

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA'S COLLEGE AT WISE

The University of Virginia's College at Wise (UVa-Wise) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the transfer of students from the community college to UVa-Wise, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA). UVa-Wise provides special opportunities to help VCCS students experience a smooth transition to the College.

In an effort to ease the transfer process, VCCS and UVa-Wise provide the following guaranteed admission agreement.

Definitions

"Transfer-oriented associate degrees" refers to VCCS Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Arts and Sciences degrees. This includes VCCS General Studies associate degrees that have been approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as transfer degrees according to the State Committee on Transfer (see website at <http://www.schev.edu/Students/SCHome.asp>).

"GAA student" refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale and who intends to transfer to UVa-Wise.

"GAA Contact" refers to staff members designated by each Virginia community college and by UVa-Wise who work with prospective GAA students.

Academic Admission Agreement

GAA students are guaranteed admission to UVa-Wise and may expect the following:

UVa-Wise will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program, not to exceed 62 credits. No distinction will be made by UVa-Wise regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.

2. Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will guarantee completion of the UVa-Wise general education component of the first two years of the undergraduate curriculum, provided the GAA student completes six semester hours of credit in a single foreign language as part of the transfer-oriented associate degree. If the foreign language requirement was not met in this manner, the GAA student must fulfill the requirement prior to graduation from UVa-Wise; however, the failure to complete the foreign

language requirement as a part of the associate-degree requirement will not preclude the GAA student from entering UVa-Wise under the terms of the Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

3. UVa-Wise cannot guarantee that students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the four-semester minimum typically needed for GAA students to complete requirements for the baccalaureate degree. UVa-Wise will inform the student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.
4. GAA students must earn a minimum of 120 credits, of which at least 58 must be earned at baccalaureate institutions. Forty-five of the latter credits must be earned at UVa-Wise.
5. Acceptance in some degree programs at UVa-Wise is competitive; thus guaranteed admission into UVa-Wise does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program.

Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission to UVa-Wise, students must complete the requirements to become GAA students (graduation from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale with intent to transfer to UVa-Wise) and submission of an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree to the UVa-Wise Admissions Office. In addition, GAA students must have earned a grade of "C" or higher in each community college course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree program.

Students who were previously enrolled at UVa-Wise and transferred back to a VCCS college to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree are not eligible for participation in the GAA. VCCS students who do not meet the GAA eligibility requirements listed above are eligible to apply for admission to UVa-Wise but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement.

Benefits to Virginia Community College Students

UVa-Wise waives its application fee.

2. Through the community college GAA Contact, students can obtain the name and contact information for the UVa-Wise contact, who can direct them to UVa-Wise departmental advisors for advice and information on meeting requirements for various UVa-Wise majors.
3. GAA students enrolling in UVa-Wise are eligible to apply for scholarships designated by UVa-Wise especially for GAA students, or for other scholarship monies for which they are eligible. GAA students should contact the Director of Financial Aid for further information.

Responsibilities

GAA students will:

- 1. Follow all UVa-Wise application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements.**
- 2. Have declared an intent to transfer to UVa-Wise under the GAA to the community college GAA Contact after a minimum of 15 credits towards the transfer-oriented associate degree is completed and before applying for graduation from the community college.**

The community college will:

- 1. Assist prospective GAA students in declaring intent to transfer to UVa-Wise under the GAA.**
- 2. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree.**
- 3. Make available information about UVa-Wise and the GAA contacts to prospective GAA students enrolled in transfer-oriented associate degree programs.**

UVa-Wise will:

- 1. Consider GAA students who enroll at UVa-Wise on the same basis as native students for admission to competitive programs, registration, financial aid, scholarships, student housing, parking, and any other opportunities open to native students with junior standing.**
- 2. Provide tracking data annually on the performance of GAA students at UVa-Wise, to include comparisons with native students. The specific data elements and the timing of the report will be determined by the institutional research staffs at VCCS and UVa-Wise.**

Review of the Agreement

The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. UVa-Wise will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at UVa-Wise. Representing UVa-Wise will be the Academic Dean and the Associate Director of Admissions. Representing the VCCS will be the VCCS Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research and the VCCS Assistant Vice Chancellor for Educational Programs and Instructional Technology, in consultation with the Articulation Subcommittee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.

UVa-Wise and the VCCS will review the GAA every three years to make adjustments as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the transfer process. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing GAA. UVa-Wise reserves the right to deny admission to any student who has been convicted of a felony, or any student who is on academic or social probation, or who has been suspended or expelled from his or her previous institution.

The GAA will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice. Such notice should be given one year in advance of the date of termination; students who entered under the GAA may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.

Glen DuBois, Chancellor

Virginia Community College System

December 20, 2006

David J. Prior, Chancellor

The University of Virginia's College at Wise

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