

**Transfer Articulation Agreement (TAA)**  
Virginia Western Community College (VWCC)  
Associate of Applied Science Degree-  
Management: Hospitality Management Specialization  
AND  
Virginia State University  
Bachelor of Individualized Study Degree  
with a concentration in Hospitality Management

Virginia State University (hereafter referred to as VSU) and Virginia Western Community College (hereafter referred to as VWCC) recognize the need and the importance of facilitating the transfer of students from the VWCC Applied Associate of Science (A.A.S.) in Management: Hospitality Management Specialization to the VSU Bachelor of Individualized Studies with a concentration in Hospitality Management as they pursue their educational and career goals. Virginia Western Community College and Virginia State University enter this Agreement to provide all students with an opportunity for guaranteed admission to VSU. Students may take classes on our main campus, off-campus instructional site at the Roanoke Higher Education Center, or online.

VWCC students who do not meet the requirements described herein are encouraged to apply for admission consideration under the regular admission procedures of VSU.

This agreement does not supersede the GAA agreement between VCCS and VSU, dated March 28, 2023. It is solely a degree program to degree program articulation agreement.

**Section I: Definition of Transfer Articulation Agreement (TAA)**

For the context of this agreement, TAA is an agreement between a community college and a four-year university that specifies how courses and credits from a degree program at the community college will transfer and apply toward a degree program at the four-year university. The agreement is designed to create a transparent pathway for students, reduce duplication of coursework, support timely degree completion, and ensure academic quality and alignment between institutions.

**Section II: Requirements for Admission**

- A. Applicable Degree Programs:** This Agreement facilitates the transfer of course credits and the smooth transition of students earning an A.A.S. degree in Management: Hospitality Management Specialization at VWCC into the Bachelor of Individualized Study degree program with a concentration in Hospitality Management.

- B. Application and Enrollment:** Students should apply online for transfer admission by the university application deadlines: Fall –July 15; Spring –Dec. 15. It is the primary responsibility of the VWCC student to know and understand the A.A.S degree requirements at VWCC and the BIS degree requirements at VSU. Prior to submitting an VSU transfer admissions application, students should have
1. Formally applied to graduate as a degree-seeking student in the VWCC A.A.S. in Management: Hospitality Management Specialization.
  2. Communicated their intent and seek guidance from the transfer counselor or their faculty advisor at VWCC.
  3. Completed and signed the *Letter of Transfer Intent* that acknowledges their plan to enroll at VSU in the B.I.S. with a concentration in Hospitality Management.
  4. Submitted the *VSU Application for Transfer Admission*.

- C. Minimum GPA Requirement:** Complete the A.A.S. degree with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
1. Grades that the student transferred into VWCC are not included in the calculation of the GPA.
  2. Submit an official transcript from all institutions attended, including dual enrollment courses, verifying the required GPA as of the application deadline to VSU.
    - a. Students who have attended multiple institutions of higher education (IHE) must have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 at VWCC and all previous institutions.
    - b. All work attempted at VWCC, and any other IHEs attended, will be included in the GPA considered by VSU.

**Limitations due to academic or disciplinary records:** VSU reserves the right to deny admission to students who have been academically or non-academically suspended from previous institutions.

**Course requirements:** A grade of “C” or higher is required for the community college course to transfer. If a student repeats a course and receives a grade of “C” or higher, the course will be transferred.

**D. Transfer Pathway Requirement:** Students who follow the plan of study specified in this TAA must meet the following requirements to be eligible for the B.I.S. degree program with a concentration in Hospitality:

1. Earn the A.A.S. degree in Management: Hospitality Management Specialization from VWCC.
2. Earn a minimum of 120 credit hours based on the details outlined below.
  - a. 33 semester credit hours required in general education courses.
  - b. 51 semester credit hours in elective courses.
  - c. 30 semester credit hours in the selected academic pathway courses.
  - d. 6 hours in seminar courses.
3. Remain in good standing with the VSU BIS program.
4. Meet grade point average and progression standards.

### **Section III: Application of Associate Degree of Applied Science to Bachelor of Individualized Study Degree Requirement**

Credits from the A.A.S. degree will satisfy a combination of electives and general education course requirements for the B.I.S.-Hospitality Management pathway at VSU.

Additional courses may be required to fulfill general education courses that were not required for the A.A.S. degree.

General education course requirements may be satisfied with other postsecondary institution courses, including dual enrollment or military education, upon final review of transcripts.

### **Section IV: Application of this TAA to Students Earning Credit for Prior Learning**

Official award of credit may also be accomplished through credit by examination, credit for prior learning, and credit for military occupational specialties and education.

Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and College Level Examination Program (CLEP) are eligible to transfer under the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and VSU General Articulation Agreement (GAA). Specific credit for AP and IB will be determined based on VSU equivalent courses and standards.

## **Section V: Associate Degree of Applied Science Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination**

VSU will honor the degree requirements of the VSU undergraduate catalog in effect at the time of the student's enrollment in the VWCC A.A.S. in Management: Hospitality Specialization degree program, up to five years.

1. A maximum of 56 credit hours from the VWCC A.A.S. in Management: Hospitality Management Specialization degree will be applied toward the BIS: concentration in Hospitality Management degree.
2. General education course requirements may be satisfied with other postsecondary institution courses, including dual enrollment or military education, upon final review of transcripts.
3. Courses completed with a grade of 'C' or higher are eligible for transfer.
4. VSU cannot guarantee that the student will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit hour minimum required for graduation at VSU.
5. Students who drop out of the articulated program and/or enter another program at VSU may have to complete more hours than indicated in this agreement.

## **Section VI: Transfer Guide- Student Document**

Completion of the A.A.S. in Management: Hospitality Management Specialization degree will satisfy the B.I.S. with a concentration in Hospitality Management for Virginia State University as articulated in the transfer guide in Appendix A.

## **Section VII: Administration of Agreement**

### **Virginia State University**

During the period of this TAA, VSU agrees to do the following:

1. Provide current VSU curriculum guides, including impending and/or approved changes, as appropriate to the VWCC Vice President of Academic and Workforce Solutions and Dean of the School of Business, Technology, and Trades.
2. Evaluate transfer credits, provide advising, and maintain updated curriculum guides.
3. Provide VWCC with the links to the application forms, transfer guides, and VSU undergraduate catalog.
4. Advise A.A.S. in Management: Hospitality Management Specialization degree-seeking students on transfer procedures, financial aid, registration, housing, tuition and fee payments, and deadlines.
5. Guarantee that VWCC students will
  - a. be accepted upon successful completion of the A.A.S. Degree, Management: Hospitality Management Specialization.
  - b. be able to transfer credits earned for the A.A.S. Degree, Management: Hospitality Management Specialization to VSU, as outlined in Appendix A. (General education course requirements may be satisfied with other postsecondary institution courses, including dual enrollment or military education, upon final review of transcripts.)

### **Virginia Western Community College**

During the period of this TAA, VWCC agrees to do the following:

1. Share the opportunity outlined in this TAA to VWCC students, faculty, and administration.
2. Identify interested and eligible A.A.S. in Management: Hospitality Management Specialization degree-seeking students.
3. Provide advising and transfer support to students intending to the B.I.S. with a concentration in Hospitality Management to the and their progress towards A.A.S. in Management: Hospitality Management Specialization degree completion.
4. Communicate TAA updates and program changes to VWCC students.
5. Review the annual reports provided by VSU on the status and degree completion of A.A.S. in Management: Hospitality Management Specialization degree transfer students.

**Both Institutions**

During the period of this TAA, both institutions agree to do the following:

1. Meet annually to review the TAA, share student progress and preparation information, and discuss issues associated with the execution of the TAA.
2. Notify each other of the curricula or procedural changes that would affect the status of the TAA.

**Section VIII: Effective Date**

This agreement is effective as of the date of signature and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party upon 90 days written notice. It will be reviewed every year and may be amended as necessary by mutual consent.

**Section IX: Signatures**

Signed on behalf of Virginia State University and Virginia Western Community College:

  
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Dr. Tia A. Minnis  
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Virginia State University

02/19/2026  
Date

  
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Dr. Elizabeth Wilmer  
Vice President of Academic and Workforce Solutions  
Virginia Western Community College

1/16/26  
Date

## Appendix

### Appendix A. Transfer Articulation Table: Hospitality Management Concentration

Course Requirements						
Complete at Virginia Western Community College				Complete at Virginia State University		
Bachelor's Degree Requirement		Satisfied By		Bachelor's Degree Requirement		
Course	Credits	VWCC Course	Notes	Course	Credits	Notes
ENGL 110	3	ENG 111	VSU General Education Requirement (English)	**ENGL 111	3	VSU General Education Requirement (English) -English Composition II
Humanities/ Fine Arts Elective	3	*See Below	VSU General Education Requirement (Humanities/Literature)	**MATH 112	3	VSU General Education Requirement
HMG101	3	HRI 154	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	**MATH 113	3	VSU General Education Requirement
INDS 295	2	CUL 190	VSU BIS Elective/Internship Requirement	**History GE	3	VSU General Education Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	1	ITE 128	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	**Global Studies GE	3	VSU General Education Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	2	SDV 101	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	**Humanities or Literature GE	3	VSU General Education Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	BUS 100	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	**Wellness/Health GE	2	VSU General Education Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	ITE 152	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	** Science GE	4	VSU General Education Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	HRI 215	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	**Social Sciences GE	3	VSU General Education Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	ITE 140	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	INDS 302	3	VSU General Education Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	ACC 211	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	INDS 499	3	VSU BIS Seminar Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	AST 205	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	HMG1 3xx/4xx	3	VSU BIS Seminar Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	MKT 201	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	HMG1 3xx/4xx	3	VSU BIS Academic Pathway: Hospitality Management Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	ACC 212	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	HMG1 3xx/4xx	3	VSU BIS Academic Pathway: Hospitality Management Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	ECO 150	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	HMG1 3xx/4xx	3	VSU BIS Academic Pathway: Hospitality Management Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	HRI 231	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	HMG1 3xx/4xx	3	VSU BIS Academic Pathway: Hospitality Management Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	BUS 200	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	HMG1 3xx/4xx	3	VSU BIS Academic Pathway: Hospitality Management Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	BUS 205	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	HMG1 3xx/4xx	3	VSU BIS Academic Pathway: Hospitality Management Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	BUS 240	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	HMG1 3xx/4xx	3	VSU BIS Academic Pathway: Hospitality Management Requirement
VSU BIS Elective	3	CST 100	VSU BIS Elective Requirement	HMG1 3xx/4xx	3	VSU BIS Academic Pathway: Hospitality Management Requirement
				HMG1 3xx/4xx	3	VSU BIS Academic Pathway: Hospitality Management Requirement
				INDS 2xx	1	VSU BIS Elective Requirement
*VSU General Education Requirement Options VWCC HUM 201= VSU TRANS 100 (Humanities Elective) VWCC PHI 220= VSU PHIL 275 (Humanities Elective) VWCC MUS 121= VSU MUSI 199 (Humanities Elective) VWCC ENG 225= VSU ENGL 201 (Literature Elective) VWCC ENG 243= VSU ENGL 210 (Literature Elective) VWCC ENG 246= VSU ENGL 212 (Literature Elective)				**These general education course requirements may be satisfied with dual enrollment or other community college course completion based on a final review of the student's transcript.		
<b>Credits Pre-Transfer- 56</b>				<b>Credits Post-Transfer- 64</b>		