

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT

VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM AND VIRGINIA UNION UNIVERSITY

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

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 with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher on a four-point scale (as shown on the VCCS transcript) and who intends to transfer to VUU.

Academic Admission Agreement

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

1. VUU will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program, not to exceed 63 credits. No distinction will be made by VUU 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 enrolled in high school will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement. Credits earned at accredited institutions other than Virginia’s community colleges to satisfy the transfer-oriented associate degree will be treated on an equal basis as credits earned from Virginia’s community colleges. Awarding credit for courses completed through International baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, CLEP, Armed Services experience, and other forms of advanced standing is an institutional decision and will be evaluated by the Registrar on a case-by-case basis.
2. Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will guarantee completion of the VUU general education component of the undergraduate curriculum.
3. GAA students can expect to graduate from VUU with a baccalaureate degree after the successful completion of a minimum of 60 credits at VUU. VUU will inform the student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the minimum number of semesters hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in

writing.

4. Acceptance in some degree programs at VUU is competitive; thus guaranteed admission into VUU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program.

Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission to VUU, students must complete the requirements to become GAA students (graduation 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 with intent to transfer to VUU) and submit an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree to the VUU Admissions Office. In addition, GAA students must have earned a grade of “C” or higher in each community college course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree program. When a course is repeated, the higher grade will be counted in the GPA.

Students who were previously enrolled at VUU 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 VUU but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement.

Benefits to Virginia Community College Students

1. VUU waives its application fee, provided all application materials are submitted by July 1 for fall term enrollment and November 15 for spring term enrollment.
2. Students may be directed to VUU departmental advisors for advice and information on meeting requirements for various VUU majors contacting the Admissions Office (<http://www.vuu.edu/admissions.aspx>).
3. GAA students enrolling in VUU are eligible to apply for the Incentive Grant and available scholarships as designated by VUU during the application process. In order to receive the incentive grant, students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, and enroll in 12 or more semester hours at the community college at the time application to VUU is made. In order to qualify for scholarship consideration, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or above and be enrolled in 12 or more semester hours at the community college at the time application to VUU is made. Official transcripts must be on file in the Office of Admission at VUU.

Responsibilities

GAA students will follow all VUU 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 VUU under this GAA by posting links to the agreement on the VCCS Transfer Website (<http://www.vccs.edu/Students/TransferList.aspx>) and the Virginia Education Wizard (www.vawizard.org).

VUU will:

1. Consider GAA students who enroll at VUU 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 VUU, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, VUU courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from VUU, 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 VUU and provided by July 1 of each year.

Review of the Agreement

The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. VUU will designate responsible for all aspects of the GAA at VUU. Representing VUU will be the Director of Admissions. 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.

VUU 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.