

TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH GUARANTEED ADMISSION BETWEEN WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY AND THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

In accordance with Virginia's *State Policy on College Transfer*, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and West Virginia University Board of Governors on behalf of West Virginia University (WVU) recognize the need for and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. The VCCS and WVU enter into this agreement to provide all students an opportunity for guaranteed admission to the university. VCCS students who do not meet the requirements described herein are encouraged to apply and may be considered for admission under the regular admission procedures of the University.

This agreement supersedes all previous agreements between WVU and the VCCS or its individual institutions signed prior to December 1, 2024. It does not nullify individual program-to-program agreements articulated since this date.

Section 1: Definition of Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA)

An agreement between a two-year institution or the VCCS (system office) on behalf of community colleges and a four-year institution according to which a student is guaranteed admission to the four-year institution by earning a transfer degree or a specified applied degree and satisfying specified academic benchmarks and criteria. Students transferring under a general admission GAA are not necessarily entitled to be admitted to a specific program. GAAs should be state-level agreements.

Section 2: Requirements for Admission

A. Applicable Associate Degrees:

This agreement applies to all SCHEV approved transfer degrees offered through the VCCS including the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Arts & Sciences (AA&S) degrees identified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as university-parallel transfer degrees. Additionally, WVU recognizes all VCCS General Studies associate degree programs.

B. Minimum GPA requirement:

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a four-point scale for credits earned at the degree-granting institution is required. WVU incorporates all course attempts into a student's GPA calculation, however, an initial attempt with a grade of D or F may be excluded from that calculation. Only the most recent attempt's earned hours will be calculated into a student's total. Courses transferred into the two-year college are included in the GPA calculation and all other transfer policies will be applied to such work. Students will be required to submit transcripts from all previously attended institutions to WVU. Guaranteed admission to WVU does not mean such students are guaranteed admission to their articulated majors without satisfying the WVU major criteria (See Section H below for further details).

C. Limitations due to academic or disciplinary record:

An offer of admission can be revoked if an applicant's application materials are found to be falsified or if an admitted student engages in behavior that is not in compliance with the WVU Student Code of Conduct prior to the first day of classes in the term of admission. Students seeking transfer admission to the university must be academically and otherwise eligible to return to the institution from which they wish to transfer.

D. Course requirements:

1. WVU accepts grades of A-D for credit. No credits are awarded for courses with a grade of F, but the attempt is still tracked, and the GPA is still impacted; if the course is a requirement of the student's desired program, it will need to be repeated.
2. Transfer students from a VCCS college must follow all course hierarchies and meet all listed course and GPA requirements, as outlined by the approved WVU articulation pathway for acceptance into their intended program. The ALEKS Math Assessment may be required for certain major specific courses, e.g. MATH or CHEM. Further information is included in the advising sheets specific to those majors.
3. WVU will maintain course equivalency information and make this information readily available to the VCCS. Course equivalency information can be found at <https://registrar.wvu.edu/transfer>.

4. Courses not previously articulated will appear on a student's transcript as NOEQ 100. Students may request that these courses be evaluated for equivalency.

E. Minimum credits to be completed at associate degree institution:

Students are required to earn an associate degree with a minimum of 60 credits. Students must meet the 25% residency requirement at the granting two-year college by completing at least 15 transferable credits to be admitted under this agreement. The GAA may be used for students who attended WVU, transferred to a VCCS community college, and transferred back to WVU.

F. Maximum credits applicable for transfer:

WVU does not limit the number of credits applicable for transfer. Transfer students must meet university residency requirements, as well as all major requirements of the WVU major.

G. Testing requirements:

General admission to WVU as a transfer student under this agreement does not require submission of any exams. Students applying to specific WVU majors may be required to submit specific exams and scores.

H. Admission application and enrollment:

Deadlines for admission as a transfer student are August 1st for the fall semester, and December 31st for spring semester. Students must complete a transfer application found at <https://admissions.wvu.edu/>. There is no requirement for when a student must transfer to WVU. Students are encouraged to plan to transfer upon successful completion of their associate degree, or at the guidance of their desired articulated pathway and in consultation with academic support staff at WVU. Acceptance in some degree programs at WVU is competitive; thus, guaranteed admission into WVU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program. WVU has several programs that are competitive, based on clinical placement. These generally include Nursing (4-year BSN) and Dental Hygiene, but may also include Immunology and Medical Microbiology, among others. Some majors require a GPA higher than a 2.0 for admission. This includes majors within the Statler College of Engineering and the Chambers College of Business and Economics as examples. Some majors within the College of Creative Arts and Media may also require a portfolio of artistic work or audition. For a full list of WVU's competitive programs see Appendix B.

I. Transcript submission:

Students are required to provide official transcripts. Students must submit an official transcript for all colleges attended including all final grades and documentation of the conferred associate degree within one month of enrollment at WVU or be restricted from registration. Transcripts may be electronically delivered or mailed to WVU's Office of Admissions.

J. Registration of Intent to use the agreement:

WVU does not require registration of intent.

Section 3: Application of Associate Degree to General Education Requirement

Completion of the associate degree program at a VCCS college will satisfy the lower division general education requirements at WVU.

Section 4: Application of this Agreement to Students Earning Associate Degree Concurrent with High School

Completion of the associate degree through dual enrollment will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement.

Section 5: Applications of this Agreement to Students Earning Credit for Prior Learning

WVU will evaluate courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB) programs, military credit, or other sources of prior learning credit. Credit is not guaranteed for courses not previously articulated in WVU's transfer equivalency database and will be reviewed for credit consistent with WVU's standards and pre-established course equivalencies.

Section 6: Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination

WVU will honor the catalog in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the VCCS college. Students who maintain continuous enrollment at the VCCS college have a

maximum of four years from their first enrollment at the institution for this catalog designation. Students must enroll at WVU within one year of completing their associate degree.

Section 7: Transfer Guide – Student Document

The associated General Transfer Guides including the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science (see Appendix A) represent all requirements for admittance under this GAA and the benefits that result. The Transfer Guides are the student-facing documents for this agreement. Students should check the Transfer Guidance section of those transfer guides to understand whether admission into the university also guarantees admission into their major or program of choice.

Section 8: Administration of Agreement

The West Virginia University official responsible for all WVU aspects of the GAA is the Provost or his/her designee. The VCCS official responsible for all aspects of the GAA is the Senior Vice Chancellor or his/her designee, in consultation with the Guaranteed Admission Review Committee of the VCCS Academic and Student Affairs Council.

This agreement will remain in effect until modified or terminated. This Agreement may be modified only by mutual agreement by the VCCS Chancellor and President of WVU. Termination may be made by either party upon one (1) year prior written notice.

The effective date of this Agreement is the date last signed by the President of WVU and the VCCS Chancellor.

Section 9: Review Clause

WVU and the VCCS will review this agreement every three years to adjust as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and value and for the improvement of the transfer process. Changes will not be applied retroactively to students already enrolled or registered under the provisions of the existing GAA.

If no changes are necessary, the documented review below will extend this agreement for an additional three years.

Signatures



12/3/25

Dr. Michael Benson
President
West Virginia University

Date



12/3/25

Dr. Felicia Ganther
Senior Vice Chancellor
(On Behalf of Chancellor Dr. David Doré)
Virginia Community College System

Date

Review Documentation

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Note: Recorded by the VCCS, shared with senior institution

Appendix A: General Transfer Guides for West Virginia University