligns with the Associate's degree program. If a student changes his/her program of study at Strayer, credits earned at the community college will be reviewed for applicability to new program.
2. VCCS students who graduate with an associate's degree, are applying to a related degree program at SU, and have a VCCS cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 are guaranteed admission to SU. Once admitted, students are subject to all other policies and procedures, including residency requirement of SU, as outlined in the SU catalog. Students who have questions may consult a counselor and/or advisor at either institution for assistance.
3. VCCS students, who have completed or will complete an associate's degree by the time they enroll in classes at SU, will be exempted from paying the SU application fee.
4. Any scholarships or tuition discounts offered by SU in the future to two-year college articulated students will automatically be considered part of this agreement. They would apply from date of implementation forward and would not apply to students already enrolled at SU from the Articulated college.
5. SU also offers military scholarships for active duty military personnel.

**B. Acceptance and Application of Credits**

1. The maximum number of transfer credits accepted from an institution granting a 2-year degree will be equal to 126 quarter credit hours or 84 semester credit hours. Under this agreement, all courses required to complete the specific related associate's degree program will be articulated into the bachelor's program in their entirety. Those credits earned in excess of 63 credit hours will be evaluated by Strayer to determine applicability to major requirements, minor requirements or elective credit.
2. Students from two-year institutions where we have articulation agreements will have their entire degree program transferred in, including "C- and D" grades, allowing the student to complete their related degree program at Strayer University in about two years of full-time study.

3. Students completing a transfer Associate's degree at a VCCS college will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements at Strayer University.
4. If a student does not have the prerequisite for a 300 or 400 level course at SU, he or she may be required to take the prerequisite course before taking upper division course.
5. SU will evaluate courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or other testing programs. SU also will evaluate courses/credits earned at other institutions. Students seeking credit for these courses must provide the university with official transcripts for evaluation.
6. Prior Learning Activity and other life experiences credits already evaluated as part of the associate's degree program will be brought in with the degree. ,

### **C. Implementation of the Agreement**

1. SU and VCCS agree to review this agreement annually. VCCS & SU will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement. Each institution will provide updated catalogs to the other immediately upon their availability. Upon request, SU agrees to provide VCCS reports on enrolled VCCS transfer students, their majors and academic performance to the extent permitted by law.
2. SU and VCCS agree to assist each other in promoting this agreement appropriately in their respective promotional materials, events, web sites, reports and through the sharing of mailing lists.
3. All notices to be given shall be delivered in writing as follows:

<p>If to SU:</p> <p>Lloyd B. Tredwell National College Relations Manager Research Strayer University 431 Maple Avenue Saratoga Springs, NY 12866</p>	<p>If to VCCS:</p> <p>Dr. Monty Sullivan Vice Chancellor for Academic Services &amp; Virginia's Community Colleges 101 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street; 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Richmond, VA 23219</p>
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4. The curriculum in effect at the time a student first enrolls at VCCS will be honored by SU if the student completes an associate's degree and successfully transfers to SU within 7 years of that first enrollment at VCCS.
5. This agreement may be amended, as necessary, for specific program articulation without affecting the master agreement.
6. This agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party on ninety (90) days prior written notice. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum transitional period of two (2) years to accommodate students already enrolled under the agreement.