

**Guaranteed Admission Agreement
Between
The Virginia Community College System
And
ECPI College of Technology**

I. OVERVIEW

This articulation agreement will establish transfer policies, assist in student advising, and promote cooperation between ECPI College of Technology (ECPI) and The Virginia Community College System (VCCS).

II. AGREEMENT

A. 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.

“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 ECPI.

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

B. Admissions Policies

1. ECPI will accept applications from students who wish to transfer from VCCS into any ECPI baccalaureate degree program. Transferring VCCS students must meet the same admissions criteria as all ECPI applicants. Students are accepted by ECPI into a specific program of study that aligns with the VCCS’s Associate’s degree program. If students change their program of study at ECPI, credits earned at the community college will be reviewed for applicability to a new program.
2. VCCS students who graduate with an associate’s degree, are applying to a related degree program at ECPI, and have a VCCS cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 are guaranteed admission to ECPI. Once admitted, students are subject to all other policies and procedures, including residency requirements, as outlined in the ECPI catalog.

3. VCCS students, who have completed or will complete an associate's degree by the time they enroll in classes at ECPI, will be exempted from paying the ECPI application fee.
4. ECPI offers military scholarships for active duty military personnel.
5. When VCCS students matriculate to ECPI, they will be afforded all privileges and benefits available to other students currently enrolled, to include financial aid, scholarships, and student services.

C. Acceptance and Application of Credits

1. The maximum number of transfer credits accepted from an institution granting a 2-year degree will be up to 75 semester credit hours. Students will receive a credit transfer form showing which VCCS credits were applied to ECPI courses. Under this agreement, all courses required to complete the specific related associate's degree program will be articulated into the bachelor's program.
2. Students from two-year institutions where ECPI has articulation agreements will have their entire degree program transferred in, excluding grades below a C, allowing the student to complete their related degree program at ECPI in about two years of full-time study.
3. Students from Virginia community colleges completing a transfer Associate's degree will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements at ECPI.
4. If students do not have the prerequisites for a 300 or 400 level course at ECPI, they may be required to take the prerequisite course before taking the upper division course.
5. ECPI will evaluate courses/credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), and other testing programs. ECPI also will evaluate courses/credits earned at other institutions outside of the VCCS. Students seeking credit for these courses must provide the college with official transcripts for evaluation.
6. ECPI will inform the student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.

D. Implementation of the Agreement

1. ECPI and VCCS agree to review this agreement annually. VCCS and ECPI will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement. Each institution will provide updated catalogs to the other immediately upon their availability. Upon request, ECPI agrees to share with VCCS data that reports on enrolled VCCS transfer students, their majors, and academic performance to the extent permitted by law.
2. ECPI and VCCS agree to assist each other in promoting this agreement appropriately in their respective promotional materials, events, web sites, reports and through the sharing of mailing lists.
3. All notices to be given shall be delivered in writing as follows:

If to ECPI:

John Olson
Vice President for Academic Affairs
ECPI College of Technology
5555 Greenwich Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23462


If to VCCS:

Dr. Monty Sullivan
Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research
Virginia's Community Colleges
101 N. 14th Street; 15th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219

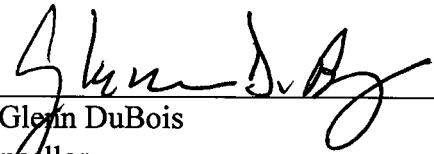
4. The curriculum in effect at the time a student first enrolls at VCCS will be honored by ECPI if the student completes an associate's degree and successfully transfers to ECPI within 5 years of that first enrollment at VCCS.
5. This agreement may be amended, as necessary, for specific program articulation without affecting the master agreement.

6. This agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party on ninety (90) days prior written notice. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum transitional period of two (2) years to accommodate students already enrolled under the agreement.

III. SIGNATURES



Date 10.2.07
Mark Dreyfus
President
ECPI College of Technology



Date 10-8-07
Dr. Glenn DuBois
Chancellor
Virginia Community College System