

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AND TRANSFER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
AND
THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

In accordance with the *Virginia State Policy on Transfer*, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and Old Dominion University (ODU) recognize the need and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. This is true whether students begin their pursuit of the baccalaureate degree through a college transfer associate degree program or a corresponding applied associate degree program in a technical or professional field.

Recognizing that many students engage in education as a life-long learning process, the VCCS and ODU enter into this agreement to provide a transfer track to a baccalaureate degree for all community college students, regardless of their initial curriculum choice. VCCS students who do not meet the terms described herein are encouraged to apply and may be considered for admission under the regular admission procedures of the University.

This agreement supersedes all agreements between Old Dominion University and the Virginia Community College System or its individual institutions signed before this date.

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 guidelines (see website at <http://www.schev.edu/Students/GeneralStudiesWebText.pdf>).

“Articulated applied associate degrees” refers to VCCS Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Applied Arts degrees that have been specifically articulated with corresponding baccalaureate technical and professional degrees offered by Old Dominion University. A list of eligible programs can be found at the following link: <http://uc.odu.edu/advising/transfer/vccsprogramarticulations.shtml>

“**Certificate of General Education**” refers to a 38-39 credit hour package of coursework to include 9 hours of communication (6 English, 3 Public Speaking), 3 hours of math, 8 hours of lab science, 9 hours of social/behavioral science (3 of which must be in history), 3 hours of humanities, 3 hours of fine and performing arts, 3-4 hours of computer technology. Completion of the certificate courses is a requirement for articulated applied associate degrees.

“GAA student” refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented degree program or an articulated applied associate degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale. Graduates of an articulated applied associate degree program must have met all degree/course requirements outlined in the specific curriculum articulation agreement.

“University Scholars” refers to students who complete the transfer-oriented associate degree or articulated applied associate degree with a minimum 3.8 cumulative grade point average at the VCCS institution. Such students will be invited to apply to the University Honors College.

“Transferable credits” refers to courses taken at a VCCS institution that are applicable to a baccalaureate degree program and includes courses in the liberal arts and core courses applicable to the student’s intended baccalaureate degree major.

Academic Admission Agreement

Upon receipt by ODU of completed application materials, GAA students are guaranteed admission to ODU and may expect the following:

1. ODU guarantees admission only to those GAA students who complete a transfer-oriented or articulated applied associate degree and meet all eligibility requirements of the articulation agreement for admission into the corresponding baccalaureate degree program. Acceptance in some degree programs at ODU is competitive; thus guaranteed admission into ODU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program. GAA students will be considered on the same basis as native students for admission to competitive programs.
2. ODU will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented or articulated applied associate degree program and grant the student junior standing. Students must have completed a minimum of 45 credits at a VCCS institution. No distinction will be made by ODU regarding college courses applicable to the eligible associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment or earned through military coursework completed under a Service-members’ Opportunity Colleges (SOC) agreement, or transferred from a regionally accredited college or university. Credit for knowledge and skills gained through experiential learning or other non-collegiate instruction, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, CLEP, or DAN TES testing programs will be accepted according to ODU policies in effect at the time of admission to ODU.
3. Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will guarantee completion of the ODU lower level general education component of the undergraduate curriculum but may not fulfill specific departmental requirements or prerequisites needed for the major. Completion of the articulated applied associate degree and the Certificate of General Education, or the equivalent 38-39 credits of general education, will guarantee completion of the lower level general education component of the undergraduate

curriculum but may not fulfill all specific department requirements or prerequisites needed for the major. Therefore, GAA students may need to take additional lower level courses after transferring to ODU.

4. GAA students may transfer up to 90 transferable credits from the community college toward the baccalaureate degree.
5. A minimum of 50 credits in articulated technical and related major courses and up to a maximum of 39 transferrable general education credits will be applied in the corresponding ODU baccalaureate technical and professional degree program.
6. ODU cannot guarantee that students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit minimum required for graduation. ODU will inform the student in writing at the time of enrollment at ODU if there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for graduation.
7. Admission under this articulation agreement is contingent upon receipt of a final official transcript documenting degree completion as well as verification of successful completion of the General Education Certificate or equivalent coursework for Applied Associate of Science degree graduates. Without verification of the General Education Certificate or equivalent, courses will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis for the applied degrees. See Certificate of General Education Certificate definition for specific course requirements.

University Scholars

GAA students who earn a GPA of minimum 3.8 or higher at the time of graduation from the VCCS will be invited to apply for admission in the Honors College program. To graduate from the Honors College, students are required to have completed at least 10 units of honors credit from a menu of options.

Eligibility

To be eligible for participation in this GAA, students must:

1. Submit a Letter of Intent to Transfer after completion of at least 15 transferrable credits and a 2.5 grade point average, but before 90 days prior to graduation from a VCCS institution. <http://uc.odu.edu/advising/transfer/letterofintent.shtml>
2. Graduate with a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA (as computed under VCCS policy) in a transfer-oriented or articulated applied associate degree program from a Virginia community college.
3. Meet all course/degree requirements outlined in the relevant articulation agreement for the VCCS degree.
4. Enroll at ODU within one year of completing the transfer-oriented associate degree or articulated applied associate degree.
5. Earn a grade of "C" or higher in each community college course applicable to the transfer-oriented or articulated applied associate degree program.

- GAA students must follow the approved curriculum outlines of all transfer-oriented and articulated applied degree programs in which special waivers or course substitutions have been agreed to by the VCCS and ODU and posted to the ODU Transfer Student Website.
- GAA students will be required to meet graduation requirements as stated in the ODU catalog in effect as of the date of submission of the Letter of Intent to Transfer to ODU (unless changes to the curriculum are required to meet state and/or national accreditation guidelines).
- Consistent with requirements for native students, GAA students who do not complete the bachelor's degree within six years of the date of submission of the Letter of Intent to transfer must choose to graduate under the requirements listed in any subsequent ODU catalog in effect within the six year period preceding the date of graduation from ODU. Students who were previously enrolled at ODU and transferred back to a VCCS college to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree are 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 ODU but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement. Course work completed through the VCCS will be evaluated on an individual basis in accordance with the State Policy on Transfer.

Benefits to Virginia Community College Students

1. Through the community college GAA Contact, students can be referred to the ODU GAA Contact, who can direct them to ODU departmental advisors for advice and information on meeting requirements for various ODU majors.
2. Students will receive continuous communication regarding programs and activities for GAA students through an e-newsletter produced by ODU's University College.
3. GAA students will be provided a signed personalized degree plan outlining specific requirements for the transferrable associate degree or articulated applied associate degree with the general education certificate, guaranteeing acceptance of the transferrable courses outlined for which grades of C or better are earned and the remaining requirements to be taken at Old Dominion University to earn the baccalaureate degree.
4. GAA students who have met all requirements for admission under the GAA will be eligible to participate in selected ODU events prior to enrollment at ODU. Information concerning these events will be provided to eligible VCCS students.
5. GAA students enrolling in ODU are eligible to apply for scholarships designated by ODU especially for GAA students.

Benefits to Virginia Community College Students eligible for University Scholars

1. The ODU application fee will be waived.

2. GAA students enrolling in ODU who are eligible to apply for admission to the Honors College will also be eligible to apply for scholarships designated by ODU especially for University Scholar students. GAA students who graduate from a VCCS institution with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.8 (inclusive of all schools attended) will be considered for merit-based scholarships offered annually (20 Governor's Technology scholarships, 10 Phi Theta Kappa scholarships, and 10 merit scholarships are awarded in April of each year.) These scholarships are awarded for two years if the student maintains a 3.25 GPA each semester at ODU. Scholarships are offered in the fall term and are not available for spring and summer term applicants.
3. Students will be invited to attend the University's Undergraduate Research Symposium where presentations on faculty research projects in which they are eligible to participate are described.

Responsibilities

GAA students will:

1. Follow all ODU application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements.
2. Complete the preadmission process to include (a) submission of a formal Letter of Intent to transfer to ODU; (b) submit the Letter of Intent to Transfer to ODU after earning a minimum of 15 transferrable credits and at least 90 days prior to completion of the articulated associate degree or articulated applied associate degree with the General Education Certificate or letter of verification; and (c) earn a 2.5 cumulative grade point average towards the eligible associate degree or articulated applied associate degree.

The community college will:

1. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the transferrable associate degree or articulated applied associate degree with the General Education Certificate courses.
2. Make available information about ODU and the GAA to prospective GAA students enrolled in eligible associate degree programs.

ODU will:

1. Consider GAA students who enroll at ODU on the same basis as native students for admission to competitive programs, registration, financial aid, new student scholarships, parking, and any other opportunities open to native students with junior standing.
2. Invite students to apply for admission upon receipt of the Letter of Intent and advise them regarding courses needed to complete the baccalaureate degree.
3. Provide each student with a personalized degree plan to assist with planning for meeting transferrable associate degree or articulated applied associate degree with the Certificate of General Education courses and baccalaureate degree requirements.
4. Provide tracking data annually on the performance of GAA students at ODU. Data will be shared between the VCCS and ODU in August annually with a report provided each

fall. The specific data elements for the report will be determined by the institutional research staff at VCCS and ODU.

ODU officials responsible for all ODU aspects of the GAA are the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs or his/her designee. The VCCS official responsible for all VCCS aspects of the GAA is the Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research or his/her designee, in consultation with the Articulation Subcommittee of the VCCS Academic and Student Affairs Council.

ODU and the VCCS will review this agreement 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.

The Virginia Community College System and Old Dominion University will promptly communicate any curriculum changes or admissions requirements that affect this agreement through the institutions' Offices of Academic Affairs or Chief Transfer Officers.

This Transfer Agreement will remain in effect until modified by mutual agreement between the VCCS Chancellor and president of Old Dominion University.

The effective date of this agreement is the date it is signed by the President of Old Dominion University and the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System.

Old Dominion University



John R. Broderick, President
Old Dominion University

Date

9-28-09

Virginia Community College System



Glenn DuBois, Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

Date

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