

Virginia Western Community College

and

Virginia Wesleyan University

Guaranteed Admission Agreement

Fair Transfer Guarantee

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

The initial goal is to enroll as many as possible VWCC graduates each academic year into the VWU day program. Using this Guaranteed Admission Agreement between VWU and VWCC and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) Guaranteed Admission Articulation Agreement, the following strategies are proposed as a means of increasing the number of VWCC graduates who transfer to VWU. The basic tenets of this plan can be expanded to include other VCCS institutions and students.

Recruitment of Students

Under this agreement, VWU and VWCC will join in a collaborative effort to facilitate the transfer of VWCC associate degree graduates to Virginia Wesleyan University baccalaureate programs. VWU will be invited to participate in VWCC transfer recruitment events. VWU will be listed as a transfer agreement institution on the VWCC website and information about this agreement will be included in other relevant materials. VWU will maintain regularly scheduled visits to VWCC campuses, for the purpose of meeting with and offering academic advisement to prospective VWU students. Upon request, VWU will provide to VWCC information regarding the academic performance of VWCC graduates at VWU.

Guaranteed Admission

Admission to VWU will be guaranteed for any individual who has earned an associate of arts or associate of science degree from VWCC with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher based on all college-level work attempted and who has upheld standards of student conduct at VWCC.

VWCC students who have earned less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA based on all college-level work attempted will be reviewed for admission to VWU on an individual basis.

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VWCC students graduating with an associate of arts or associate of science 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 VWCC students will be free to focus on major requirements and the accumulation of upper level elective credits necessary for graduation.

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VWCC students who are determined to transfer to VWU upon completion of their associate's degree may make their intention known by completing a Declaration to Enroll at Virginia Wesleyan University form. These students will be issued a VWU student ID, will be entitled to all the benefits therein (e.g. campus access, use of the VWU library, free attendance at sporting events, etc.), and will be assigned a VWU academic advisor. Students who have attained a 3.0 GPA at the completion of their freshman year at VWCC are eligible to enroll in two 300-level VWU courses during their sophomore year.

Application Process

VWCC 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.

Early Commitment/Guaranteed Courses

It is not necessary for VWCC students to delay application until all coursework in their final semester of enrollment at VWCC has been completed. Admission may be granted with work in progress. All VWCC students accepted to VWU under the terms of this agreement and who make a commitment by May 1 (for the fall term) or October 15 (for the spring term) will be guaranteed the courses needed to continue their educational goals.

Financial Aid

A merit scholarship will be awarded to each VWCC graduate accepted as a full-time student into the VWU day program under the terms of this agreement, which will be based on the cumulative GPA of all college-level work attempted. The award schedule set forth in the matrix below supersedes the awards set forth in the VCCS Agreement, Section 3.5.

Cumulative GPA - VWCC	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

* 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.

VWCC graduates are also encouraged to apply for the Virginia Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program (\$1,000 annual award), Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG), Federal loans, and private loans and grants.

Articulation Agreements / Advising

Program-to-program articulation agreements for programs popular for VWCC graduates will be developed, approved, and published to ensure a seamless transfer to VWU and timely graduation with a bachelor's degree. These agreements will be available to guide VWCC advisors, VWU transfer advisors, departmental faculty, and students at both institutions. VWCC students can refer to the VCCS Guaranteed Admission Articulation Agreement for specific details on transferring college-level courses (<http://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 VWCC 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 Bachelor of Science in Nursing joint program with Sentara College of Health Sciences is excluded from this agreement as it is intended to be a four year program.

Acceptance into the Education program requires a passing score on the PRAXIS exam. Formal program requirements are detailed here:

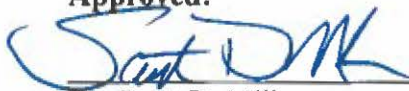

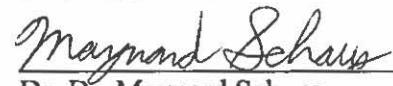
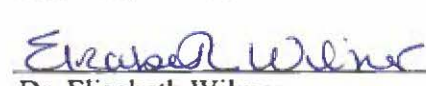
<https://www.vwu.edu/academics/majors/education/undergraduate-program-gateways.php>

Review of Agreement

Both parties agree to abide by these guidelines and review the agreement annually. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled. Any addenda to this agreement should be agreed to by both parties. This agreement may be terminated by either institution by submitting a written notice of intent at least 90 days in advance.

Effective Upon Signature

Approved:

 Dr. Scott D. Miller President, VWU	<u>2-23-21</u> Date	 Dr. Robert H. Sandel President, VWCC	<u>3/12/2021</u> Date
 Dr. Dr. Maynard Schaus Vice-President, Academic Affairs VWU	<u>2/22/21</u> Date	 Dr. Elizabeth Wilmer Vice President, Academic and Student Affairs VWCC	<u>3/8/21</u> Date

