

GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT

VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM AND UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG

The University of Lynchburg and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the transfer of students from the community college to the University of Lynchburg, provide the following Guaranteed Admissions Agreement (GAA). The University of Lynchburg provides special opportunities to help VCCS students experience a smooth transition to the University of Lynchburg.

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/docs/default-source/about-section/committees-and-groups/State-Council-on-Transfer/general-studies-associate-degree-recognized-09-22-16.pdf>)

“GAA student” refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher on a four-point scale and who intends to transfer to the University of Lynchburg.

Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission to the University of Lynchburg, students graduate from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or higher on a four-point scale with intent to transfer to the University of Lynchburg and submit an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree to the University of Lynchburg Admissions Office. Admission may be for the Fall or Spring semester. There is no time limit on applying after completion of the associate degree.

Students who were previously enrolled at the University of Lynchburg 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 are eligible to apply for admissions to the University of Lynchburg, but will not be guaranteed admissions under the agreement.

Other factors in a student’s academic or personal record including but not limited to, academic suspension or dismissal, felony conviction, might prevent acceptance to the university.

Academic Admissions Agreement

GAA Students are guaranteed admission to the University of Lynchburg and may expect the following:

1. University of Lynchburg will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned, with a grade of "C" or higher, from the transfer-oriented associate degree program, not to exceed 76 credits. No distinction will be made by the University of Lynchburg regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. Students who have completed a transfer-oriented associate degree will be awarded appropriate class standing at the University of Lynchburg based on the number of credits transferred.

Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will guarantee completion of the University of Lynchburg general education component of the undergraduate curriculum, with the exception of the Language and Intercultural Competence Area of Study requirement (6 semester hours) and Senior-Year Seminar (3 semester hours). For the Language and Intercultural Competence Area of Study, students take two sequential courses in a modern or classical foreign language up to the 202 level. The student may continue a course of study begun in high school, in which case the course level will be determined by placement testing. Alternatively, a student may choose to begin a new language and complete the 101 and 102 sequence. For GAA students whose transfer-oriented degree program includes two sequential courses in a modern or classical language, only the Senior-Year Seminar is required to complete the University of Lynchburg general education component.

2. University of Lynchburg accepts credit for CLEP, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Cambridge, military training/experience, or other forms of advanced standing based on its institutional policy.
3. Course Repeat Policy: If a student repeats a course at the University of Lynchburg, only the most recent grade will be considered in the calculation of the cumulative grade point average. Repeated courses are indicated on the grade transcript. If a student fails a course more than once, the previous grades of F will be disregarded in computing the cumulative average. No additional credit may be granted for a repeated course.
4. University of Lynchburg cannot guarantee that students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 124 credit minimum required for graduation. University of Lynchburg will inform the student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 124 minimum semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.
5. Acceptance in some degree programs at the University of Lynchburg is competitive; these include Biomedical Science, Exercise Physiology, Nursing and Teacher

Preparation Programs. Thus, guaranteed admission into the University of Lynchburg does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program.

Benefits to Virginia Community College Students

1. University of Lynchburg waives the application fee.
2. The University of Lynchburg can direct Community College students to the University departmental advisors for advice and information on meeting requirements for various majors.
3. GAA students enrolling at the University of Lynchburg are eligible to apply for the scholarships designated by the University of Lynchburg especially for GAA students. (see website at <https://www.lynchburg.edu/undergraduate-admission/financial-aid/transfer-students/transfer-academic-scholarships/>) Students enrolled in our Access program (students age 25 and older) are not eligible for these awards, but benefit from a significant tuition discount.

Responsibilities

GAA students will:

1. Follow all University of Lynchburg application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements.

The community college will:

1. Assist prospective GAA students in declaring intent to transfer to the University of Lynchburg under the GAA.
2. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree.
3. Make available information about the University of Lynchburg and the GAA to prospective GAA students enrolled in transfer-oriented associate degree programs.

The University of Lynchburg will:

1. Consider GAA students who enroll at the University of Lynchburg 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.

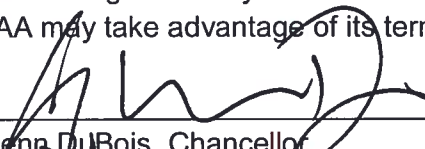
2. Provide annual tracking data on the performance of GAA students at the University of Lynchburg, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, university courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major graduate date from the university, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements and timing of the report will be determined by institutional research staffs at VCCS and the University of Lynchburg.

Review of the Agreement

The VCCS will be represented by the VCCS Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic and Workforce Programs and the VCCS Director of Educational Programs and Policy, in consultation with the Guaranteed Admissions Review Committee. The University of Lynchburg will be represented by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Vice President for Enrollment Management.

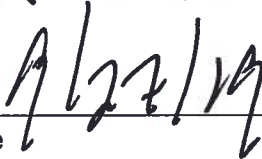
University of Lynchburg and the VCCS will review the GAA every three years to adjust as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the transfer process. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing GAA.

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.




Glenn DuBois, Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

Date



9/27/19



Kenneth R. Garren, President
University of Lynchburg

Date



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