

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**  
**VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**  
**AND**  
**VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

In an effort to ease the transfer process, VCCS and Virginia Tech 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. 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 (see website at <http://www.schev.edu/Students/SCThome.asp>).

“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 3.40 or higher on a four-point scale and who intends to transfer to Virginia Tech. “GAA Contact” refers to staff members designated by each Virginia community college and by Virginia Tech who work with prospective GAA students.

**Academic Admission Agreement**

GAA students are guaranteed admission to Virginia Tech for either Summer or Fall Term and may expect the following:

1. Virginia Tech will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program, not to exceed 60 credits. No distinction will be made by Virginia Tech regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.
2. Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will guarantee completion of the Virginia Tech Liberal Education (general education) component of the undergraduate curriculum.
3. Virginia Tech cannot guarantee that students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the credit minimum required for graduation. Virginia Tech will inform

the student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the minimum semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.

4. Acceptance in some degree programs at Virginia Tech is competitive. This agreement does not apply to majors within the School of Architecture and Design. Nor does this agreement supersede the articulation agreements with the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the College of Engineering. Simultaneous receipt of an associate degree and high school diploma may result in review of high school credentials to determine admissibility.

### **Eligibility**

To be guaranteed admission to Virginia Tech for Summer or Fall term, 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 3.40 or higher on a four-point scale with intent to transfer to Virginia Tech and submit an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree to the Virginia Tech Office of Undergraduate Admissions.) Students must earn a grade of B or better in English, mathematics specific to the intended major, sciences with labs specific to the intended major, and social sciences. Successful portfolio review and audition are required of all fine arts and music applicants. 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.

A minimum of 45 credits of the total required for the transfer degree must have been earned at a VCCS institution. Students who were previously enrolled at Virginia Tech 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 Virginia Tech but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement.

Virginia Tech reserves the right to deny admission to students who have been academically dismissed or suspended or to those convicted of a felony.

### **Benefits to Virginia Community College Students**

1. Virginia Tech waives its application fee for students with demonstrated financial need. An interested student should submit a written request, which includes an explanation of financial hardship, to the Virginia Tech Office of Undergraduate Admissions by February 15 prior to the Summer or Fall term of application.
2. Through the community college GAA Contact, students can obtain the name and contact information for the Virginia Tech GAA Contact, who can direct them to Virginia Tech departmental advisors for advice and information on meeting requirements for various Virginia Tech majors. (<http://www.admiss.vt.edu/apply/transfer/articulation.php>)
3. GAA students enrolling at Virginia Tech are eligible for scholarships designated by Virginia Tech especially for GAA and VCCS students. Nine “*Lifeline Scholarships*” are

awarded annually based on academic merit and the receipt of an Associate Degree from the VCCS. Of the nine awards, three (one full scholarship and two one-half scholarships) scholarships will be designated for GAA students. The two full scholarships are equivalent to one year of tuition at Virginia Tech. The seven one-half scholarships are equivalent to one-half of one year of tuition at Virginia Tech. No separate scholarship application is required. All students are automatically considered once they are granted admission to Virginia Tech.

### **Responsibilities**

GAA students will:

1. Follow all Virginia Tech application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements.
2. Have declared an intent to transfer to Virginia Tech under the GAA to the community college GAA Contact after a minimum of 15 credits towards the transfer-oriented associate degree is completed and before applying for graduation from the community college.

The community college will:

1. Assist prospective GAA students in declaring intent to transfer to Virginia Tech under the GAA.
2. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree. (<http://www.admiss.vt.edu/apply/transfer/articulation.php>)
3. Make available information about Virginia Tech and the GAA to prospective GAA students enrolled in transfer-oriented associate degree programs.

Virginia Tech will:

1. Consider GAA students who enroll at Virginia Tech 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 Virginia Tech, 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 Virginia Tech.

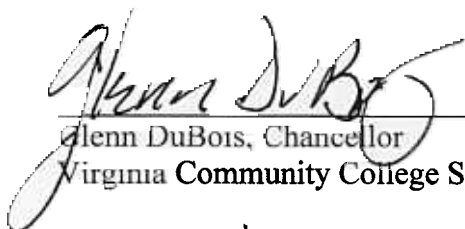
### **Review of the Agreement**

The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. Virginia Tech will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at Virginia Tech. Representing Virginia Tech will be the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, in consultation with the Associate Provost and Director of Undergraduate Admission, and the University Registrar and Chief Transfer Officer. 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.

Virginia Tech and the VCCS will review the GAA 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.

  
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Virginia Community College System

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Charles W. Steger, President  
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