GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
between
The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences and
Northern Virginia Community College

This Guaranteed Admission Agreement ("Agreement") is effective this November 1, 2014, by and between the George Washington University ("GW") School of Medicine and Health Sciences and Northern Virginia Community College ("NOVA").

WHEREAS, Northern Virginia Community College offers an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree\(^1\) to students who have successfully completed the required academic requirements; and

WHEREAS, GW, through its School of Medicine and Health Sciences, offers a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences ("BSHS") and a Master of Science in Health Sciences ("MSHS") to students who have successfully completed the required academic requirements; and

WHEREAS, GW and NOVA recognize the admission of students to GW who have successfully obtained an AAS degree from NOVA

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

I. Program Overview

This Agreement applies to:

A. Students who have completed an AAS from NOVA who desire to obtain a BSHS from GW; and

B. Students who desire to obtain a BSHS and MSHS through an established dual degree program in the Health Sciences. Admission to clinical-based degree programs in the GW School of Medicine and Health Science are competitive and not guaranteed under the terms of this Agreement. Students enrolled in a dual degree program will earn a bachelor's and master's degree; the degrees are awarded sequentially at an accelerated pace;

II. General Admission Requirements and Eligibility

A. Students who desire to obtain a BSHS from GW and who have met the following criteria will be guaranteed admission to the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences:

1. Completed an applicable AAS degree from NOVA;

\(^1\) Associate of Applied Science in any of the following areas: Health Sciences, Biotechnology, Medical Laboratory Technology, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Science Technology, Health Information Management, Radiation Oncology, Nursing, Occupational Therapist Assistant, Physical Therapy Assistant, Radiography, Respiratory Therapy, Veterinary Technology.
2. Completed each course with a grade of C or higher. If a course is repeated, the most recent grade will count;

3. Graduated with a cumulative GPA in an applicable AAS degree of 2.75 (as shown on the NOVA transcript); and

4. Completed the GW application process.

B. Students who desire to obtain a BSHS and MSHS through an established dual degree program in the Health Sciences and who have met the following criteria will be guaranteed admission to the GW School of Medicine and Health Science:

1. Completed an applicable AAS from NOVA; and

2. Have a cumulative GPA in the AAS degree of 3.3 or greater;

C. Admission in some degree programs in the GW School of Medicine and Health Science is competitive; thus guaranteed admission to the GW School of Medicine and Health Science does not imply admission into these competitive programs without further acceptance by the department offering the program.

D. The GW application fee for all students who apply for guaranteed admission pursuant to this Agreement will be waived.

E. NOVA students who do not satisfy the admission requirements set forth above for guaranteed admission may be considered for admission by GW, but admission will not be guaranteed.

III. Program Requirements

The BSHS requires successful completion of 120 credit hours\(^2\) as follows:
- General Education (21 credit hours completed at the NOVA college)
- Advanced Standing and Electives (39 credit hours taken as part of a completed applicable associate degree)
- Health Sciences (60 credit hours taken at GW)

NOVA AAS graduates will be matriculated as juniors into GW and their general education, advanced standing and elective requirements will be considered met.

The completion of the AAS may not satisfy all prerequisites required for entry into the Pharmaceutical Sciences and Medical Laboratory Sciences degrees. For a detailed listing of prerequisite requirements, visit the School of Medicine and Health Sciences website, at http://smhs.gwu.edu/.

\(^2\) The Pharmaceutical Science BSHS program requires more than 120 credits, containing additional Health Sciences courses completed at GW.
IV. Responsibilities of NOVA

A. NOVA agrees to disseminate accurate information to NOVA students regarding the conditions for guaranteed admission to GW as set forth in this Agreement by posting the agreement on the NOVA website.

B. NOVA agrees to provide academic advising services to assist NOVA students in completing the AAS degree.

V. Responsibilities of GW

A. GW agrees to provide academic advising services to NOVA students who plan to apply to GW School of Medicine and Health Science to assist these students in making a smooth transition from NOVA to GW.

B. GW agrees to provide tracking data to NOVA regarding the performance of NOVA students at GW, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, GW courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from GW, and comparisons with non-NOVA students. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by NOVA and GW and provided by July 1 of each year.

VI. Miscellaneous

A. Term and Termination.

1. The term of this Agreement shall be five (5) years and will commence on November 1, 2014, and shall expire on November 1, 2019. This Agreement may be renewed for additional periods if the parties agree in writing.

2. This Agreement may be terminated by mutual consent of the parties in writing.

3. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon one-hundred and eighty (180) days' notice in writing. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, NOVA students accepted for admission to GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences at the time any notice of termination is received shall be permitted to complete their program under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. No new NOVA students shall be admitted to GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences under the terms of this Agreement after either party receives notice of termination.

B. Review of Agreement.

1. NOVA will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at NOVA. GW will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at GW.

   a. The GW representative will be the Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Senior
b. The NOVA representative will be the Associate Vice President of Academic Services.

2. Both GW and NOVA agree to review the Agreement a minimum of every three (3) years and to recommend adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation.

C. Notices.

All notices related to this Agreement shall be deemed properly issued if given in writing and hand delivered or sent by e-mail (receipt acknowledged), or mailed (registered or certified mail, return receipt requested), with all postage or other charges prepaid to:

If to GW:

Jeffrey S. Akman, M.D.
Vice President for Health Affairs and Dean,
School of Medicine and Health Sciences
The George Washington University
2300 Eye Street, N.W. Suite 710 Washington, D.C.20037

With a copy to:

Mary Lynn Reed Senior Counsel
Office of Senior Vice President and General Counsel
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 250
Washington, D.C. 20037 (202) 994-6503(Telephone)

If to NOVA:

Dr. Sharon Roberton
Associate Vice President of Academic Services
4001 Wakefield Chapel Road
Annandale, VA 22003

With a copy to:

Dr. Mel Schiavelli
Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Services
4001 Wakefield Chapel Road
Annandale, VA 22003
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Northern Virginia Community College and The George Washington University hereto have executed this Agreement by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first above written.

**Northern Virginia Community College**

By: [Signature]

Jeffrey S. Akman, MD
Vice President Health Affairs and
Dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Date: 2/20/15

By: [Signature]

Steven Lerman, PhD
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Date: 2/24/15

**Northern Virginia Community College**

By: [Signature]

Dr. Sharon Robertson
Associate Vice President for Academic Services
4001 Wakefield Chapel Road
Annandale, VA 22003

Date: 1/27/15

By: [Signature]

Dr. Mel Schiavelli
Executive Vice President
4001 Wakefield Chapel Road
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Date: 1/28/15