

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
between
The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences and
The Virginia Community College System

This Guaranteed Admission Agreement ("Agreement") is effective this January 1, 2020, by and between the George Washington University ("GW") School of Medicine and Health Sciences and Virginia Community College System ("VCCS").

WHEREAS, Virginia's community colleges offer an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Arts & Sciences (AA, AS or AA&S) to students who have successfully completed the required academic requirements; and

WHEREAS, GW, through its School of Medicine and Health Sciences, offers a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences ("BSHS") to students who have successfully completed the required academic requirements; and

WHEREAS, GW and VCCS recognize the need to facilitate the admission of students to GW who have successfully obtained an AA, AS or AA&S degree from a Virginia community college.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

I. Program Overview

This Agreement applies to:

- A. Students who have completed an AA, AS or AA&S degree from a Virginia community college who desire to obtain a BSHS from GW; and
- B. Admissions to clinical based degree program in GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences are competitive and not guaranteed under the terms of this agreement.
- C. Students who desire to pursue a combined BSHS and MSHS through official [combined pathways](#).

II. General Admission Requirements and Eligibility

- A. Students who desire to obtain a BSHS from GW and who have met the following criteria will be guaranteed admission to the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences:
 - 1. Completed an AA, AS or AA&S degree from a Virginia community college;
 - 2. Completed each course with a grade of C or higher (C- grades do not transfer). GW will not recalculate cumulative GPA. GW will use the GPA reflected on transcript. For BHS in MLS those courses are recalculated and repeat grades will be calculated.
 - 3. Graduated with a cumulative GPA in AA, AS or AA&S degree of 2.75; and
 - 4. Completed the GW application process by the deadlines stated on the [SMHS website](#).
- B. Students who desire to obtain a BSHS and MSHS through an established dual degree program in the Health Sciences and who have met the following criteria will be guaranteed

admission to the GW School of Medicine and Health Science:

1. Completed an AA, AS, or AA&S degree from a Virginia community college; and
 2. Have a cumulative GPA in the AA, AS or AA&S degree of 3.3 or greater (as shown on the VCCS transcript);
- C. Admission in some degree programs in the GW School of Medicine and Health Science is competitive; thus guaranteed admission to the GW School of Medicine and Health Science does not imply admission into these competitive programs without further acceptance by the department offering the program.
- D. The GW application fee for all students who apply for guaranteed admission pursuant to this Agreement will be waived.
- E. VCCS students who do not satisfy the admission requirements set forth above for guaranteed admission may be considered for admission by GW, but admission will not be guaranteed.

III. Program Requirements

The BSHS requires successful completion of 120 credit hours as follows:

- Combined of 60 credits from:
 - General Education (*21 credit hours completed at the VCCS college*)
 - Advanced Standing and Electives (*taken as part of a completed AA, AS or AA&S associate degree*)
- Health Sciences (*60 credit hours taken at GW*)

The completion of the AA, AS or AA&S degree may not satisfy all prerequisites required for entry into the Biomedical Informatics and Medical Laboratory Sciences degrees. For a detailed listing of prerequisite requirements, visit the School of Medicine and Health Sciences website, at <http://smhs.gwu.edu/>.

IV. Responsibilities of VCCS

- A. VCCS agrees to disseminate accurate information to VCCS students regarding the conditions for guaranteed admission to GW as set forth in this Agreement by posting the agreement on the VCCS website as well as the Virginia Education Wizard.
- B. VCCS colleges agree to provide academic advising services to assist VCCS students in completing the AA, AS or AA&S degree.

V. Responsibilities of GW

- A. GW agrees to provide academic advising services to VCCS students who plan to apply to GW School of Medicine and Health Science to assist these students in making a smooth transition from the community college to GW.
- B. GW agrees to provide tracking data to VCCS regarding the performance of VCCS students at GW, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, GW courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from GW, and comparisons with non-VCCS students. The specific data elements of the report will be

determined by VCCS and GW and provided by July 1 of each year.

VI. Miscellaneous

A. Term and Termination.

1. The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years and will commence on January 1, 2020, and shall expire on January 1, 2025. This Agreement may be renewed for additional periods if the parties agree in writing.
2. This Agreement may be terminated by mutual consent of the parties in writing.
3. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon one-hundred (180) days' notice in writing. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, VCCS students accepted for admission to GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences at the time any notice of termination is received shall be permitted to complete their program under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. No new VCCS students shall be admitted to GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences under the terms of this Agreement after either party receives notice of termination.

B. Review of Agreement.

1. VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at VCCS. GW will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at GW.
 - a. The GW representatives will be the Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Senior Associate Dean for Health Sciences.
 - b. The VCCS representatives will be the Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic and Workforce Programs and the Director of Educational Programs and Policy, in consultation with the Guaranteed Admissions Review Committee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.
2. Both GW and VCCS agree to review the Agreement a minimum of every three (3) years and to recommend adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation.

- C. Notices. All notices related to this Agreement shall be deemed properly issued if given in writing and hand delivered or sent by e-mail (receipt acknowledged), or mailed (registered or certified mail, return receipt requested), with all postage or other charges prepaid to:

If to GW:

Jeffrey S. Akman, M.D.
Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean,
School of Medicine and Health Sciences
The George Washington University
2300 Eye Street, N.W. Suite 710 Washington, D.C.20037

With a copy to

Mary Lynn Reed Senior Counsel
Office of Senior Vice President and General Counsel
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 250
Washington, D.C. 20037 (202) 994-6503(Telephone)

If to VCCS:


Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic and Workforce Programs
Virginia Community College System
300 Arboretum Place, Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23236

With a copy to

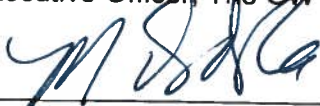
Director of Educational Programs and Policy
Virginia Community College System
300 Arboretum Place, Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23236

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Virginia Community College System and The George Washington University hereto have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first above written.

The George Washington University

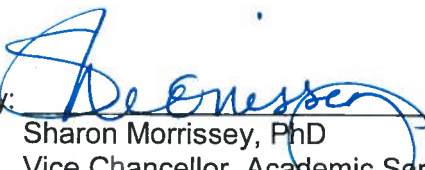
By: 
Barbara L. Bass, MD
Vice President Health Affairs
Dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Chief Executive Officer, The GW Medical Faculty Associates

Date: 1/29/2020

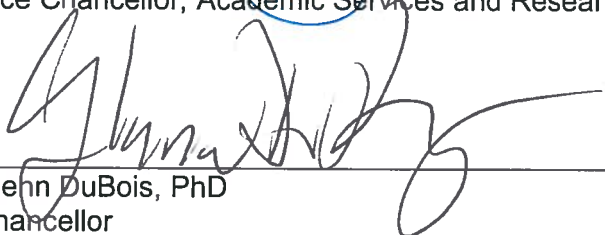
By: 
M. Brian Blake, PhD
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: 1/30/2020

Virginia Community College System

By: 
Sharon Morrissey, PhD
Vice Chancellor, Academic Services and Research

Date: Jan. 7, 2020

By: 
Glenn DuBois, PhD
Chancellor

Date: _____

