

TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH GUARANTEED ADMISSION BETWEEN REGENT UNIVERSITY AND THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

In accordance with Virginia's *State Policy on College Transfer*, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and Regent University (RU) recognize the need for and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. The VCCS and RU enter into this agreement to provide all students an opportunity for guaranteed admission to the university. VCCS students who do not meet the requirements described herein are encouraged to apply and may be considered for admission under the regular admission procedures of the University.

This agreement supersedes the agreement between RU and the VCCS signed February 15, 2014. It does not nullify individual program-to-program agreements articulated since February 15, 2014.

Section 1: Definition of Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA)

An agreement between a two-year institution or the VCCS (system office) on behalf of community colleges and a four-year institution according to which a student is guaranteed admission to the four-year institution by earning a transfer degree or a specified applied degree and satisfying specified academic benchmarks and criteria. Students transferring under a general admission GAA are not necessarily entitled to be admitted to a specific program. GAAs should be state-level agreements.

Section 2: Requirements for Admission

A. Applicable Associate Degrees:

Transfer-oriented associate degrees include the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Arts and Sciences (AA&S) degrees identified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as university-parallel transfer degrees. Only those with an AS or AA&S in General Studies degrees identified by SCHEV as transfer degrees qualify for this RU GAA (see a list of approved General Studies degrees at <https://www.schev.edu/home/showpublisheddocument/298/637807416962200000>).

B. Minimum GPA requirement:

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a four-point scale for credits earned at the degree-granting institution is required. RU will recognize the cumulative GPA as recorded on the VCCS transcript and not recalculate based on multiple course attempts. Courses transferred into the two-year college are not included in the GPA computation at RU. Credit transferred from the community college to Regent University does not factor into GPA at RU.

C. Limitations due to academic and conduct-related matters:

Academic and conduct-related disciplinary records are considered in determining eligibility for admission and enrollment. RU reserves the right to deny or rescind admission decisions to students who have had academic or conduct-related violations, including suspensions and dismissals, those who have been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic or juvenile offense, and those who have criminal charges pending or expected to be brought up against them. Students are expected to adhere to RU's standards of personal conduct and comply with community policies. In addition, students are required to acknowledge that RU operates according to its Statement of Christian Community and Mission and that students in the School of Divinity are required to sign RU's Statement of Faith. Not doing so could result in being denied or rescinded admission or other disciplinary action as outlined in the student handbook.

D. Course requirements:

A grade of “C” or higher is required for the community college course to transfer.

E. Minimum credits to be completed at an associate degree institution:

Students must meet all requirements to earn a transfer associate degree as determined by their VCCS institution, including a minimum of 60 credits. Students previously enrolled at RU and transferred to a VCCS institution are not eligible for participation in the GAA.

F. Maximum credits applicable for transfer:

RU accepts up to a maximum of 90 transfer credits.

G. Testing requirements:

No test scores are required.

H. Admission application and enrollment:

RU requires the student to complete an application accessible at the college’s website. Students may begin in the fall, spring, and/or summer semesters. Applications should be submitted on or before the posted deadline for each start date. Online programs have eight start dates per year, while traditional on-campus students can begin in either the fall or spring semesters. Students who enroll in any other post-secondary institutions after attending RU will not be eligible for this agreement. Those students may apply and receive an admission decision apart from this agreement. Students must enroll at RU within one year of completing their associate degree.

School Exclusions: Admission to the Honors College at Regent University is not guaranteed. Students must apply directly to the Honors College to have their application considered. If admitted into the Honors College, students will still be required to complete the minor required for the Honors College on-campus students.

Program Exclusions:

Programs excluded from this agreement include the Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Music, RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Education, and Bachelor of Fine Arts. Students may still be eligible to transfer courses into these programs under the standard transfer guidelines or additional program-specific guaranteed admission agreements.

I. Transcript submission:

Official transcripts are needed to award transfer credit. Students must provide an official transcript within three semesters of enrollment at Regent University.

J. Registration of Intent to use the agreement:

RU recommends but does not require students to contact the Office of Admissions at RU within one year prior to their intended start date at Regent University to receive admission information.

Section 3: Application of Associate Degree to General Education Requirement

Completion of an approved transfer associate degree satisfies all General Education requirements at RU except general education courses specified by the major, required as prerequisites for courses in the major, or credit earned through Prior Learning which requires additional review (see section 5). Students enrolling on-campus will have their required minor waived under this agreement. The minor is not a requirement for online students.

Section 4: Application of this Agreement to Students Earning Associate Degree Concurrent with High School

No distinction will be made by RU regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.

Completion of the transfer-oriented associate degree while enrolled in high school will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement.

Section 5: Applications of this Agreement to Students Earning Credit for Prior Learning

Credit awarded at a previous institution for AP, CLEP, IB, and Cambridge International examination scores will be reevaluated by RU on a case-by-case basis. Credit is not guaranteed for these courses; credit will be granted only if AP, CLEP, IB, and Cambridge International examination scores meet established RU criteria. Additionally, credits awarded for non-credit activities, such as military service, training programs, and workshops, will not be automatically awarded credit at RU. Students may submit a portfolio to earn RU credit for prior learning work and pay the applicable portfolio fees. Detailed instructions on this process can be found at <https://www.regent.edu/resources/academic-resources/prior-learning-assessment-pla-program/>. Students possessing community college credit awarded through Prior Learning methods are still eligible for the benefits of this Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

Section 6: Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination

The RU catalog and degree requirements for students participating in this program will be the catalog effective at the time of their first courses with Regent. Catalogs are posted in advance and can be found at <https://www.regent.edu/resources/course-catalogs/>. Regent will accept as many transfer courses as applicable toward a degree program up to a maximum of 90 credits to assist students in completing their degree requirements in the most expeditious route. The transfer nature of this agreement shall not increase the total number of credit hours required for the student's degree program as posted in the catalog.

Section 7: Transfer Guide – Student Document

The associated Transfer Guide represents all requirements for admittance under this GAA and the benefits that result. The Transfer Guide will be applied, once development is complete, as the student-facing document for this agreement. Major-specific transfer guides will be developed and featured at the Transfer Virginia portal (<https://www.transfervirginia.org/>). Students should check the Transfer Guidance section of those transfer guides to understand whether admission into the university also guarantees admission into their major or program of choice.

Section 8: Administration of Agreement

The RU official responsible for all RU aspects of the GAA and Register of Intent to Transfer is the Executive Vice President of Advancement and Enrollment or his/her designee, in consultation with Academic Affairs and applicable deans. The VCCS official responsible for all VCCS aspects of the GAA is the VCCS Senior Vice Chancellor or his/her/their designee, in consultation with the Guaranteed Admission Review Committee of the VCCS Academic and Student Affairs Council.

This agreement will remain in effect until modified or terminated. This Agreement may be modified only by mutual agreement by the VCCS Chancellor and Chancellor of RU. Termination may be made by either party upon one (1) year prior written notice. Students who register their intent to use this agreement through the Transfer Virginia portal under the GAA prior to the date of termination are eligible for admission for two years after termination becomes effective.

The effective date of this Agreement is the date last signed by the Chancellor of RU and the VCCS Chancellor. The signed Agreement will be maintained in the Transfer Virginia Portal.

VCCS Responsibilities

- Submit a PDF of the official signed Agreement to the Portal Coordinator.
- Use portal data to track which four-year institutions students are targeting for the GAA and provide support to students.

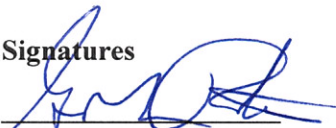
University Responsibilities

- Use portal and internal data to track students who register their intent to use the GAA. Use this data to maintain the ability to honor agreement in respect to enrollment capacities.
- 4-year institutions use portal data to track students who register their intent to use this agreement and engage with students to best prepare students for transfer.

Section 12: Review Clause

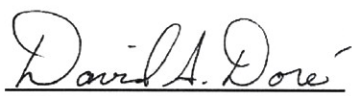
RU and the VCCS will review this agreement and the student tracking data every three years to adjust as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and value and for the improvement of the transfer process. Changes will not be applied retroactively to students already enrolled or registered under the provisions of the existing GAA.

If no changes are necessary, the documented review below will extend this agreement for an additional three years.

Signatures


Gordon Robertson
Chancellor
Regent University

10/3/24
Date



David Doré
Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

9/24/2024
Date

Review Documentation

Review Date	Completed By	Agreement Extension

Note: Recorded by the VCCS, shared with senior institution, and updated in the Transfer Virginia Portal

Appendix A: Transfer Guide Mapped to Undeclared Major for Senior Institution