

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**  
**VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**AND**  
**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Virginia State University (VSU) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the transfer of students from the community college to VSU, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA).

Students who meet the eligibility requirements described below are guaranteed admission to and may enroll in VSU. Acceptance in some degree programs at VSU is competitive; thus guaranteed admission into VSU does not imply admission into these competitive programs without further acceptance by the school or department offering the program.

**Definitions**

“Transfer-oriented associate degrees” refers to VCCS Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Arts and Sciences degrees. This includes VCCS General Studies associate degrees that have been approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as transfer degrees according to the State Committee on Transfer (see website at <http://www.schev.edu/Students/GeneralStudiesWebText.pdf>).

“GAA student” refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college within two years of enrollment at VSU with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher on a four-point scale.

**Academic Admission Agreement**

GAA students are guaranteed admission to VSU and may expect the following:

1. VSU will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program. No distinction will be made by VSU regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. Completion of the associate degree while in high school will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement.
2. Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will guarantee completion of the VSU general education component of the undergraduate curriculum. Some VSU majors may have additional requirements; therefore, depending on the VSU major, a GAA student may need to take additional lower-level courses after transferring to VSU.
3. VSU cannot guarantee that all students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit minimum required for graduation. VSU will inform the

student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.

4. Acceptance in some degree programs at VSU is competitive; thus guaranteed admission into VSU does not imply admission to all programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program.
5. Credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, College Level Examination Program, military training/experience, or other forms of advanced standing will be determined based on VSU equivalent courses and standards. Specific information is available at the following VSU website:  
<http://www.vsu.edu/files/docs/academics/catalog/academic-regulations-and-procedures.pdf>

### **Eligibility**

To be guaranteed admission to VSU, students must complete the following requirements to become GAA students:

- Graduate from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher on a four-point scale
- Submit an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree to the VSU Admissions Office)
- Earn a grade of “C” or higher in each community college course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree program. If a student repeats a course and receives a grade of C or higher, the course will transfer.

Students who were previously enrolled at VSU and transferred back to a VCCS college to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree are not eligible for participation in the GAA. VCCS students who do not meet the GAA eligibility requirements listed above are eligible to apply for admission to VSU but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement.

### **Benefits to Virginia Community College Students**

VSU waives the application fee for Virginia Community College transfer students. For more information, contact the VSU Transfer Admission Office.

Through the VSU Office of Transfer Admissions, students can be directed to VSU departmental advisors for academic advising and information on meeting requirements for various VSU majors.

GAA students enrolling in VSU are eligible to apply for scholarships designated by VSU especially for GAA students. VSU offers two financial award opportunities to transfer students who have an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science Degree. The **Chancellor Scholarship**

**Award** provides \$1,000 toward the cost of tuition, with an additional award for recipients who live on-campus. The **University Transfer Award** is \$2,000 applicable to the cost of tuition for the first year admission only.

### **Responsibilities**

GAA students will follow all VSU application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements.

The community college will:

1. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree.
2. Notify students of transfer opportunities to VSU 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](http://www.vawizard.org)).

VSU will:


1. Consider GAA students who enroll at VSU on the same basis as native students for admission to competitive programs, registration, financial aid, scholarships, student housing, parking, and any other opportunities open to native students with junior standing.
2. Provide tracking data on performance of GAA students at VSU, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, VSU courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from VSU, 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 VSU and provided by July 1 of each year.

### **Review of the Agreement**

The VCCS will designate official who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. VSU will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at VSU. Representing VSU will be the Provost. Representing the VCCS will be the VCCS Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research and the VCCS Director of Educational Policy, in consultation with the Articulation Subcommittee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.

VSU and the VCCS will review the GAA every three years to make adjustments as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the transfer process. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing GAA.

The GAA will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice. Such notice should be given one year in advance of the date of termination; students who entered under the GAA may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.

  
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Virginia Community College System

  
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Virginia State University

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Date 3/5/14