

Virginia Community College System
and
Virginia Wesleyan University

Guaranteed Admission Agreement
Fair Transfer Guarantee

Virginia Wesleyan University (VWU) strives to become the college of choice for Virginia Community College System (VCCS) students who desire to earn a bachelor's degree in a timely and affordable manner upon successful completion of an associate's degree.

Guaranteed Admission

Admission to VWU will be guaranteed for any individual who has earned an associate of arts, associate of science, associate of arts & sciences, or associate of fine arts degree from a VCCS institution with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher based on all college-level work attempted and who has upheld standards of student conduct. VCCS students who do not meet these terms may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed. Students who were previously enrolled at VWU and transferred to a VCCS college to complete the transfer associate degree are not eligible for participation in the Guaranteed Admissions Agreement (GAA).

Fair Transfer Guarantee

VCCS students graduating with an associate of arts, associate of science, associate of arts & sciences, or associate of fine arts degree will be guaranteed junior class status at VWU. As such, all lower level VWU general education requirements - including the foreign language requirement - will be deemed to have been completed. Enrolling VCCS students will focus on completing the upper level coursework necessary for graduation.

Transferability of Credit

All classes in which a passing grade was earned will be accepted as transfer credit, although no more than 64 credits may count toward completion of a VWU degree. Note some academic programs include a requirement that prerequisite classes be passed with a grade of C or better. In addition, credit for courses completed through International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, CLEP, and Armed Services experience will be accepted according to policies for acceptance of credit found in the VWU catalog in effect for the year in which the VCCS student enrolls at Virginia Wesleyan. Moreover, no distinction will be made by VWU 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 through dual enrollment will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement.

VCCS students who enroll at VWU through this Guaranteed Admission Agreement Fair Transfer Guarantee will be considered on the same basis as students who entered as freshmen for admission to competitive programs, registration, financial aid, scholarships, student housing, parking, and any

other opportunities open to students.

Application Process

VCCS students applying for VWU guaranteed admission should complete a transfer application and submit all official college transcripts by July 1 for the fall term and November 15 for the spring term. No application fee will be charged.

VCCS students can access current information on transferring to VWU, including advice on meeting requirements for various majors, by visiting www.vwu.edu/enrollment-aid/transfers.

Financial Aid

A merit scholarship will be awarded to each VCCS graduate accepted as a full-time student into the VWU on-campus program under the terms of this agreement, which will be based on the cumulative GPA of all college-level work attempted.

Cumulative GPA	Resident Student* (residing in VWU campus housing)	Commuter Student* (residing at home or in other non-VWU housing)
3.5-4.0	\$20,000 VWU Scholarship	\$14,000 VWU Scholarship
3.0- 3.49	\$18,000 VWU Scholarship	\$12,000 VWU Scholarship
2.5-2.99	\$16,000 VWU Scholarship	\$10,000 VWU Scholarship
2.0-2.49	\$14,000 VWU Scholarship	\$8,000 VWU Scholarship

* Awarded annually, and not to exceed five semesters. VWU grades resulting in less than good academic standing or student conduct disciplinary action could impact award.

VCCS graduates are also encouraged to apply for the Virginia Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program (\$1,000 annual award), Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG), and federal assistance via the FAFSA.

Program Guides/Advising

Program guides have been developed and published to ensure seamless transfer to VWU and timely graduation with a bachelor's degree. These program guides – found at <http://www.vwu.edu/enrollment-aid/transfers/vccs-program-guides.php> -- are available to VCCS advisors, VWU transfer advisors, departmental faculty, and students. Also, students can refer to the VCCS Guaranteed Admission Articulation Agreement for specific details on transferring college-level courses (www.vccs.edu/students/transfers). Prior to degree conferral by VWU, all requirements for majors and minors must be completed, including any lower-division pre-requisites for upper-division courses.

At the time of commitment to VWU, the incoming VCCS transfer student will be assigned to a faculty advisor in his/her intended major. The faculty advisor will be responsible for meeting with the student to outline a plan for completing graduation requirements and assisting the student in selecting and registering for upcoming semester courses.

Acceptance in some degree programs at VWU is competitive; therefore, guaranteed admission to the University does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the department offering the program. The competitive programs include the following: (1) Nursing Program; (2) Education Program; (3) Social Work Program.

Responsibilities

1. VCCS colleges will notify students of transfer opportunities to VWU under this Guaranteed Admission Agreement Fair Transfer Guarantee by posting the agreement on the VCCS Transfer Website (www.vccs.edu/students/transfers) and the Virginia Education Wizard (www.vawizard.org).
2. VWU will provide academic program guides for use by counselors, faculty and students throughout the VCCS. These guides -- found at -- <http://www.vwu.edu/enrollment-aid/transfers/vccs-program-guides.php> will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis by VWU.
3. VWU will advise VCCS students who intend to apply for transfer to VWU.
4. VWU will provide tracking data annually to the VCCS on the performance of VCCS students at VWU, to include comparisons with students who did not enter VWU under the terms of this agreement. The specific data elements and the timing of the report will be determined by the institutional research staffs at VCCS and VWU.

Review of Agreement

1. VWU and the VCCS will review the Guaranteed Admission Agreement Fair Transfer Guarantee every three years to make adjustments as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the transfer process.
2. Any changes, additions, or deletions to this agreement shall be made only after consultation with an agreement among officials at both institutions. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing Guaranteed Admission Agreement Fair Transfer Guarantee.
3. This Guaranteed Admission Agreement Fair Transfer Guarantee will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice shall be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination.
4. The above provisions are mutually agreed to and shall go into effect when signed by the appropriate institutional representatives. They shall remain in force until superseded by official action by either institution.

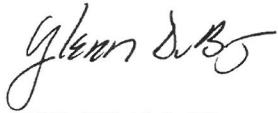
Approved:

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Dr. Scott D. Miller, President
Virginia Wesleyan University

4-12-21

Date

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Dr. Glenn DuBois, Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

03/30/2021

Date