GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT

Between

VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM And

RANDOLPH COLLEGE

This agreement is designed to guarantee the admission of Virginia Community College System (VCCS) students to Randolph College for the purpose of entering a Bachelor's degree program. VCCS students who do not meet the terms of this agreement, however, may be highly qualified and are encouraged to apply to Randolph College. VCCS students outside of this agreement must complete the regular transfer application procedure and are not guaranteed admission.

DEFINITIONS:

"Transfer-oriented associate degree" refers to VCCS Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Arts and Sciences degrees. This includes VCCS General Studies or Liberal Arts associate degrees.

"GAA student" refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a four-point scale and who intends to transfer to Randolph College.

"GAA contact" refers to staff members designated by each Virginia community college and by Randolph College who work with prospective GAA students.

ACADEMIC ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT AND ELIGIBILITY

1. Upon receipt of an official transcript and a current recommendation from the appropriate official, Randolph College will guarantee automatic acceptance to students graduating from a VCCS institution with transfer-orientated associate degree if the GAA student has the following:

   • Achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in a 4.0 system at a Virginia Community College,
   • Completed a course in English Composition/Writing (3 semester hours) with a minimum grade of B or higher, and
   • Completed a minimum of 56 transferable credits (up to 62 credits may be transferred).

   Such students will matriculate with junior standing at Randolph College with all privileges and benefits available to other students currently enrolled at Randolph College.

2. Any VCCS student who has earned a transfer-oriented associate degree will have academic credits earned at VCCS accepted as outlined in the transfer guide provided courses completed at Virginia Community College bear a grade in the C range or better. Students who earn credits at institutions other than VCCS to satisfy VCCS degree will have those credits treated on an equal basis as credits earned at VCCS.
3. GAA students can expect to graduate after the successful completion of 124 semester hours, or four semesters of full-time study, except for those majoring in certain disciplines with tightly structured programs, or those who have not taken sufficient courses required for the major prior to enrolling at Randolph College. Guaranteed acceptance into Randolph College under this agreement does not necessarily imply acceptance into any particular major at Randolph College.

4. VCCS students completing a transfer-oriented degree program will be guaranteed completion of the general education program at Randolph College with the exception of a course addressing the roles and achievements of women, a course addressing a culture outside of the United States or Europe, and a year of foreign language at the elementary or intermediate level or one semester of foreign language beyond the intermediate level. VCCS students are encouraged to complete the courses listed above as electives within their VCCS degree program in accordance with the Randolph College course-by-course transfer guidelines.

5. VCCS transfer counselors will urge its Associate degree students who plan to transfer to Randolph College to follow Randolph College's course recommendations as listed in the current Randolph College catalog or in the course by course equivalencies specifically prepared for the VCCS.

BENEFITS TO VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS:

1. Priority will be given to VCCS students who notify the Office of Admissions or Office of Prime Time and Adult Programs of Randolph College of their desire to transfer under this agreement at least one month prior to the beginning date of the desired term of enrollment.

2. The application fee usually charged for admission to Randolph College will be waived, provided all materials are submitted by August 1 for fall enrollment and December 1 for spring enrollment.

3. All VCCS graduates who transfer to Randolph College are eligible for financial aid and scholarships on the same basis as any other Randolph College student. In addition, qualified students will be considered for special scholarships for which only former VCCS students are eligible.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The community college will:

1. Agree to give appropriate publicity about the advantages of direct transfer of its students to Randolph College.

2. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree.

Randolph College will:

1. Offer to counsel VCCS students who plan to come to Randolph College about course and program of study requirements.

2. Provide tracking data annually on the performance of GAA students at Randolph College, to include comparisons with native students. The specific data elements and the timing of the report will be determined by the institutional research staffs at VCCS and Randolph College.