

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
and
RADFORD UNIVERSITY

Radford University (RU) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of students from Virginia’s community colleges to RU as they pursue their educational goals.

In an effort to ease the transfer process and to promote the closer coordination of academic courses, programs and degrees offered by our institutions, the VCCS and RU do hereby enter into the following 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>).

“GAA student” refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented associate degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.800 or higher on a four-point scale, who has earned a grade of “C” or higher in each course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree, and who intends to transfer to RU.

ACADEMIC ADMISSION AGREEMENT

GAA students will be guaranteed admission to RU and may expect the following:

1. All of the courses that are accepted by RU will be applied to the attainment of the baccalaureate degree.
2. No distinction will be made by RU regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degrees that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. Completion of the associate degree through dual enrollment will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement. Students entering under the terms of the GAA are transfer students and are not eligible for freshman scholarships, but may seek transfer scholarships.
 - a. If a student who completes the transfer-oriented associate degree concurrent with high school graduation chooses to enter as a freshman, they will undergo a credit evaluation that will determine what courses will be accepted by Radford University. Students entering as freshman are eligible for freshman scholarships, but may not seek transfer scholarships. Students must indicate on their application if they intend to apply as a transfer student or freshman.
3. RU guarantees the acceptance of all transferable credits earned in the associate degree program and will accept the student with junior standing. However, RU cannot guarantee that the student will be able to complete all requirements for graduation with the 120-

credit minimum required for graduation at RU. Upon request, an Academic Advisor will inform him/her if there are any course requirements that would require credit hours beyond the 120 minimum needed for graduation.

4. Acceptance in some colleges and departments at RU is competitive; acceptance into RU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the college or department offering the program. Students participating in this guaranteed admission agreement should follow all special college and/or departmental application procedures and deadlines, as well as grade point requirements listed in the RU catalog for native RU students. GAA students and native RU students will be treated identically with regard to admission to competitive programs.
5. Completion of the transfer-oriented associate degree program will satisfy all general education requirements at RU. GAA students will also need to complete upper-level and all other University, college, and departmental requirements in order to obtain the baccalaureate degree from RU.
6. Advanced standing is determined by total credit hours earned. RU examines scores for the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) subject exams and College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Tests to award credits. Radford University will allow credit for scores on the CLEP subject examinations and AP Tests as outlined in the current academic catalog. AP and CLEP scores are evaluated for transfer credits in the same manner as for college transfer credits. RU will evaluate credit for International Baccalaureate, Cambridge, military service/experience and other forms of advanced standing as noted in the RU catalog. See the catalog section for Transfer Students for additional information regarding transfer credits.

STUDENT SERVICES:

GAA students will be treated on an equal basis with native students with regard to award and distribution of financial aid and other scholarships, campus housing, parking, selection of courses and other student services. Continuing transfer students will also be treated identically to continuing native RU students in the competition for merit scholarships funded through the Radford University Foundation, Inc.

In addition, RU will permit GAA applicants to be admitted to RU's cultural, athletic, and entertainment activities at a cost equal to native RU students. (Students must contact the Admissions Office in advance of the events to make arrangements.)

ELIGIBILITY:

To be guaranteed admission to RU, student must complete the following requirements to become GAA students:

- Graduate from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with at least a 2.800 cumulative grade point average on a four-point scale
- Earn a grade of "C" or higher in each course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree
- If a course is repeated, the higher grade will be counted. This practice may be used for up to three courses

GAA students must submit an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree to the RU Admissions Office prior to official enrollment.

NOTE: VCCS graduates who do not meet the eligibility requirements described herein are encouraged to apply and may be considered for admission under the regular admission procedures of RU, but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement.

Students who were previously enrolled at RU, were academically suspended, and transferred to a VCCS college to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree must receive approval from RU Registrar's Office to participate in the GAA.

BENEFITS OF THE GAA FOR VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS:

GAA students enrolled full-time at RU may meet the graduation requirements listed in the *Radford University Undergraduate Catalog* in effect at the time of the student's initial enrollment at Radford, or the individual may select to meet the requirements in any subsequent catalog published between enrollment and graduation, as long as the catalog is no more than five years old.

GAA students may contact the appropriate RU departmental or college advising center for information on meeting requirements for various RU majors.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

GAA students will:

1. Assume primary responsibility for understanding and following the requirements for the VCCS transfer-oriented associate degree, as well as degree requirements and the specific requirements for their intended major at RU, as stated in the RU *Undergraduate Catalog*.
2. Follow all RU application for admission processes and timelines. (If a student is required to live on-campus as noted RU policy, the ability to start at RU in the Spring Term is subject to housing space availability.)
3. Meet minimum grade criteria and prerequisites for courses in specific programs at RU.

VCCS colleges will:

1. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree.
2. Notify students of transfer opportunities to RU under this GAA by posting links to the agreement on the VCCS Transfer Website (<http://www.vccs.edu/Students/TransferList.aspx>) and the Virginia Education Wizard (www.vawizard.org).

RU will:

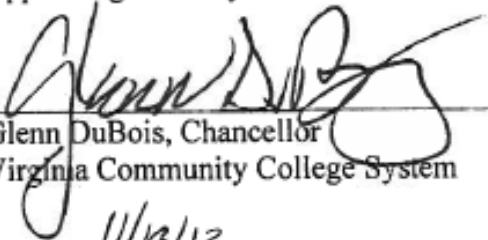
1. Treat GAA students on an equal basis with native students with regard to award and distribution of financial aid and other scholarships, campus housing, parking, selection of courses and other student services.
2. Provide tracking data on performance of GAA students at RU, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, RU courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation


date from RU, 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 RU and provided by July 1 of each year.

REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT:

1. The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. RU will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at RU. Representing RU will be the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. Representing the VCCS will be the VCCS Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research and the VCCS Director of Educational Policy, in consultation with the Articulation Subcommittee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.
2. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of this agreement to their respective clientele (external and internal constituents). RU and the VCCS will review this agreement every three years and make adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of all institutions as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation. Such changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provision of the existing GAA.
3. The agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice. Such notice should be given at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination, and students who entered under the agreement may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.

Approval granted by:


Glenn DuBois, Chancellor
Virginia Community College System
Date 11/19/13


Penelope W. Kyle, President
Radford University
Date 12/17/2013