

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY
AND
THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

Norfolk State University (NSU) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) recognize the need to facilitate the admission of transfer students from Virginia's community colleges to NSU as they pursue educational goals leading to the baccalaureate degree. 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 (GAA). VCCS students who do not meet the requirements described therein are encouraged to apply and may be considered for admission under the regular admissions procedures of NSU.

This agreement supersedes the Guaranteed Admission Agreement between NSU and the VCCS, signed on April 4, 2013.

**Section I
Definitions**

- "GAA Student" refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented associate degree program at a Virginia community college, meets the requirements of the GAA and intends to transfer to NSU.
- "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-03-27-17.pdf>)
- "Transferable credits" refers to credits taken at a VCCS community college that are applicable to a baccalaureate degree program at NSU and includes general education courses applicable to the student's intended baccalaureate degree major. A grade of "C" or better must be earned to transfer the credits to NSU.

**Section II
Eligibility**

To be eligible for participation in this GAA, students must:

1. Graduate from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher on a four-point scale as shown on the official VCCS transcript.
2. Earn a grade of "C" or higher in each community college course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree program.
3. Submit an official transcript showing completion of the transfer-oriented associate degree and (if applicable) official documents regarding the testing agency for Advanced Placement, CLEP, or other advanced standing credit applied toward completion of the transfer-oriented associate

degree to the NSU Admissions Office. The terms of the GAA will not be applied until the official transcript showing degree conferred has been received by NSU.

4. Must not have previously matriculated at NSU as a degree-seeking student.
5. Acceptance in some degree programs at NSU is competitive; thus guaranteed admission into NSU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program. Students participating in the GAA should follow all special college and/or departmental application procedures and deadlines when applying to the following programs:
 - a. B.S. Nursing (Traditional & RN to BSN Online)
 - b. B.S. Health Services Management/Food Science and Nutrition Concentration
 - c. Bachelor Degree in Social Work (BSW)
 - d. All degree programs with teacher certification endorsement programs in the Department of Early Childhood/Elementary and Special Education

VCCS students who do not meet the GAA eligibility requirements listed above are eligible to apply for admission to NSU through the regular transfer admissions process, although admission will not be guaranteed.

Section III

Benefits to the Virginia Community College Students

1. The NSU admissions application fee is waived.
2. GAA students may utilize the NSU undergraduate catalog for the current year for incoming students.
3. GAA students are eligible to apply for scholarships available at NSU after matriculation as full-time, degree-seeking students at NSU as long as the agreement remains in effect. Students who are awarded a scholarship may hold that scholarship for a maximum of three years. However, a student shall not receive a scholarship, that, when added to other financial aid received by that student, will enable the student to receive total assistance in excess of NSU's in-state tuition and fees. Scholarships are contingent upon the student maintaining a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher and maintaining full-time, degree-seeking status at NSU.
4. GAA students will be directed to NSU support resources to help facilitate a seamless transfer process.
5. Courses that are accepted by NSU will be applied to the attainment of the baccalaureate degree. All credits contained in the transfer-oriented associate degree will be accepted, not to exceed 63 credits.
6. NSU will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program and will accept the student with junior standing. However, NSU cannot guarantee that students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit minimum required for graduation at NSU.
7. Completion of a transfer-oriented associate degree at a Virginia community college will satisfy all NSU lower-level general education requirements but may not fulfill specific departmental requirements; students must complete other prerequisite program or graduation requirements that apply to all students.
8. No distinction will be made by the NSU regarding college courses applicable to the general education certificate or transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements

with high schools. Completion of the associate degree while enrolled in high school will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement.

9. GAA students will be given the same consideration as all other students for admission to competitive programs, as well as for registration, financial aid, student housing, and any other opportunities open to other students.

Section IV Responsibilities

GAA students must follow all NSU application processes and specific special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements. For full consideration for financial aid, GAA students must apply by the priority date of March 15th, annually, and complete a FAFSA.

VCCS colleges will:

1. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree.
2. Notify students of transfer opportunities to NSU under this GAA by posting links to the agreement on the VCCS Transfer Website (<http://www.vccs.edu/Students/TransferList.aspx>) and the Virginia Education Wizard (www.vawizard.org).

NSU will:


1. Consider GAA students who enroll at NSU on the same basis as native students for registration, financial aid, scholarships, student housing, parking, and any other opportunities open to other students with similar standing.
2. Provide annual tracking data on the performance of GAA students at NSU, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, NSU courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from NSU, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements and timing of the report will be determined by institutional research staffs at VCCS and NSU.
3. Provide information for transfer students online including VCCS course equivalencies and courses recommended for each major.

Section V Review of the GAA


1. The VCCS will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the VCCS. NSU will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at NSU.
 - a. Representing NSU will be the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Associate Vice Provost for Academic Affairs with responsibility for curriculum management.
 - b. Representing the VCCS will be the VCCS Executive Vice Chancellor of Academic and Workforce Programs and the Director of Educational Programs and Policy, in consultation with the Guaranteed Admissions Review Committee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.

2. NSU and the VCCS will review the GAA at a minimum of 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 provision of the existing GAA.
3. The GAA 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 GAA may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.

Approval granted by:



Glenn DuBois, Chancellor
Virginia Community College System



Javane Adams-Gaston, President
Norfolk State University

Date

2/23/2020

Date