

# GENERAL ADMISSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM AND STRAYER UNIVERSITY

#### PURPOSE

This admission agreement is designed to coordinate transfer policies, enhance advising, and promote the acceptance of the transfer of associate degrees from the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) to Strayer University (SU).

#### ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

#### A. Admissions & Transfer of Credit

- SU agrees that if a VCCS student satisfactorily completes any <u>related</u> associate degree and presents the appropriate transcript documentation of such to the Registrar of SU, the following general principles apply:
  - a. VCCS students who have a VCCS cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 are guaranteed admission to SU. Students are subject to all policies and procedures, including residency requirements of SU, as outlined in the SU catalog and student handbook.
  - b. SU will determine what degrees qualify as "related" under this agreement, and a listing of "related" degrees to VCCS is provided in Exhibit A. A "related" degree can be defined as a similar degree currently offered at SU. All courses that were required to complete the specific related associate's degree program will be transferred into the bachelor's program in their entirety, including "C" and "D" grades, allowing the student to complete a related degree program at SU after approximately two years of continuous, full-time study. These courses are subject to SU policies, including a ten-year limitation on courses in accounting and computer-related areas.
  - c. Prior Learning Activity and other life experiences credits already evaluated as part of the associate degree program will be brought in with the degree subject to all policies and procedures of SU
- 2. Students completing a transfer associate degree defined as an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or an Associate of Arts and Science at a VCCS college will be considered to have met all lower level division general education requirements at SU. Although students are encouraged to complete an associate degree prior to transfer, SU will accept applications from all VCCS students. Students transferring without an associate degree will have credits evaluated on a course by course basis. Only courses in which a grade of "C" or higher was earned are eligible for transfer in such cases.
- Students can transfer a maximum of 84 semester credit hours. RN to BSN program students and Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC) students may transfer up to 90 semester hours.
- 4. If a student does not have the prerequisite for a 300 or 400 level course at SU, he or she will be required to take the prerequisite course before taking the upper division course.
- 5. SU will evaluate courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or other testing programs, including but not limited to Dantes and Straighterline. SU also will evaluate courses/credits earned at other institutions. Students seeking credit for these courses must provide the university with official transcripts for evaluation.

6. No distinction will be made by SU regarding college courses applicable to the General Education Certificate and/or associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. Completion of the General Education Certificate or associate degree through dual enrollment will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement.

## B. Implementation and Maintenance of the Agreement

- SU and VCCS agree to assist each other in promoting and supporting this agreement. SU will provide
  academic advising services to VCCS students prior to transfer and assist these students in making a
  smooth transition from the community college to SU. VCCS will post the agreement on the VCCS
  website as well as the Virginia Education Wizard.
- SU also offers military scholarships for active duty military personnel. SU will determine eligibility for any scholarship offerings.
- 3. Upon request, SU will provide VCCS by July 1 tracking data on performance of transfer students at SU, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, SU courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduate date from SU, and comparisons with native students to the extent permitted by law. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by Institutional Research staff from VCCS and SU.
- SU and VCCS will review this agreement every three years or more frequently as agreed by the parties.
- 5. This agreement may be amended, as necessary, for specific program articulation without affecting the master agreement. Any amendment or addendum to this agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.
- 6. This agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party on ninety (90) days prior written notice. All notices to be given shall be delivered in writing as follows:

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## C. Additional Benefits Provided By Strayer University

- SU, including the Jack Welch Management Institute, agrees to provide employees and their immediate family members (i.e., spouses, domestic partners, and dependent children) of VCCS a discount of 10% off of SU's standard published tuition rates.
- SU will offer all VCCS employees this discount upon presentation of proof of employment. Such proof may
  be in the form of a letter on college letterhead or a recent paystub. To the extent VCCS publicizes the
  programs of postsecondary educational institutions to its employees, VCCS will include SU in such efforts.

Students are responsible for payment of any and all tuition, books, fees and costs assessed by SU.

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Date	Date

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## **Exhibit A**

Specific programs based on the VCCS webpage (http://courses.vccs.edu/programs)

# Associate of Applied Science

Accounting
Acquisition and Procurement
Management
Marketing
Information System Technology
Administration of Justice
Hospitality Management
Nursing (BASM only)

## Associate of Science

Business Administration Computer Science Information Technology

Note: The Registrar's Office may determine additional matches on a case by case basis.