

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
AND
REGENT UNIVERSITY

Regent University (RU) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the transfer of students from the community college to RU, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA). RU provides special opportunities to help VCCS students experience a smooth transition to RU.

In an effort to ease the transfer process, VCCS and RU provide the following guaranteed admission agreement.

Definitions

“Transfer-oriented associate degrees” refers to VCCS Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Arts and Sciences degrees and 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/SCThome.asp>). RU does not recognize the Associate of Applied Science degree as an approved transfer-oriented associated degree.

“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 and who intends to transfer to RU.

“GAA Contact” refers to staff members designated by each Virginia community college and by RU who work with prospective GAA students.

Academic Admission Agreement

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

1. RU will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program, not to exceed 63 credits. 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. Credits earned at accredited institutions other than Virginia’s Community Colleges to satisfy the transfer-oriented associate degree will be treated on an equal basis as credits earned from Virginia’s Community Colleges. Advanced standing for courses completed through International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, CLEP, and Armed Services experience is an institutional decision and will be evaluated by RU on a case-by-case basis.
2. Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will guarantee completion of the RU general education component of the undergraduate curriculum.

3. RU cannot guarantee that students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120 credit minimum required for graduation. RU will inform the student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.
4. Acceptance in some degree programs at RU is competitive; thus guaranteed admission into RU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program.

Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission to RU, students must complete the requirements to become GAA students (graduation 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) with intent to transfer to RU and submit an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree to the RU Central Enrollment Management Office. In addition, GAA students must have earned a grade of "C" or higher in each community college course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree program.

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

Benefits to Virginia Community College Students

1. RU waives its application fee.
2. Through the community college GAA Contact, students can obtain the name and contact information for the RU GAA Contact, who can direct them to RU departmental advisors for advice and information on meeting requirements for various RU majors.
3. GAA students enrolling in RU are eligible to apply for scholarships designated by RU especially for GAA students. GAA students are eligible to receive \$75 off tuition per credit hour. To be considered for this award, students must have all supporting academic credentials submitted to Regent and maintain a 2.5 GPA once enrolled. This award cannot be combined with other internal scholarship or discounting offers at RU.

Responsibilities

GAA students will:

1. Follow all RU application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, application and enrollment fees, and grade point average requirements.
2. Have declared an intent to transfer to RU under the GAA to the community college GAA Contact before applying for graduation from the community college.

The community college will:

1. Assist prospective GAA students in declaring intent to transfer to RU under the GAA.
2. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree.
3. Make available information about RU and the GAA to prospective GAA students enrolled in transfer-oriented associate degree programs.


RU will:

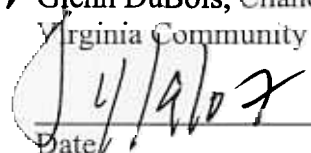
1. Consider GAA students who enroll at RU on the same basis as native students for admission to competitive programs, registration, financial aid, scholarships, student housing, parking, and any other opportunities open to native students with junior standing.
2. Provide tracking data annually on the performance of GAA students at RU, 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 RU.

Review of the Agreement

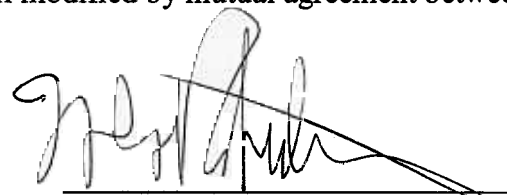
The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. RU will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at RU. Representing RU will be Dean or the Associate Dean of Administration and Enrollment of the School of Undergraduate Studies. Representing the VCCS will be the VCCS Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research and the VCCS Assistant Vice Chancellor for Educational Programs and Instructional Technology, in consultation with the Articulation Subcommittee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.

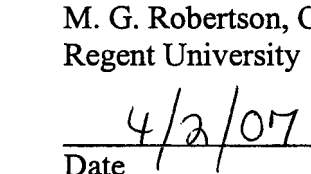
Both organizations will be responsible for ensuring that any significant changes in academic and/or admissions procedures affecting this agreement are submitted in writing to the partnering organization within thirty days of the change. This guaranteed admission agreement will be reviewed every two years and will remain in effect until modified by mutual agreement between the appointed designees of both organizations.



Glenn DuBois, Chancellor
Virginia Community College System


Date



M. G. Robertson, Chancellor
Regent University


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