

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**  
**VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**AND**  
**HOLLINS UNIVERSITY**

Hollins University (HU) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the transfer of students from the community college to HU, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA).

**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/GeneralStudiesWebtext.pdf>).

“Accredited institutions” are non-profit institutions accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) or similar regional accrediting bodies.

“GAA student” refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale (as shown on the VCCS transcript) and who intends to transfer to HU.

**Guaranteed Admission**

GAA students are guaranteed admission to HU and may expect the following:

1. Upon receipt of a completed application, including the College Official’s Report and official transcript, HU will guarantee automatic acceptance to students graduating from a Virginia community college with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher (as shown on the VCCS transcript) in a transfer-oriented associate degree.
2. Virginia community college students admitted to HU will have all transferable academic credits accepted. Credits earned at accredited institutions other than Virginia community colleges to satisfy the transfer-oriented associate degrees will be treated on an equal basis with those earned from Virginia community colleges.
  - a. In order to be admissible under the terms of this agreement, a student must complete at least one transferable college course after high school graduation. No distinction will be made by HU regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.

- i. Students graduating with an associate's degree concurrent with high school graduation are not eligible for admission under the terms of this agreement. Such students may apply for admission to HU and will be considered for admission as a first-time, first-year student. First-time, first-year students may not receive credit for more than a total of 32 credits combined from dual enrollment, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate.
  - b. Credit for courses completed through International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, or other advanced standing programs will be accepted according to stated policies of acceptance for credit which can be found in the HU college catalog.
3. GAA students can expect to graduate with a baccalaureate degree after the successful completion of a minimum of 64 credits, two four-credit Short Term activities, and two physical education courses at HU. The January short term requirement at HU may be satisfied through classes, trips, independent study, and internships. Physical education courses taken at a Virginia community college may fulfill HU's physical education requirement; please refer to the HU transfer guide for more information.

### **Benefits to Virginia Community College Students**

1. The application fee charged by HU will be waived, provided all application materials are submitted by July 1 for fall term enrollment and November 15 for spring term enrollment.
2. GAA students who enroll at HU are eligible for admission to competitive programs, financial aid, scholarships, parking, housing, and all student services on the same basis as any other HU student.
3. A transfer guide for the Virginia Community College System can be found on the HU registrar's web page at <http://www.hollins.edu/registrar>. HU will provide evaluations of academic records for all students applying to transfer to HU.

### **Responsibilities**

1. GAA students will follow all HU application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements.
2. VCCS colleges will assist prospective GAA students by advising students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree. The VCCS will notify students of transfer opportunities to HU under this GAA by posting links to the agreement on the VCCS Transfer Website (<http://www.vccs.edu/Students/Transfers.edu>) and the Virginia Education Wizard ([www.vawizard.org](http://www.vawizard.org)).
3. HU will provide tracking data on performance of GAA students at HU, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, HU courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from HU, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements and

the timing of the report will be determined by Institutional Research staffs from the VCCS and HU and provided by July 1 of each year.

**Review of the Agreement**

1. Any changes, additions, or deletions to this agreement shall be made only after consultation with and agreement among officials at both institutions.
2. This Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice shall be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination.
3. The above provisions are mutually agreed to and shall go into effect when signed by the appropriate institutional representatives.