

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE AND VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Randolph-Macon College (R-MC) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) provide the following Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA) to facilitate the transfer of VCCS students to R-MC. R-MC provides special opportunities to help VCCS students experience a smooth transition to R-MC.

VCCS students who do not meet the terms described herein may still apply and be considered for admission to R-MC, although admission is not guaranteed.

Definitions

"Transfer-oriented associate degrees" refers to those VCCS Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Arts & Sciences (AA&S) degrees identified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as transfer degrees.

"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 3.0 or higher on a four-point scale and who intends to transfer to R-MC.

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

Admission and Transfer of Credit

GAA students are guaranteed admission to R-MC and may expect the following:

1. R-MC will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned, with a grade of "C" or higher, from the transfer-oriented associate degree program, not to exceed 75 credits.
2. No distinction will be made by R-MC regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.
3. Credit for courses completed through Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Armed Services experiences will be accepted according to R-MC's policy on advanced standing.
4. Randolph-Macon College divides its general education requirements into Areas of Knowledge (AOKs) and Cross-Area Requirements (CARs). Students admitted to Randolph-Macon College who meet the terms of this articulation agreement will be granted junior status. Students will be considered as having fulfilled R-MC's general education requirements, with the following exclusions and exceptions:
 - a. Students must complete one course in philosophy or religious studies.
 - b. Students must complete one course in arts or literature.
 - c. Students must complete any additional foreign language coursework necessary to satisfy the requirement of intermediate language proficiency.
 - d. Students must complete the college's Cross-Area Requirements, most of which can be fulfilled through major programs and should not significantly increase the time to completion of degree. These requirements include one course that is designated as non-western, one course that is attentive to computing, one course that is experiential in its delivery, and one course that fulfills the collegiate capstone requirement.

When applicable, GAA students may apply courses taken for the VCCS transfer-oriented associate degree program to these requirements. Please refer to the R-MC/VCCS Transfer Guide (<https://www.rmc.edu/prospective-students/for-transfer-students>) for assistance.

5. Though GAA students are guaranteed junior status, R-MC cannot guarantee that students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within two years.
 - a. Prior to degree conferral, all remaining general education requirements and all requirements for major(s) and/or minor(s) must be completed, including any lower-level pre-requisites for upper-level courses within a major or minor program.
 - b. All students graduating from Randolph-Macon College must complete a minimum total of 110 semester hours (to include a maximum of 75 hours in transfer credit from VCCS colleges and elsewhere) and 34 courses of three or more hours.
 - c. Students must earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 and a minimum GPA of 2.0 in each major or minor.
 - d. No requirements will be waived.

Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission to R-MC, students must complete the requirements to become GAA students (graduation from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a four-point scale with intent to transfer to R-MC) and submit an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree to the R-MC Admissions Office.

Students who were previously enrolled at R-MC 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 R-MC but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement.

This GAA assumes that there are no other factors in a student's academic or personal record that might prevent acceptance (e.g., academic suspension or dismissal, felony conviction).

Benefits to Virginia Community College Students

1. R-MC waives its application fee.
2. Through the community college GAA Contact students can obtain the name and contact information for the R-MC GAA Contact who can direct them to R-MC departmental advisors for advice and information on meeting requirements for various R-MC majors.
3. GAA students enrolling in R-MC are eligible to apply for scholarships designated by R-MC especially for GAA students. Academic scholarships for transfer students ranged from \$14,000 to \$21,000 for Fall 2018, based on the cumulative grade point average for all course work. All students are automatically considered for academic scholarships once they are granted admission to the College. No separate scholarship application is required.

Responsibilities of Students

1. GAA students will follow all R-MC application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements.
2. GAA students have declared an intent to transfer to R-MC 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.

Responsibilities of the VCCS

1. Notify students of transfer opportunities to R-MC under this GAA by posting links to the agreement on the VCCS Transfer Website (<http://www.vccs.edu/students/transfers/>) and the Virginia Education Wizard (<https://www.vawizard.org/wizard/home>)
2. VCCS colleges will provide academic advising services to assist VCCS students in choosing courses that will best prepare them for their intended major at R-MC. VCCS colleges will prepare faculty advisors and counselors to provide appropriate and accurate advising services related to students' plans to apply to R-MC.

Responsibilities of R-MC


1. Consider GAA students who enroll at R-MC 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 R-MC, 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 R-MC.

Review of the Agreement

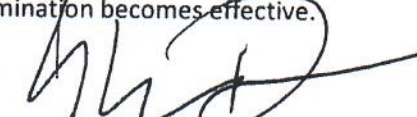
The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. R-MC will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at R-MC. Representing R-MC will be the Registrar. Representing the VCCS will be the VCCS Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research and the Director of Educational Programs and Policy, in consultation with the Articulation Subcommittee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.

R-MC 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.

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.


Robert Lindgren, President
Randolph-Macon College

8/14/18
Date


Glenn DuBois, Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

7/23/18
Date