

## **TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH GUARANTEED ADMISSION BETWEEN RADFORD UNIVERSITY AND THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

In accordance with the Virginia State Policy on Transfer, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and Radford 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 all previous agreements between RU and the VCCS or its individual institutions signed prior to August 1, 2022. It does not nullify individual program-to-program agreements articulated since this date.

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

#### **B. Minimum GPA requirement:**

A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 or higher on a four-point scale. The cumulative GPA is taken from all college level work if the student has attended more than one institution. The attempted hours, cumulative credits and GPA will be used from each transcript and combined in order to create an overall GPA for consideration. If repeated coursework is taken out of the transcript GPA, it will not be recalculated when reviewing for admission to RU. Students who were previously enrolled at RU, were in poor academic standing, and transferred to a VCCS college to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree should follow the readmission requirements and guidelines on the admissions website.

#### **C. Limitations due to academic or disciplinary record:**

Students will not be admitted into RU while on academic or disciplinary suspension or academic probation at their current institution.

#### **D. Course requirements:**

Although completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will satisfy the REAL Curriculum requirements, only courses with a grade of C or better will carry specific transfer credit. If a specific course does not transfer that meets a requirement outside of the waived requirements, the course will need to be completed at RU. Specific course requirements will be designated in the Transfer Guide.

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

Students must meet the 25% residency requirement at the granting two-year college to be admitted under the agreement. Students who were 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 guarantees the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the associate degree program from the VCCS and will accept the student with junior standing. There is no maximum number of allowed transferable hours, but the student must complete 30 credits at RU to meet residency requirements. RU cannot guarantee that the student

will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit minimum required for graduation. All of the courses accepted by RU will be applied to the attainment of the baccalaureate degree.

**G. Testing requirements:**

There are no testing requirements in place for the GAA.

**H. Admission application and enrollment:**

Standing admission processes and timelines should be followed: if applying for fall semester, the priority deadline is March 1 and if applying for spring semester, the priority deadline is November 1. Applications accepted after those dates is on a space available basis.

**I. Transcript submission:**

Review of the application will not occur until official transcripts from all colleges attended have been received in the Office of Admissions. The official final transcript showing completion of the transfer-oriented associate degree must be received in the Office of Admissions in order to receive the GAA benefits.

**J. Registration of Intent to use the agreement:**

A student is not required to register his/her/their intent to use this agreement. But can choose to do so through the Transfer Virginia portal.

**Section 3: Application of Associate Degree to General Education Requirement**

Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will satisfy the [REAL Curriculum](#) (lower division/general education) requirements. Students will need to complete all other University, college, and departmental requirements in order to obtain the baccalaureate degree from RU.

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

RU will not guarantee admission to high school students earning a transferable associate degree through dual enrollment. The students should apply using the freshman application process. However, if admitted, the student will receive the benefits associated with the transferable associate degree. The degree completion will satisfy [REAL Curriculum](#) requirements. Students will need to complete all other University, college, and departmental requirements in order to obtain the baccalaureate degree from RU. The official college transcript must be submitted to the Office of Admissions, showing completion of the transfer-oriented degree .

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

Although students who have taken AP/IB/CLEP will receive the benefits of transferring under the GAA credit is not guaranteed for these courses; credit will be granted only if AP/IB/CLEP examination scores meet established RU criteria. Thus, even if a requirement is waived by the GAA, if a specific course does not transfer that meets a requirement outside of the waived requirements, the course will need to be completed at RU. Specific courses will only be added to a student record once official scores are received and evaluated by the Office of Admissions. An official Joint Services Transcript should be sent for evaluation of specific military credit.

**Section 6: Associate Degree Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination**

Students will be subject to the catalog in effect at the time of their first Radford University enrollment unless otherwise requested. Upon student request, Radford University will honor the degree requirements of the Radford University academic catalog in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the two-year VCCS institution. Students who maintain continuous enrollment at the two-year VCCS institution have a maximum of four years from their first enrollment at the institution for this designation. Students must enroll at Radford University within one year of completing their associate degree. Some programs may have their own application process, so students should contact those programs directly for more information.

**Section 7: Transfer Guide**

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 Radford University official responsible for all university aspects of the GAA and Register of Intent to Transfer is the Senior Director of Transfer Recruitment or his/her designee. The VCCS official responsible for all VCCS aspects of the GAA is the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Workforce Programs or his/her 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 President 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 President 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 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 9: 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

  
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**Bret Danilowicz**  
**President**  
**Radford University**

4/4/2023

**Date**

  
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**Sharon Morrissey**  
**Interim Chancellor**  
**Virginia Community College System**

3/28/2023

**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:** The Transfer Guide will be applied once development is complete.