

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT  
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM  
AND  
HOLLINS UNIVERSITY**

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

In an effort to ease the transfer process, VCCS and Hollins University 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.

“Accredited institutions” are non-profit institutions accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or similar regional accrediting bodies.

“GAA student” refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented 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 and who intends to transfer to Hollins University.

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

**Guaranteed Admission**

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

- 1) Upon receipt of a completed application, an official transcript, and a current recommendation from transfer counselor, administrator or teacher, Hollins University will guarantee automatic acceptance to students graduating from a Virginia community college with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher (calculated from those courses applied to the degree) in a transfer-oriented associate degree.
- 2) Virginia Community College students admitted to Hollins University will have all transferable academic credits accepted at full value. Credits earned at accredited institutions other than Virginia Community Colleges to satisfy the transfer-oriented associate degrees will be treated on an equal basis as credits earned from Virginia Community Colleges.

- 3) Virginia Community College graduates can expect to graduate with a baccalaureate degree after the successful completion of a minimum of 64 credits, two Short Term activities, and two physical education courses at Hollins University. The January short term requirement at Hollins may be satisfied through classes, trips, independent study, and internships. Physical education courses taken at a Virginia community college may fulfill Hollins' physical education requirement, please refer to the Hollins University transfer guide for more information.

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

- 1) The application fee usually charged by Hollins University will be waived, provided all application materials are submitted by July 1 for fall term enrollment and November 15 for spring term enrollment.
- 2) All Virginia Community College graduates who transfer to Hollins University are eligible for financial aid, scholarships, and student services on the same basis as any other Hollins University student.
- 3) A transfer guide for the Virginia Community College System can be found on the Hollins University registrar's web page at <http://www1.hollins.edu/Registrar/registrar.htm>. This guide is reviewed and updated on a regular basis. Virginia Community Colleges will urge associate degree students planning to transfer to Hollins University to follow course recommendations as listed in the transfer guide. Hollins University will provide evaluations of academic records for all students applying to transfer to Hollins University

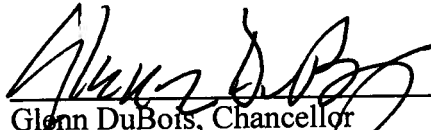
### **Responsibilities**

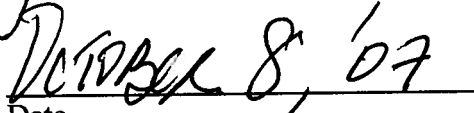
- 1) GAA students will follow all Hollins University application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements.
- 2) VCCS colleges will assist prospective GAA students by advising students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree. The community college will also make available information about Hollins University and the GAA to prospective GAA students enrolled in transfer-oriented associate degree programs.

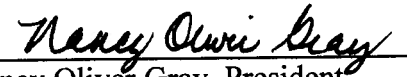
### **Review of the Agreement**

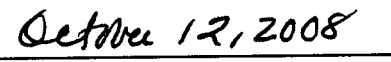
- 1) Any changes, additions, or deletions to this agreement shall be made only after consultation with and agreement among officials at both institutions.
- 2) This State of Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice shall be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination.

- 3) The above provisions are mutually agreed to and shall go into effect when signed by the appropriate institutional representatives. They shall remain in force until superseded by official action by either institution.

  
Glenn DuBois, Chancellor  
Virginia Community College System

  
Date

  
Nancy Oliver Gray, President  
Hollins University

  
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