

STATE POLICY ON TRANSFER

In 1991, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) adopted the State Policy on Transfer to ensure transferability of the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees from community colleges. Graduates of TCC's university-parallel degree programs who are accepted into a baccalaureate degree program can expect to be classified as juniors and to have met lower-level general education requirements at public four-year colleges and universities in Virginia. Details on the state transfer policy are available at www.schev.edu.

Note: While TCC's Associate of Science degree in General Studies may be transferable to many four-year institutions, the flexible design of the program is not intended to ensure the same ease of transferability as the other transfer degrees.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Tidewater Community College works with baccalaureate degree-granting institutions to develop articulation agreements to guarantee that transfer students are treated on an equal basis with the receiving institution's native students. TCC currently has guaranteed admissions agreements with Old Dominion University, Norfolk State University, and Longwood University for students who meet the conditions outlined in the agreements. These general agreements guarantee admission to the university, but not necessarily to the student's major of choice. Many programs have competitive admissions that require students to meet additional grade point average and course requirements for admission to the program.

Institution-to-institution and program-to-program articulation agreements provide benefits for students that go beyond the guarantees outlined in the State Policy on Transfer. Details on the transfer agreements are available from a campus transfer counselor or academic advisor. Students are advised to consult frequently with an advisor or counselor to get the most accurate information on transfer and articulation.

VCCS MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES

- Associate of Arts (AA)
- Associate of Science (AS)
- Associate of Applied Arts (AAA)
- Associate of Applied Science (AAS)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES:

<i>General Education Minimum Number Of Semester Credit Hour</i>				
		AA	AS	AAA/AAS
I.	College Composition	6	6	3
II.	Humanities/Fine Arts/ Foreign Language (Intermediate Level)	6	6	3
		6 (a)	0	0
III.	Social/Behavioral Sciences	12	9 (b)	6
IV.	Natural Sciences/ Mathematics	8	8	0
		6	6(c)	3(c)
V.	Wellness	2 (d)	2 (d)	2 (d)
Minimum General Education Total		46	37	17

OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREES:

VI.	Student Development (SDV)	1	1	1
VII.	Major field courses and electives	13	22	47
Minimum Total for Degree		60-63	60-63	65-69(e)

NOTE: Students who plan to transfer to a four year college or university are urged to acquaint themselves with the requirements of the major department(s) in the college or university to which transfer is contemplated and to consult with faculty advisors or a counselor in planning their program.

- (a) Students who have successfully completed two years of foreign language in high school may petition for advanced placement in that foreign language.
- (b) Only 6 semester hours of social/behavioral sciences are required for engineering majors who plan to transfer to a baccalaureate degree engineering program that requires 6 or fewer hours, provided that requirement is published in its transfer guide.
- (c) Only 3 semester hours of mathematics are required of the General Studies major.
- (d) Health or Physical Education courses that promote physical and emotional well being.
- (e) Credit range for programs in Health Professions is 65-72 semester credit hours; for Nursing, the credit range is 65-69 semester credit hours.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

In selecting courses, students are expected to follow the curriculum outline for their intended major. *The following list is provided as a guide to planning and is not intended to be a comprehensive summary of TCC courses that may be used to meet general education requirements in associate degree programs. For the purposes of transfer, the list includes courses most commonly accepted to meet core requirements at public four-year institutions.* While transfer students who complete the associate's degree can expect to have met the lower-level general education requirements, transcripts for transfer students who do not complete the associate's degree will be reviewed by the receiving institution on a course-by-course basis. Not all courses listed below will meet core requirements at all four-year institutions, but students may receive elective credit.

While general education courses other than those designed specifically for transfer may be used to meet portions of the general education requirements, principles published by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools require that general education courses be general in nature and not "...narrowly focused on those skills, techniques, and procedures peculiar to a particular occupation or profession."

Credits transferred into TCC from an accredited institution may be used to satisfy these requirements, but students should request a transcript evaluation to determine which courses may be applied. With careful planning, some general education courses may also meet prerequisites for courses in the major. Students are advised to consult a TCC advisor or counselor and appropriate transfer guides to ensure that selected courses will meet TCC's and the intended transfer institution's requirements.

College Composition: ENG 111, ENG 112

Speech/Communications: SPD 100, SPD 105

Humanities, Fine Arts, and Foreign Languages: ART 201, ART 202, ENG 241, ENG 242, ENG 243, ENG 244, FRE 203, FRE 204, GER 201, GER 202, HUM 201, HUM 202, HUM 260, MUS 121, MUS 122, PHI 101, PHI 102, PHI 111, PHI 220, REL 230, SPA 203, SPA 204

Social and Behavioral Sciences: ECO 201, ECO 202, GEO 200, GEO 210, GEO 220, HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 111, HIS 112, HIS 121, HIS 122, HIS 221, HIS 222, PLS 211, PLS 212, PLS 241, PSY 200, PSY 201, PSY 202, SOC 200, SOC 201, SOC 202, SOC 211, SOC 212

Natural Sciences: BIO 101, BIO 102, BIO 141, BIO 142, CHM 111, CHM 112, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 111, GOL 112, NAS 125, NAS 131, NAS 132, PHY 201, PHY 202, PHY 241, PHY 242

Mathematics: MTH 115¹, MTH 116¹, MTH 152, MTH 163, MTH 166, MTH 173, MTH 270

Health and Physical Education²: HLT 100, HLT 106, HLT 110, HLT 116, HLT 121, HLT 122, HLT 130, HLT 138, HLT 200, HLT 204, HLT 215, HLT 226, PED (any activity course)

Student Development²: SDV 100 or other appropriate SDV course

¹ May be used in applied programs only

² VCCS/TCC requirements; generally not transferable or transferable as elective credit

MAJOR FIELD COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND PREREQUISITES

AA/AS Degrees: In selecting courses, students are expected to follow the curriculum outline for their intended major and specialization. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university are urged to acquaint themselves with the requirements of the institution and major department to which they intend to transfer. With careful planning, students may be able to meet both general education requirements and prerequisites for the major with the same course(s), allowing greater flexibility in selecting electives. Students should consult their advisor or counselor to select courses most appropriate for their curriculum. Many TCC courses are transferable as general electives even if they do not fulfill core requirements.

AAA/AAS Degrees and Certificates: In selecting courses, students are expected to follow the curriculum outline for their intended major and specialization. Where appropriate, students may select courses from lists of approved courses provided by their division office to meet requirements in the major. While general education courses other than those designed specifically for transfer may be used to meet portions of the general education requirements, principles published by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools require that general education courses be general in nature and not "...narrowly focused on those skills, techniques, and procedures peculiar to a particular occupation or profession." AAS/AAA degrees generally are not designed for transfer, but students can increase the transferability of selected applied degree programs by substituting transfer courses where appropriate to meet program requirements.

GENERAL ELECTIVES

In addition to general education and courses required for their major, students may also have the opportunity to enroll in a credit course as a *general elective*. The curriculum outline for each program lists specific courses students must take to complete the degree or certificate, and most programs limit student choice to lists of approved courses. Some programs, however, may provide flexibility for students to select any credit course at the 100- or 200-level in which they have an interest. Transfer students are advised to consult a TCC advisor or counselor and the transfer institution's transfer guide to determine transferability of elective courses.

