

**Guaranteed Admission Agreement Between
Bluefield College
and
The Virginia Community College System
for
RN-BSN Nursing Program**

Parties and Purpose

Bluefield College (BC) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the transfer of nursing students from the VCCS to BC, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA). VCCS students who do not meet the terms herein stated in this GAA may still be considered for admission. BC desires to provide a seamless admission to the VCCS students with a smooth transition.

Definition

“GAA Students” refers to VCCS students who graduate with an Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) and have an unencumbered Registered Nurse (RN) license and a VCCS cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale.

General Admission Requirements

To be guaranteed admission under the GAA the student must:

1. Have earned a VCCS AAS degree in nursing.
2. Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale.
3. Complete the BC online application with fee waived.
4. Submit official transcripts for all academic work completed.
5. Provide evidence of current unencumbered RN license in the U.S.
6. Provide evidence of current employment as a RN.

Benefits to Virginia Community College Nursing Students

1. BC will waive the application fee.
2. GAA students will receive a 20% “VCCS BC RN-BSN Tuition Waiver Discount” off of BC’s published tuition rate.
3. GAA students are eligible to apply for RN-BSN scholarships at BC, if funding is available for such scholarships.

Responsibilities of BC and VCCS

1. BC will provide academic advising services to students intending to transfer into the BC RN-BSN program.

2. BC will publicize the GAA relationship in accepted and standard advertising and promotional channels.
3. VCCS colleges will provide academic advising to nursing students intending to transfer to the BC RN-BSN program to assist in choosing courses that will best prepare them for their nursing major at BC.
4. This GAA will be posted on the BC and VCCS websites, as well as the Virginia Education Wizard, an online college planning site utilized by VCCS students, faculty, and staff.
5. BC and VCCS representatives will communicate changes in the academic programs or administration thereof, which may impact or alter this agreement; these changes will be communicated in writing.
6. BC will provide tracking data on performance of transfer students at BC, including credits presented and accepted at transfer, BC courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from BC, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by Institutional Research staffs from the VCCS and BC and provided by July 1 of each year.
7. BC will work with all VCCS colleges to provide information on transferable courses to assist prospective VCCS students in a seamless transition to BC.

Requirements of Courses that must be completed at BC

1. 37 credit hours of Nursing Core Courses
2. 3 credit hours of Christian Studies in Biblical Perspectives

Elements of Transfer Credits

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 40 credits 2. 8 credits 3. 3 credits | <p>AAS in Nursing and Unencumbered RN license Pre-requisite courses: BIO 141 - Anatomy and Physiology I and BIO 142 – Anatomy and Physiology II 3 hours of Christian Studies The following VCCS courses may be taken to satisfy this requirement: REL 200 – Survey of the Old Testament REL 210 – Survey of the New Testament PHI 101 – Introduction to Philosophy I PHI 102 – Introduction to Philosophy II PHI 200 – The History of Western Philosophy <i>(3 additional hours of Christian Studies in Biblical Perspectives must be taken at BC)</i></p> |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. 35 credits | <p>General Education/Electives (VCCS courses with the following prefixes may be used towards these credits: REL, CST, ENG, ART, MUS, HIS, MTH, PED, BIO, PSY, SOC, GEO, ECO, GOL, and PHY)</p> |

No distinction will be made by BC regarding college courses applicable to the transfer associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. In addition, credit for courses completed through International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Cambridge, CLEP, and Armed Services experience will be accepted according to stated policies for acceptance of credit, which can be found in the BC catalog for the year the GAA student enters BC.

Summary of Coursework for RN-BSN

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| 1. Unencumbered RN license | 40 credit hours |
| 2. Nursing Core Credits at BC | 37 credit hours |
| 3. Christian Studies at VCCS | 3 credit hours |
| 4. Christian Studies in Biblical Perspectives at BC | 3 credit hours |
| 5. Pre-requisite Anatomy and Physiology I & II | 8 credit hours |
| 6. 35 hours of general education as noted above | 35 credit hours |

Total minimum credit hours for RN-BSN **126 credit hours**

Notices

The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA and BC will likewise designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA. Representing BC will be the Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs and the Dean of the School of Nursing. Representing VCCS will be the Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research and the Director of Educational Policy, in consultation with the Transfer Subcommittee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council. All notices required or permitted to be given under this GAA will be addressed to the parties as follows:

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| To BC: | Vice President for Academic Affairs (and) Bluefield College 3000 College Drive Bluefield, VA 24605 | Dean of School of Nursing Bluefield College 3000 College Drive Bluefield, VA 24605 |
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To the VCCS: Vice Chancellor for Academic Services
Virginia Community College System
101 North 14th Street, 15th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219

Term of Agreement

BC and the VCCS will review the GAA every annually to make adjustments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity and improvement of the transfer process. The GAA will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of the intention. Such notice shall be given at least one year in advance of the effective date, so students will not be adversely affected.

FOR: VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

FOR: BLUEFIELD COLLEGE

Glen DuBois, Chancellor
Virginia Community College
October 6, 2008

David W. Olive, President
Bluefield College
October 6, 2008