

Guaranteed Admission Agreement Between

Piedmont Virginia Community College and James Madison University

James Madison University (JMU) and Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of students from PVCC to JMU as they pursue their educational goals. In an effort to ease the transfer process and to promote the closer coordination of academic courses, programs and degrees offered by our institutions, we do hereby enter into the following guaranteed admission agreement.

Admission Agreement

A Guaranteed Admission Agreement Student enrolled in a university parallel program at PVCC who meets JMU's transfer admissions requirements (detailed in Section D, "Responsibilities of the Student") and completes all requirements for the Associate in Arts or the Associate in Sciences degrees may enroll in JMU and may expect the following.

1. All of the courses that are accepted by JMU will be applied to the attainment of the baccalaureate degree.
2. JMU can guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the associate degree program from PVCC and, therefore, will accept the student with junior standing. -For graduation with the baccalaureate degree, all JMU students must have a minimum of 120 earned credit hours accepted by JMU.
 - o JMU cannot guarantee that the student will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit minimum required for graduation at JMU. -The student will be informed by JMU at the time the program of study is approved for his or her major if there are any course requirements that would require credit hours beyond the 120 minimum needed for graduation.
 - o If the credit applied to the Associate Degree includes credit not recognized by JMU, such as CLEP, the student will still receive junior status and will have General Education requirements waived. Since JMU transfers credit on a course-by-course basis, credit not accepted by JMU will not transfer. Students are required to earn credits needed to meet the 120 hour minimum.
3. Acceptance in some colleges and departments at JMU is competitive; acceptance into JMU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the college or department offering the program. Students participating in this admission agreement should follow all special college and/or departmental application procedures and deadlines, as well as grade point requirements listed in the JMU catalog for native JMU students.
4. Completion of the Associate in Arts or the Associate in Sciences degrees will satisfy all general education requirements at JMU.

Eligibility

Students who are graduates of PVCC from the following programs:

- Associate in Science in Education
- Associate in Science in Natural and Physical Sciences
- Associate in Science in General Studies
- Associate in Science in Business Administration
- Associate in Science in Engineering
- Associate in Science in Computer Science

- Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts
- Associate in Arts in Fine Arts

Benefits of the GAA for PVCC students

1. PVCC students may select the catalog in effect at the time of enrollment in the Guaranteed Admission Agreement and may continue with this catalog for up to five academic years. If the transfer to JMU is not made within five years then the student will follow the catalog in effect at the time of transfer.

Responsibilities of Piedmont Virginia Community College

1. Disseminate accurate information to PVCC transfer program students regarding the general conditions of this guaranteed admission agreement. Those provisions include the conditions for guaranteed acceptance to JMU, and notification that acceptance to the university does not guarantee acceptance to any particular major field of study.

2. Provide academic advising services, to assist PVCC students in choosing courses that will best prepare them for their intended major at 1MU. The PVCC transfer counselor will train faculty advisors to provide appropriate and accurate advising services related to students' plans to apply to JMU.

3. Develop and annually update the "PVCC Program Advising Guide for Selected JMU Majors."

4. Notify the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at JMU when situations arise that warrant PVCC faculty and JMU faculty interaction to address advising or curricular issues.

5. Collaborate with JMU to promote the guaranteed admission agreement among prospective and current PVCC students

Responsibilities of James Madison University

1. Provide PVCC with course equivalent information regarding PVCC courses and JMU equivalent courses. An annual review will be conducted to ensure that this information is shared with PVCC on a timely basis.

2. Disseminate accurate information to prospective transfer students regarding the general conditions of this guaranteed admission agreement- Those provisions include the conditions for guaranteed acceptance to JMU, and notification that acceptance to the university does not guarantee acceptance to any particular major field of study.

3. Provide academic advising services to GAA students during the term prior to transfer to assist these students in making a smooth transition from PVCC to JMU.

4. Notify the appropriate individual at PVCC when situations arise that warrant PVCC faculty and JMU faculty interaction to address advising or curricular issues.

5. Collaborate with PVCC to promote the guaranteed admission agreement among prospective and current PVCC students.

Responsibilities of the Student

1. Complete and sign a Guaranteed Admission Agreement Letter of Intent form.

- a. It is primarily the responsibility of students who choose to pursue this articulation agreement to know and understand the requirements for the PVCC A.A. or A.S. degrees, as well as degree requirements and the specific requirements for their intended major at JMU.
- b. The student will review the Guaranteed Admission Agreement and the developed Program of Study and will sign a Letter of Intent to enroll at JMU.
- c. A student must contact the transfer counselor at PVCC for approval before initiating changes in his or her program of study.
- d. A student must obtain the Associate Degree with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a four-point scale*. A minimum grade of C must be obtained in each course the student wishes to transfer unless otherwise indicated. Eligible transfer students must provide transcripts from any other institutions attended

*A student either needs to have an overall GPA of 3.00 on all college work attempted in the last five years or have earned 60 percent of the credits applied towards the Associate Degree at PVCC. The student who does not meet this requirement can still apply to JMU through the traditional transfer admission process.

2. Meet minimum grade criteria and prerequisites for courses in specific programs at JMU. For example, at JMU, Psychology majors or minors must complete GPSYC 101, PSYC 210 and PSYC 211 or the PVCC equivalent before enrolling in courses numbered 330.

3. Notify the community college transfer counselor if participation in the Guaranteed Admission Agreement is to be terminated.

4. Submit the JMU/Guaranteed Admission Agreement Application for Admission and request that all previously attended colleges/universities submit an official transcript to JMU's Office of Admissions by January 15 for the following summer term, by March 1 for the following fall semester, and by November 1 for the following spring semester (ability to start at JMU in the Spring Term is subject to space availability).

Piedmont Virginia Community College's Curricula Utilized for GAA

1. PVCC will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the guaranteed admission program at PVCC. JMU will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of this guaranteed admission agreement at JMU.

- Representing JMU will be the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Director of Admissions.
- Representing PVCC will be the Dean of Instruction and Student Services, and the transfer counselor.

2. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of this agreement to their respective clientele (external and internal constituents). JMU and PVCC will review this agreement every three years and make 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. Such changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provisions of the existing agreement.

3. The articulation agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice should be given at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination, and students who entered under the agreement may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.

For more information contact the PVCC transfer counselor at 434.961.5264 or e-mail counseling@pvcc.edu